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Report on the Social and Cultural Wellbeing Committee meeting held on 23 November 2011

1. Purpose

To inform the Council about the meeting of the Social and Cultural Wellbeing Committee that took place on 23 November 2011.

2. The decision-making process and significance

No decision is being sought in this report.

3. Report

3.1 Rationalisation of Greater Wellington and Wellington City Council pipeline assets: Thorndon to Macalister Park; Thorndon to Ngauranga

The Committee approved in principle negotiations with Wellington City Council on the transfer of pipeline assets. The transfer of assets will improve the management of the bulk water supply to the CBD and clarify responsibilities for water distribution.

3.2 Marines' 70th anniversary celebration – Queen Elizabeth Park

The Parks department has been working with representatives from the Kapiti US Marines Trust and the Bike Trust on a plan for the commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the US Marines Occupation of Queen Elizabeth Park. The Committee endorsed the proposed commemoration activities and a detailed project implementation plan is to be developed. Greater Wellington has agreed to provide staff resources to manage the project as well as contributing \$3,000 from the existing Arbour Day budget towards the running of the event.

3.3 Quarterly review for the period ending 30 September 2011

The Committee noted the activities of the Utilities Group and Strategy and Community Engagement Group over the last quarter ending 30 September 2011.

The Utilities and Services Group ceased on 20 October and the activities previously undertaken by the Group have been assigned to other Groups. Water Supply has transferred to the new Water Supply Group, Parks to the Environment Management Group and Emergency Management and Forestry to the new Development Group.

3.4 General Managers' report

In 2012 there will be a 'park by park' analysis taken to the Committee, starting with Kaitoke Regional Park, which will provide detail on the asset management programmes in the park, and will also look at the management challenges associated with the Park. These presentations will involve the relevant Park Ranger and well as other key staff working in the Park.

The application received from the Rimutaka Incline Railway Heritage Trust to rebuild the railway from Maymorn to Summit was the focus of public participation at the meeting. The application is to be considered against the Parks Network Plan at the 15 December Council meeting as the proposal impacts on parks, forestry and future water supply activities.

After a successful re-certification audit the Water Supply Quality and Environment Management Systems certification is now valid for another 3 years. The Committee noted that 3 years was the standard time limit for certification.

4. Recommendations

That the Council:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the content of the report.*

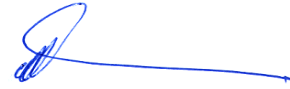
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