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Report to Environment Committee from Rian Van Schalkwyk, Manager, Emergency Management

Extension of the Upper Hutt City Council Emergency Management (Civil Defence) Plan

1. **Purpose**

To seek approval, under Section 35 (2) of the Civil Defence Act 1983, for extending the renewal date of the Upper Hutt Emergency Management Plan.

2. Background

The current Upper Hutt City Council Emergency Management (Civil Defence) Plan expires on 22 July 2002. The existing Plan does meet the requirements of the Wellington Regional Council. The current Plan is also consistent with and gives effect to the operative Regional Civil Defence Plan.

The Upper Hutt City Council requested a three-month extension to the renewal date for its Civil Defence Plan to enable their Council to incorporate on-going changes in Emergency Management into the plan.

This request is made pursuant to Section 36 (3) of the Civil Defence Act, 1983, which reads as follows:

Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, a local civil defence plan shall continue to be operative while a new plan is prepared for such period or periods of extension, not exceeding 6 months in total, as may be granted by the regional or united council on the application of the territorial authority.

3. **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Committee:

Extends the current Upper Hutt City Council Emergency Management Plan to 22 October 2002.

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