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Committee Council
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Queen Elizabeth Park cycleway name

1. Purpose

To seek Council's approval of *Te Ara o Whareroa* as the name for the Queen Elizabeth Park cycleway, under Policy 76 of the Greater Wellington Regional Council Parks Network Plan.

2. Background

- 2.1 The cycleway/walkway will be funded by the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) as part of the broader transport picture created by the development of the MacKays to Peka Peka Kapiti Expressway and the junction of the Transmission Gully motorway, which will join State Highway 1 at MacKays Crossing and Queen Elizabeth Park. It will cost \$825,000 (plus GST), and design and construction will be managed by Greater Wellington Regional Council.
- 2.2 The 6.7 km cycleway/walkway, due to open in January 2016, will link into Kapiti Coast District Council's cycle and pedestrian network, ensuring a safe connection between the communities for commuters and recreational cyclists and making it easier for students to get to school by bike. It will also enhance the recreational possibilities available in the park, and attract riders from throughout the region.
- 2.3 A name for the cycleway has been gifted to GWRC by the three main mana whenua iwi and hapu with interests in the park: Ngāti Toa Rangātira, Te Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai and Ngāti Haumia.

3. Comment

- 3.1 Policy 76 of GWRC's Parks Network Plan provides that the naming of significant features within parks requires the approval of the Council after appropriate consultation with tangata whenua, the public and interest groups. The policy provides that when naming features preference should be given to names that reflect tangata whenua values, natural and physical features, local history and heritage, and cultural and community associations.

- 3.2** The gifted name is *Te Ara o Whareroa* for the cycleway. *Te Ara* can be interpreted literally as way, path, lane, passageway, track, course or route. *Whareroa* can mean long house. The complete name could mean “pathway in the vicinity of the long house”, which in turn complements the pa site at the mouth of the Whareroa Stream and relates well to the use of Whareroa elsewhere in the park.
- 3.3** The name has been socialised within NZTA and Kapiti Coast District Council, and no objections to it have been raised.

4. The decision-making process and significance

Officers recognise that the matters referenced in this report may have a high degree of importance to affected or interested parties.

The matter requiring decision in this report has been considered by officers against the requirements of Part 6 of the Local Government Act 2002 (the Act). Part 6 sets out the obligations of local authorities in relation to the making of decisions.

4.1 Significance of the decision

Part 6 requires Greater Wellington Regional Council to consider the significance of the decision. The term ‘significance’ has a statutory definition set out in the Act.

Officers have considered the significance of the matter, taking the Council's significance and engagement policy and decision-making guidelines into account. Officers recommend that the matter be considered to have low significance.

Officers do not consider that a formal record outlining consideration of the decision-making process is required in this instance.

4.2 Engagement

Engagement on the matters contained in this report aligns with the level of significance assessed. In accordance with the significance and engagement policy, no further engagement on the matters for decision is required.

5. Recommendations

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Approves the name **Te Ara o Whareroa** as the name of the Queen Elizabeth Park cycleway.*

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