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Committee Wellington Regional Strategy Committee
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Greater Wellington Standing Orders and Code of Conduct applying to the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee

1. Purpose

This report outlines the Greater Wellington Standing Orders and Code of Conduct applying to the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee (the Committee), and informs Committee members of their obligations.

2. Significance of the decision

The matters for decision in this report **do not** trigger the significance policy of the Council or otherwise trigger section 76(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002 (the Act).

3. Background

In accordance with the requirements of the Act, Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) has adopted a set of standing orders for the conduct of its meetings and those of its committees.

As the Committee has now been established as a standing committee of Greater Wellington, the Greater Wellington Standing Orders, with specific amendments relating to the Committee, apply to the conduct of the Committee's meetings. A copy of the Greater Wellington Standing Orders, including the amendments, is in **attachment 1**.

Greater Wellington has also adopted a Code of Conduct in accordance with the requirements of the Act. The Code sets out the understandings and expectations adopted by Greater Wellington about the manner in which members, including appointed members, may conduct themselves while acting in their capacity as members. A copy of the Greater Wellington Code of Conduct is in **attachment 2**.

4. Comment

The Standing Orders and Code of Conduct sit alongside each other as documents that facilitate:

- The effectiveness of Greater Wellington as an autonomous local authority with statutory responsibilities
- Good governance
- The credibility and accountability of Greater Wellington within its community
- Mutual trust, respect and tolerance between elected members as a group and between the elected members and management.

Except where the Code of Conduct is contrary to any agreement or requirement of law, people appointed as independent representatives to Greater Wellington committees are included within its application.

All committee members are bound by the Greater Wellington Standing Orders and Code of Conduct, and are therefore expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the obligations set out in each document.

5. Communication

There are no matters in this report requiring further communication.

6. Recommendations

That the Committee:

1. ***Receives the report.***
2. ***Notes the Greater Wellington Standing Orders and Code of Conduct applying to the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee.***

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