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Report on the Social and Cultural Wellbeing Committee meeting 30 January 2013

1. Purpose

To inform the Council of the Social and Cultural Wellbeing Committee meeting of 30 January 2013.

2. The decision-making process and significance

No decision is being sought in this report.

3. Report

3.1 Review of the Concessions Policy and charges for Regional Parks and Forests

The Committee discussed and approved the Proposed Parks & Forests Concessions Guidelines (The Guidelines) for public consultation as part of the Annual Plan process. The Guidelines set out the policy regarding how concessions will be processed and what fees will be charged for approved activities and were last reviewed in 2008.

Fees charged for concessions as well as activity fees, leases and licences reflect the fact that the region's parks and forests are a community resource managed by Greater Wellington Regional Council and obtaining a concession allows an exclusive use of space for private use and economic benefit.

The proposed concession fee increase is aimed at long term concessions rather than short term and reflects the average costs for processing long term leases. Small increases in camping charges will bring Greater Wellington Regional Council's fees inline with similar DoC managed campsites and will contribute towards the cost of extra staff resources required during the summer period.

3.2 General Managers' report

The Committee noted that the Stratton Street plantation forest logging was going better than anticipated and the logs have been of a higher grade than previously thought.

Water supply volume for the three months to 31 December 2012 was the lowest second quarter total since available records going back to 1986/87, with an overall encouraging downward trend in water usage, especially as one storage lake is currently being upgraded. However, the Committee noted that the downward trend will eventually plateau as leaks in the pipelines continue to be located and fixed and water conservation measures such as changes in behaviour are achieved.

4. Recommendations

That the Council:

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

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