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Committee Council
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Water Supply Annual Report for the year ending June 2013

1. Purpose

To obtain Council approval to publish the Water Supply Annual Report for the year ending 30 June 2013.

2. The decision-making process and significance

The matter requiring decision in this report has been considered by officers against the requirements of Part 6 of the Local Government Act 2002 (the Act).

Officers have considered the significance of the matter, taking into account the Council's significance policy and decision-making guidelines. Officers recommend that the matter be considered to have low significance.

Officers do not consider that a formal record outlining consideration of the decision-making process is required in this instance.

3. Background

The Greater Wellington Regional Council's Water Supply Annual Report captures the achievements and challenges for the bulk water supply operations for the year ended 30 June 2013. It is supplementary to the GWRC Annual Report and provides our city council customers and other stakeholders with a more detailed account of work conducted throughout the year.

The Water Supply Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2013 is attachment 1.

Audit New Zealand is currently undertaking an audit of the financial results in the Water Supply Annual Report. At time of writing we were not certain whether the audit would be completed by 25 September.

Please note that the final proof-read is still to be completed at the deadline for submitting council papers.

4. **Comment**

While the resilience of our bulk water supply network was tested this year with a number of significant events (including a drought, severe storms and earthquakes), our network came through without major concern. GWRC has spent in excess of \$20M over the past 20 years in making the water supply system more seismically robust.

The 2012-22 Long-Term Plan indicated a levy increase of 4% for the 2013/14 year. This figure has now been revised to a 3% increase. This change has been driven by savings in operational expenditure with the bulk of the identified savings coming from interest cost savings due to lower than forecast debt and savings from the reorganisation of insurance contributions.

One of the highlights of the year for Water Supply was being awarded a New Zealand Engineering excellence award for our part in developing a ground-breaking chemical process for water treatment. This has helped to cut our chemical costs by almost 25% as well as improving water quality and reducing waste volumes.

The report notes several other achievements, all of which demonstrate an on-going story of effective business management and innovative service delivery for Greater Wellington Water.

5. **Communication**

The Water Supply Annual Report will be posted to our customers and other relevant stakeholders identified in our database and a copy will be made available on our website. A media release will be issued to highlight key achievements and to indicate how to obtain a copy of the report.

6. **Recommendations**

That the Council:

1. ***Receives the report.***
2. ***Notes the content of the report.***
3. ***Approves the publication of the Greater Wellington Regional Council Water Supply Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2013.***

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Attachment 1: Water Supply Annual Report for the year ending 30 June 2013