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Report to the Policy and Finance Committee
from Councillor Euan McQueen and Councillor Robert Shaw

Water Integration – Public Consultation

1. Purpose

To seek the Council's sign-off for the water integration consultation document and to recommend a substitute councillor for one of us for the water integration consultation hearings.

2. Background

At the Council meeting of 19 February we were appointed as this Council's representatives to further public consultation on the water integration proposal, to review the documentation and to participate in joint hearings. We have now seen the key document so need to report back.

It is now anticipated that the council representatives will hear oral submissions in early May. Unfortunately, at that time, Euan will be away. We therefore need an alternate.

3. Comment

We are satisfied that the attached consultation document is satisfactory for the purpose. Whilst it may not be entirely neutral in tone and we could pick over each word, we recognise that the document has to be owned also by our two partners in the consultation – the Wellington and Hutt City Councils. We understand that their representatives are happy with the document.

Councillor Laidlaw has been approached and would be prepared to replace Euan for the hearings. This appointment preserves a balance of

representatives, being both from the relevant committee and from the Wellington constituency.

4. Recommendations

That the Policy and Finance Committee recommends to Council that:

- (i) it agrees to the attached document being used for the public consultation on water integration*

- (ii) That Councillor Laidlaw replace Councillor McQueen as one of the Wellington Regional Council's nominee for the water integration hearings.*

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