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Report 12.118

Council

Minute extract from meeting held on 27 March 2012

Better Local Government reforms

Moved

(Cr Wilde/ Cr Laidlaw)

That the Council:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the contents of the report.*
- 3. Agrees to the establishment of an Independent Review Panel to consider the future local government arrangements for the Wellington region, as set out in section 5.*
- 4. Agrees to invite participation in the proposed process from other councils from the Wellington region and other regionally representative organisations, noting that such organisations will need to have regional reach and a record of representing their sector.*
- 5. Agrees that the membership of the Independent Review Panel and all details of the terms of reference will be determined in conjunction with any other participating councils and organisations.*
- 6. Agrees that the participating organisations, membership of the Independent Review Panel and the final terms of reference will be subject to Council approval prior to proceeding.*
- 7. Notes that there is a comprehensive body of research and analysis on this issue, including from the Royal Commission on Auckland Governance, the Auckland Transition Agency, the Department of Internal Affairs and Auckland Council, as well as further reports on the Wellington Region, and that this information will be available to the Independent Review Panel.*
- 8. Agrees to a Greater Wellington budget of \$150,000 for costs associated with the Independent Review Panel, assuming no other organisations are involved, and notes that any other organisations involved would be expected to share some of these costs.*
- 9. Agrees that a reserve be established, drawn from the surplus in Greater Wellington's 2011/12 investment activities, to meet the costs associated with the Independent Review Panel.*

10. *Notes that the Chair has agreed to present to the Mayoral Forum the findings of the Independent Panel for discussion prior to any submission by Greater Wellington to the Local Government Commission.*

Moved as an amendment

(Cr Swain/ Cr Brash)

11. *Agrees that, when Council presents any final proposal to the Local Government Commission, a recommendation is made for a referendum to be held on the proposal before the final reorganisation scheme is determined, prepared and implemented.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

The substantive motion was then put to the vote and was **CARRIED**.