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Report on Te Upoko Taiao – Natural Resource Management Committee meeting, 17 September 2014

1. Purpose

To inform the Council of Te Upoko Taiao – Natural Resource Management Committee (the Committee) meeting of 17 September 2014.

2. Reports

2.1 Release of the draft Natural Resources Plan for the Wellington region

The Committee discussed the draft Natural Resources Plan for the Wellington region (the draft Plan) which, following the Committee's approval at the meeting, is due to be released for public consultation on 22 September 2014.

Consultation on the draft Plan is scheduled to run until 30 November 2014. As part of this process, public meetings will be arranged across the region to encourage people to read and comment on the draft Plan. Workshops and meetings will also be arranged with stakeholder groups (including non-government organisations), Greater Wellington Regional Council's iwi partners, consultants (including law firms), and staff from the region's territorial authorities (TAs).

It is anticipated that this process will encourage a range of people from the community to review and comment on the draft Plan.

The Committee acknowledged that, to date, there has been no significant objection to the draft Plan from the region's TAs. Rather, each has been encouraging of the Plan and has supported its development.

Once consultation on the draft Plan has finished, officers will work with interested parties regarding their feedback. These discussions, as well as the Committee's deliberations, will enable officers to develop a proposed Natural Resources Management Plan for the Wellington region (the proposed Plan). It is anticipated that the proposed Plan will be notified mid-2015, subject to Council's approval.

3. The decision-making process and significance

No decision is being sought in this report.

4. Recommendations

That the Council:

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

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