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## Sensitive Expenditure (Elected Members) Policy

### 1. Purpose

For the Council to adopt a policy on sensitive expenditure by elected members.

### 2. Background and Comment

Sensitive Expenditure is expenditure by Greater Wellington Regional Council where elected members either directly benefit or are perceived to benefit personally from the expenditure they have incurred during the conduct of Council business. It is appropriate that the Council adopt a policy on sensitive expenditure by elected members to ensure consistency and transparency of behaviour.

The Council adopted the current sensitive expenditure policy in 2007, which was reviewed and re-adopted by the Council in 2010. Officers have reviewed the policy from 2010, and have made only minor amendments. A copy of the Sensitive Expenditure (Elected Members) Policy is attached as **Attachment 1**.

The policy was developed with reference to the Office of the Auditor-General's "Controlling Sensitive Expenditure: Guidelines for public entities" (February 2007) and should be read together with the Policy on Elected Members Allowances and Expenses and the Code of Conduct for Elected Members.

### 3. Communication

No external communication is considered necessary. A copy of the policy will be uploaded to the Councillor Information Portal for future reference.

### 4. 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.

#### **4.1 Significance of the decision**

Officers have considered the significance of the matter, taking into account the Council's significance policy and decision-making guidelines. Due to the procedural nature of this decision 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.

#### **5. Recommendations**

*That the Council:*

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the content of the report.*
- 3. Adopts the Sensitive Expenditure (Elected Members) Policy as outlined in Attachment 1 to this report.*

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