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Report on the Social and Cultural Wellbeing Committee meeting 6 March 2013

1. Purpose

To inform the Council about the meeting of the Social and Cultural Wellbeing Committee that took place on 6 March 2013.

2. The decision-making process and significance

No decision is being sought in this report.

3. Public participation

d'Arcy Lunn gave a PowerPoint presentation on his project 'Happy, simply – A lifestyle model and education project'.

3.1 Quarterly Review for the period ending 31 December 2012

The Committee noted the popularity of the Warm Wellington programme, including the strong up-take in Lower Hutt City. The Committee requested that information on the programme and its up-take be provided to district health boards and the region's territorial authorities.

The Committee also discussed the uncertainty around the continuation of the Warm Wellington programme. The future of the scheme awaits Central Government's May 2013 budget, and whether it will allocate funding to the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA) programme.

The Committee noted the Wellington Regional Emergency Management Office's initiative to source and make available low-cost household rainwater tanks. Officers advised that these tanks needed to be considered as one component of a household's emergency preparedness initiative.

The Committee received an update on the current status of water supply in the Wellington region, in relation to the region's prolonged period of dry weather.

3.2 General Managers' report

The Committee discussed Water Supply's investigation into the feasibility of constructing a pipeline across the harbour to bring water directly to Wellington City from the Waterloo wellfield following a major disaster. Greater Wellington Regional Council has considered the idea in the past and considered that the cost outweighed any potential benefits. However, officers at Wellington City Council believe new technology, including plastic piping, will bring the cost down significantly.

4. Recommendations

That the Council:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the content of the report.*

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