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Report on Social and Cultural Wellbeing Committee meeting, 8 August 2012

1. Purpose

To inform the Council of the Social and Cultural Wellbeing Committee meeting of 8 August 2012.

2. The decision-making process and significance

No decision is being sought in this report.

3. Public participation

This meeting attracted a large number of people wishing to speak in Public Participation. Three persons spoke to the heritage framework developed, and land management review undertaken, for Queen Elizabeth Park. One person urged the Council to make a submission on the proposed Kapiti Expressway. Eight persons spoke against the addition of fluoride to the water supply.

4. Reports

4.1 Queen Elizabeth Park, Heritage Framework and land management review

The Committee was updated on the work undertaken in developing the heritage framework. The framework identifies five elements that contribute to the heritage of the area, namely: natural, Māori, farming, military and park. It also includes an action plan for implementation. The heritage framework outlines proposals for enhancing the Mackay's Crossing entrance into Queen Elizabeth Park; it also identifies a location for a possible Printing Museum within the park, which would minimise the museum's impact on the existing landscape and complement the general visitor experience at MacKay's Crossing.

The Committee was also provided with information on the land management review undertaken for the park. The review document puts forward a recommended approach based on a set of general principles, all of which are consistent with Greater Wellington's Parks Network Plan.

5. **General Managers' report**

There was a brief discussion about the total number of staff (approximately 20) who have transferred from the region's local authorities into the new Wellington Regional Emergency Office.

Interest was expressed in receiving further information relating to the feasibility and costs of a desalination plant, when the strategy for the future development of the metropolitan water supply system is considered by Council later in the year.

6. **Recommendations**

That the Council:

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

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