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Adoption of the Dangerous Dams Policy 2011

1. Purpose

This report presents the Dangerous Dams Policy 2011 for adoption by the Council.

2. Significance of the decision

The Building Act 2004 specifies that the policy must be adopted in accordance with the special consultative procedure in section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002.

3. Background

The Building Act 2004 requires the Council to review and adopt a Dangerous Dams Policy every five years.

On 16 February 2011, Council approved the proposed Dangerous Dams Policy for public consultation. Consultation on the Dangerous Dams Policy was run concurrently with the:

- Proposed Annual Plan 2011/12 (Report 11.278)
- Proposal to amend the Treasury Risk Management Policy contained in the Regional Council's 2009-19 Long Term Council Community Plan and to invest in the New Zealand Local Government Funding Agency Limited (proposal to join the LGFA) (Report 11.273)
- Proposed Resource Management Charging Policy (Report 11.282)

The consultation period ran from 28 March 2011 to 28 April 2011. Advertisements were placed in daily and community newspapers. A copy of the summary of the proposed Dangerous Dams Policy was distributed to all households in the region together with the proposed Annual Plan 2011/12. Full copies of the proposed Dangerous Dams Policy were sent to all large dam owners in the Wellington region. 81 submissions were received. The Annual

Plan 2011/12 Hearings Committee met on 19 and 20 May 2011 to hear oral submissions and consider all submissions including those submissions on the proposed Dangerous Dams Policy.

On 8 June 2011, the Council received the report of the Annual Plan 2011/2 Hearings Committee and agreed to the committee's recommended changes to the proposed Dangerous Dams Policy (report 11.239).

4. Changes from the proposed Dangerous Dams Policy 2011

The Dangerous Dams Policy (Attachment 1) has been updated to incorporate the changes agreed by Council on 8 June 2011 (report 11.239) and consequential amendments, as well as minor editorial changes.

5. Communication

A copy of the adopted Dangerous Dams Policy 2011 will be sent to all large dam owners in the Wellington region.

6. Recommendations

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Adopts the Dangerous Dams Policy 2011.*

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