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Report to the Policy and Finance Committee
from Howard Stone, General Manager

Water Supply Integration Process

1. Purpose

To obtain Council support for a proposal, jointly prepared by the CEOs of Wellington City Council, Hutt City Council and Wellington Regional Council, the objective of which is to progress regional integration of the public water supply.

2. Background

For some nine years the Wellington Regional Council has been supportive of proposals to integrate the reticulated water supplies of Metropolitan Wellington. The major reason for this support is the potential for significant gains in efficiency, effectiveness and service to water consumers.

3. Comment

Perhaps for the first time, there is an evident commitment on the part of three CEOs of the five Metropolitan Authorities to the common objective of full system integration of the water supply. This commitment is articulated in the attached joint report (Appendix A) prepared for presentation to Wellington City Council, Hutt City Council and Wellington Regional Council respectively. Also attached are the reports presented to the Wellington City Council and Hutt City Council by their respective officers. (Appendix B and Appendix C).

While there will be many issues to address and resolve in the course of moving towards integration, the fact that the joint report is being presented represents a significant step forward.

Councillors are well aware of the issues and arguments associated with the integration proposals so no further detail will be offered at this stage. However, on the basis of the conditions and objectives contained in the joint report I would commend to you a positive response to the recommendations made.

4. Recommendations

- i) That the report be received*
- ii) That Council support the recommendations contained in the joint report.*

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