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Report to Environment Committee  
from Rian van Schalkwyk, Manager, Emergency Management

## **Revision of the Wellington City Council Civil Defence Plan**

### **1. Purpose**

To advise the Committee about the revision of a territorial local authority Civil Defence Plan as required by Section 35 (2) of the Civil Defence Act 1983.

### **2. Background**

The current Wellington City Council Civil Defence Plan originally expired on 1 November 2002. In October 2002, The Wellington Regional Council (Report 02.603) granted approval for the Wellington City Council Civil Defence Plan to be extended to 1 December 2002. The extension was in accordance with Section 36(3) of the Civil Defence Act 1983.

### **3. Revised Plan**

In accordance with Section 36 of the Civil Defence Act 1983, Wellington City Council has now prepared a new Plan to replace the existing plan. The new Plan has been received from Wellington City Council and meets the requirements of the Wellington Regional Council. The Plan is consistent with, and gives effect to, the operative Regional Civil Defence Plan.

The Plan requires the approval of the Wellington Regional Council in accordance with Section 35 of the Civil Defence Act 1983. It will become operative on the date it is approved by the Wellington Regional Council and will remain so until the Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) Group Plan is approved by the CDEM Group.

The new Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002, which commences on 1 December 2002, requires that a CDEM Group Plan be developed within two years after formation of the CDEM Group. In the meantime, all Civil Defence Plans need to be effective and operative.

3. **Communication**

No further communication is necessary for this report.

4. **Recommendations**

*It is recommended that the Committee:*

(1) **Approve the Wellington City Council Civil Defence Plan.**

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