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Retirement of Catherine Savage from the WRS Committee

1. Purpose

To acknowledge the retirement of Catherine Savage as a member of the WRS Committee, and to seek the Committee's agreement to a process to select a replacement member.

2. Significance of the decision

The matters for decision in this report **do not** trigger the significance policy of the Council or otherwise trigger section 76(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002.

3. Background

Under its Terms of Reference the Committee is to have seven local government members, comprising representatives of the Wellington region's territorial authorities and Greater Wellington and five non-local government members.

The Committee's Terms of Reference provide for:

- *Five non-Local Government Members, recommended by the seven Local Government Members, appointed on the basis of skills, experience, standing and networks in the regional community relevant to the goals of the Wellington Regional Strategy.*

The non-local government members have been appointed for terms that provide for one member to resign from the Committee each year, enabling a "rolling" turnover of the membership.

The current non-local government members will resign in the following order:

Catherine Savage	January 2010
Sir John Anderson	January 2011
Sir Ngatata Love	February 2012
Paora Ammunson	February 2013
Lou Gardiner	January 2014.

4. Comment

4.1 Ms Savage's retirement

Ms Catherine Savage is due to retire in January 2010. The next WRS Committee meeting after this meeting on 3 December is scheduled for February 2010. Consequently this will be the final meeting Ms Savage will attend as a member.

Ms Savage was first appointed to the Interim WRS Committee at its inception in 2006 and then reappointed to the Committee when it was confirmed as a permanent Greater Wellington committee in January 2008.

4.2 Process to identify replacement candidate

Greater Wellington appoints members to the Committee, on the recommendation of the WRS Committee. The process to identify candidates for membership used previously has been:

1. Council Chief Executives, in consultation with their Mayors/Chair, identified possible candidates for consideration
2. The current non-local government members on the Committee were invited to put forward possible candidates
3. The list of potential candidates was considered by the Chief Executives, with a recommendation forwarded to the Committee.
4. The Committee made a recommendation to Greater Wellington for the appointment of members.

It is suggested that the same process be followed to identify a replacement candidate, with a recommendation being considered by the WRS Committee at its first meeting in 2010.

5. Communication

No communications are required at this time.

6. Recommendations

That the Committee:

1. ***Receives*** the report.
2. ***Notes*** the content of the report.
3. ***Acknowledges*** the retirement of Ms Savage as a member of the Committee.
4. ***Agrees*** to the process for replacing Ms Savage, outlined in section 4.2 above.

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