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Committee Council
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Funding regional amenities

1. Purpose

For the Council to agree to a review of funding for regional amenities.

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

The Wellington region's Mayoral Forum, at its meeting on 27 November 2009, considered and endorsed a report from the Wellington Regional Chief Executives' Forum, which recommended that the Mayoral Forum refer to each of the region's local authorities, for agreement, a proposal to review the basis of funding for regional amenities. The report considered by the Mayoral Forum is attached as **Attachment 1**.

4. Comment

The purpose of the review would be to ensure that those amenities of regional scale and benefit continue to have adequate long-term funding, given their significant contribution to the Wellington region's profile as an attractive, vibrant and competitive region.

The report considered by the Mayoral Forum looks at the approach taken to funding regional amenities in the Auckland region, and considers principles for what might constitute a regional amenity.

The report also outlines a proposed programme of work, which would involve initial findings on what constitutes a regional amenity in the Wellington regional context, and funding and governance options, being presented to

incoming councils around November 2010 so their views can be provided to the Mayoral Forum by the end of 2010, before moving to a final recommended outcome by February 2011.

5. **Communication**

The Council's decision on the proposal will be communicated to the February 2010 meeting of the Mayoral Forum.

6. **Recommendations**

That the Council:

1. ***Receives the report.***
2. ***Notes that feedback from each council on the proposal for the funding of regional amenities will be considered at the Mayoral Forum in February 2010.***
3. ***Agrees to a review of regional amenities funding on the basis of the report endorsed by the Mayoral Forum.***
4. ***Agrees that, subject to the outcome of the consideration of this report by the region's councils, the Wellington Mayoral Forum will be the governance body for the review and the chief decision making body, with direct channels of communication to the separate councils, and that the Chief Executives' Forum will deliver an agreed programme of work and advice to the Wellington Mayoral Forum.***

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Attachment 1: Report to the Wellington Mayoral Forum on funding regional amenities