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Wellington Region Civil Defence Emergency Management Group – Appointment of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson

1. Purpose

To enable the Wellington CDEM Group to appoint a Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson and define the period of their appointment.

2. Background

Section 15 of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 states that:

Each Civil Defence Emergency Management Group may appoint one of the representatives of its members to act as chairperson.

The appointed chairperson may hold office for the period agreed by the Group at the time of appointment.

Despite the subsection above, the term of office of an appointed chairperson ends if that person ceases to be a representative of a member of the Group.

Section 15 of the Wellington CDEM Group's Terms of Reference states:

On the constitution or reconstitution of the CDEM Group, Members shall elect a CDEM Group Chairperson and may elect a Deputy Chairperson.

The Group's Chairperson and deputy Chairperson will hold office for an initial term up to the local body election in October of each year.

Following the October local elections the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson will hold office for a term of three years or such a lesser period as may be determined by the CDEM Group. However, if three-quarters of the representatives of the Members present agree the CDEM Group may appoint a new Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson at any time.

The term of office of an appointed Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson ends if that person ceases to be a representative of a Member of the CDEM Group.

At its meeting of 25 November 2004 the Wellington CDEM Group Members have appointed Mr Wayne Guppy (Mayor of Upper Hutt City Council) as its Chairperson and Mr Ian Buchanan (Chairperson of Greater Wellington Regional Council) as its Deputy Chairperson. Mr Buchanan was replaced by the Hon. Fran Wilde (new Chairperson of Greater Wellington Regional Council) in November 2007.

3. The way forward

To give effect to the Terms of Reference of the Wellington Region CDEM Group, elected Members of the CDEM Group need to select and appoint a Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson until the October 2013 local authority elections unless three-quarters of the representatives of the Members of the CDEM Group present agree to appoint a new Chairperson and/or Deputy Chairperson before that time.

4. Recommendations

That the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group:

- 1. Appoints a Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson for the Wellington region CDEM Group*
- 2. That the period of appointment be until the October 2013 local authority elections unless three-quarters of the representatives of the Members of the CDEM Group present agree to appoint a new Chairperson and/or Deputy Chairperson before that time.*

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