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Committee Council
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Adoption of the Annual Plan 2011/12

1. Purpose

This report presents the Annual Plan 2011/12 for adoption by the Council.

2. Significance of the decision

The matters for decision in this report **do** trigger the significance policy of the Council or otherwise trigger section 76(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002. The decision making process for the Annual Plan is explicitly prescribed for by section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002 and includes use of the special consultative procedure.

3. Background

The Local Government Act 2002 requires the Council to adopt its Annual Plan prior to the commencement of the year to which it relates.

On 15 March 2011 Council approved the proposed Annual Plan 2011/12 for public consultation. This year, concurrent with consultation on the Annual Plan Greater Wellington also consulted on:

- Proposal to amend the Treasury Risk Management Policy contained in the Regional Council's 2009-19 Long Term Council Community Plan and to invest in the New Zealand Local Government Funding Agency Limited (proposal to join the LGFA) (report 11.273, also for consideration at this meeting)
- Proposed Resource Management Charging Policy (report 11.282, also for consideration at this meeting)
- Proposed Dangerous Dams Policy (report 11.281, also for consideration at this meeting).

The consultation period ran from 28 March 2011 to 28 April 2011. Advertisements were placed in daily and community newspapers. A copy of

the summary of the proposed Annual Plan 2011/12 was distributed to all households in the region. Seven public meetings were held across the region. 263 submissions were received. The Annual Plan 2011/12 Hearings Committee met on 19 and 20 May 2011 to hear oral submissions and consider all submissions.

On 8 June 2011 the Council received the report of the Annual Plan 2011/12 Hearings Committee and agreed to the committee's recommended changes to the proposed Annual Plan 2011/12 (report 11.239). The Council also received a report outlining financial changes to be made to the proposed Annual Plan 2011/12. The Council approved the average rates increase of 4.94% and 3% increase in the bulk water levy for inclusion in the Annual Plan 2011/12 (report 11.232).

A separate report on the Wellington Rail Package 2011 will also be considered at this meeting.

4. Changes from the proposed Annual Plan 2011/12

The Annual Plan 2011/12 (**Attachment 1**) has been updated to include the changes agreed by Council on 8 June 2011 (reports 11.239 and 11.232) and consequential amendments, as well as minor editorial changes. This includes additional funding of \$100,000 for additional hazard mapping across the region, including Hutt Valley, Wainuiomata, Kapiti and Wairarapa.

In addition, officers recommend the inclusion of new short-term target for public transport services - "The number of bus and train services running to time will improve from the previous year". On the advice of Audit New Zealand this information was included in Greater Wellington's Annual Report 2009/10. The Council indicated in the Annual Report 2009/10 that a new target to this effect would be reported against in future years. The high level of public interest in the performance of the public transport services expressed in the submissions on proposed Annual Plan 2011/12 reinforces the appropriateness of including such a performance target. This target has been included in **Attachment 1**.

A more comprehensive update to the public transport model is now required to be completed by March 2011 to feed into the Wellington PT Spine Study. The plan has been amended to fund the additional financial costs of \$25,000 from reserves for 2011/12. NZTA fund 75% of this project.

Financial costs for the additional Waiwhetu cleanup costs have been funded from the Hutt City River Rate reserve in 2011/12 and included in the plan.

5. Communication

A media release will be issued following this meeting announcing the Council's formal adoption of the Annual Plan 2011/12.

6. Recommendations

That the Council:

1. ***Receives the report.***
2. ***Notes the content of the report.***
3. ***Adopts the Annual Plan 2011/12.***
4. ***Authorises the Chief Financial Officer to enter into any new debt facilities that are required to implement the Annual Plan 2011/12 that are in accordance with the Council's Treasury Management Policy.***

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Attachment 1 – Annual Plan 2011/12