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Committee Council
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Triennial Agreement

1. Purpose

For the Council to endorse the proposed Triennial Agreement for the 2016-19 triennium and authorise the Chair to finalise and sign the Triennial Agreement.

2. Background

The Local Government Act 2002 requires that all the local authorities in the Wellington Region enter into a Triennial Agreement amongst themselves which sets out how they will work together for the good governance of their districts, cities and region by acting co-operatively and collaboratively. The Triennial Agreement for the 2016-2019 triennium is required to be in place by 1 March 2017. A Triennial Agreement was in place in the previous triennium.

3. Draft Triennial Agreement for 2016-19

The proposed agreement is based on the content of the 2013-16 agreement with some new additions. A new section 4.6 has been included, to address the requirements of section 15(2)(c) of the Local Government Act (the Act), inserted in 2014. This new section of the Act states that a triennial agreement must include processes and protocols through which all local authorities can participate in identifying, delivering, and funding facilities and services of significance to more than 1 district. New section 4.6 states:

“Where facilities and services of significance benefit more than one district, and are intended to be funded by more than one district, those districts that intend to participate shall be involved in identifying, delivering, and funding the facility or service. One Council shall take the lead for the project, appointed by the participating councils.”

The Triennial Agreement also includes a focus on collaboration in the region. This builds on the focus on shared services contained in the Triennial Agreement for 2013-16 and includes a new section 6.1:

“6.1 Collaboration within the region

The Mayoral Forum will:

- *Be the vehicle for oversight of projects, such as collaboration projects.*
- *Review existing collaboration and shared services arrangements as necessary to ensure that current arrangements remain relevant and optimal*
- *Identify new opportunities for collaboration and shared services for consideration by the councils”*

The draft agreement has been circulated to the region’s local authorities for consideration and endorsement. As some changes may be necessary as a result of the nine councils’ considerations it is appropriate that the Chair be authorised to finalise the agreement provided that the changes do not significantly alter the key elements of the agreement.

4. Communication

The territorial authorities in the Wellington Region will be informed of the Council’s decision on the draft agreement.

5. The decision-making process and significance

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

5.1 Significance of the decision

Officers have considered the significance of this 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.

6. Recommendations

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Endorses the proposed Triennial Agreement for the 2016-2019 triennium.*
4. *Notes that the proposed agreement is subject to consideration by all councils in the Wellington Region, and that this may result in changes*

being proposed which, if significant, will require the proposed agreement to come back to the Council for further consideration.

5. ***Authorises the Council Chair to sign the Triennial Agreement on behalf of the Council provided that no significant changes are made following consideration of the proposed agreement by other councils.***

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Attachment 1: Draft triennial Agreement for the 2016-19 triennium