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## Biodiversity Year End Review to 30 June 2009

### 1. Purpose

To present to the Committee the Biodiversity full year review to 30 June 2009. This report follows as **Attachment 1**.

### 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

Biodiversity is a core function of Greater Wellington, reflecting our responsibilities under the Resource Management Act 1991 and the Biosecurity Act 1993. Although delivered by a number of departments, and frequently by cross-departmental groups, the Council's biodiversity activities are treated as components of one programme.

Six month and full year reports are produced by the Biodiversity Coordinating Group summarising the Council's biodiversity activities.

### 4. Highlights of the year

The report demonstrates that the Council's biodiversity programmes involve a wide range of sectors of the community including individual landowners, community groups and partnerships with other agencies.

Some highlights from the 2008/2009 year include:

- Strong landowner commitment to retiring and enhancing riparian strips in the Pauatahanui Inlet catchment supported by the joint Greater Wellington/Porirua City Council catchment programme;

- The continued legal protection of high value ecosystems through the joint Greater Wellington/QEII National Trust covenant protection programme;
- Success in leveraging additional funding (in excess of \$200,000) from the Sustainable Management Fund, Biodiversity Condition Fund and the Community Conservation Fund to enhance selected biodiversity projects;
- The establishment of a national regional council biodiversity forum.

## 5. Communication

Success stories resulting from the Council's biodiversity programmes are regularly communicated through Council publications and press releases.

## 6. Recommendations

*That the Committee:*

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

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**Attachment 1: Biodiversity year end review to 30 June 2009**