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## **Financial contribution towards the Pathways to Resilient Communities Conference, March 2009**

### **1. Purpose**

For Council to consider making a financial contribution towards the Pathways to Resilient Communities Conference.

### **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.

### **3. Background**

The Pathways to Resilient Communities Conference is being held at Te Papa in Wellington on 7 and 8 March 2009. The conference is being organised by the Wellington Region Sustainable Communities Forum.

The conference will be focused on assessing the local resilience of our communities in relation to a range of increasingly likely external shocks. It will aim to assess the greater Wellington region's state of preparedness and develop areas to improve that position through consideration of a number of scenarios and possible responses.

### **4. Comment**

The conference organisers have approached Greater Wellington for a financial contribution towards the costs of running the conference. In return for a financial contribution the registration fee of \$100 per person would be waived for Greater Wellington Councillors and officers.

Officers consider that a modest level of support for this conference would be appropriate, as its theme of local resilience is consistent with Greater Wellington's focus on fostering the sustainability of the greater Wellington

region. It is proposed that the Council approve a contribution of \$3000 (GST excl.) towards the conference, which would be drawn from existing budgets.

## 5. **Communication**

The Council's decision will be communicated to the conference organisers.

## 6. **Recommendations**

*That the Council:*

1. ***Receives the report.***
2. ***Notes the content of the report.***
3. ***Notes that in return for the Council making a financial contribution to the Pathways to Resilient Communities Conference the cost of registration will be waived for Greater Wellington Councillors and officers.***
4. ***Approves a financial contribution of \$3,000 (GST excl.) towards the costs of running the conference.***

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