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Establishment of a committee to hear submissions on the Proposed Annual Plan 2011/12 and other matters that are the subject of consultation

1. Purpose

To establish a committee to hear submissions on the Proposed Annual Plan 2011/12 and other matters which are the subject of concurrent consultation.

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 and timeframe

The Council's Proposed Annual Plan 2011/12 is currently open for submissions. The Council is concurrently consulting on the following:

- Proposed Dangerous Dams Policy 2011
- Proposed Resource Management Charging Policy 2011
- Proposal to amend the Treasury Risk Management Policy contained in the Regional Council's 2009-2019 Long Term Council Community Plan and to invest in New Zealand Local Government Funding Agency Limited.

Submissions close on 28 April 2011. The hearing of submissions is scheduled for 19 and 20 May 2011. It is appropriate that the Council establish a committee to hear the submissions and report to the Council meeting on 8 June 2011 with its recommendations for amendments to the Proposed Annual Plan 2011/12 and other matters which are the subject of concurrent consultation.

4. **Terms of reference for committee**

The proposed terms of reference for the committee are attached (**Attachment 1**).

5. **Local Government Act 2002**

It is consistent with best practice and the requirements of section 83(1) of the Local Government Act (special consultative procedures) that members hearing submissions should be present for the duration of the hearing and consideration of the submissions. The only constraint, therefore, is the availability to sit through the anticipated two days of hearings and be available for deliberations.

6. **Communication**

No communications are necessary in relation to the matters detailed in this report.

7. **Recommendations**

That the Council:

1. ***Receives** the report.*
2. ***Notes** the content of the report.*
3. ***Resolves** to establish the Annual Plan 2011/12 Hearing Committee to consider the submissions on the Proposed Annual Plan 2011/12 and other matters which are being concurrently consulted on, and to report to Council with recommendations for amendments to the Proposed Annual Plan 2011/12 and other matters which are the subject of concurrent consultation.*
4. ***Appoints** Crs Aitken, Brash, Bruce, Donaldson, Glensor, Greig, Laidlaw Lamason, McPhee, Ponter, Swain, Wilde and Wilson as members of the committee, and appoints Cr Wilde as Chair.*
5. ***Adopts** the terms of reference for the Committee as set out in Attachment 1 to this report.*

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Attachment 1: Terms of Reference for the Annual Plan 2011/12 Hearing Committee