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## **Committee appointments**

### **1. Purpose**

To provide the Committee with an opportunity to consider the appointment of additional members.

### **2. Background**

At its meeting on 28 October 2004, the Council resolved to make several amendments to the Terms of Reference for its Standing Committees. One amendment was to remove the requirement to appoint outside members where the member of a single member constituency is not a member of the Committee. This provision was replaced with a requirement that each Committee consider whether it could function more effectively by the appointment of members from outside of the Council.

### **3. Considerations**

The Environment Committee is comprised of seven elected members and a statutory appointee as required by the Civil Defence Act 1983 when considering emergency management matters. In the last triennium the Committee had an appointed member from Upper Hutt, and has previously had members appointed to deal with harbours matters.

Could the Committee function more effectively with any additional appointed members? In considering this question, Committee members should take into account the following matters:

- Committee members are all experienced Councillors
- There are no significant issues in any one district
- The Wellington Regional Strategy Forum and Civil Defence Emergency Management Group provide forums for collective discussion on a number of matters of relevance to the Committee

- Committee members have a responsibility to consider matters on a regional rather than a local basis.

#### **4. Communication**

No communication is required as a result of this report.

#### **5. Recommendations**

*That the Committee either:*

1. ***notes** that it has considered whether it could function more effectively with the appointment of an additional member or members, and has determined that such an appointment or appointments are not necessary; or*
2. ***determines** to appoint an additional member or members, and determines the basis on which such an appointment or appointments will be made.*

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