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Report to the Policy & Finance Subcommittee  
From: Margaret Shields, Chairperson

## **Consideration of Submissions – *Towards a Greater Wellington* and Funding Policy**

### **1. Purpose**

To suggest a process for handling submissions both at this meeting and the follow up afterwards.  
It is not a time for decision making.

### **2. Background**

#### **2.1 Submissions Received**

Report 00.379 from Mr Bezett provides a summary of submissions received.

#### **2.2 Oral Submissions**

The primary purpose of the meeting of the Policy and Finance Subcommittee is to “hear” people who also wish to make oral submissions in support of their written submissions. It is proposed that each person or group be given the opportunity to speak on the submission (but not to read it in full). It is a time for Councillors to listen but there will be an opportunity for Councillor’s questions, particularly with the aim of clarifying points made by submitters

#### **2.3 Written Submissions**

Also, the meeting should consider all written submissions in turn regardless of whether or not an oral submission has been made.

### **3. Annual Plan Process**

#### **3.1 This meeting completes the public consultation phase of the Long-Term Financial Strategy, Annual Plan and Funding Policy.**

This is a statutory process which requires public notice, a period of time for public submissions

(not less than one month) followed by today's meeting to consider submissions

- 3.2 After considering all submissions it is appropriate for the Subcommittee, if it so wishes, to propose that specific matters be further considered by the Policy and Finance Committee at the meeting on 15 June. It is desirable to have management advice on funding, resource and workload implications. I suggest that the General Manager be asked to report on these matters as well as any others that could impact on the overall rate requirements.
- 3.3 The Policy & Finance/Council meeting on 29 June will consider the formal adoption of *Towards a Greater Wellington*, and allow the rate making processes to be commenced. The rates will be formally made at a meeting on 4 August.

#### 4. Recommendation

- (1) *That the Subcommittee:*
- (a) *Receives the report,*
  - (b) *Hears the oral submissions,*
  - (c) *Considers all written submissions,*
  - (d) *Notes the comments and reports from officers on the submissions.*
  - (e) *Requests the General Manager to further report on the budgetary implications of any proposals that the Subcommittee considers warrant further consideration at the meeting on 15 June as well as any other matters that will impact on rate requirements.*
- (2) *That formal responses be sent to persons and organisations making submissions on the basis of managers' comments or as otherwise may be directed by the Subcommittee following the adoption of the Annual Plan..*

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