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Report to the Wellington Regional Council from Helen Wood, Corporate Policy Advisor and John Allard, Manager Corporate Advisory Services

Possible Submission on the Hutt Mana Energy Trust's Strategic Plan

1. Purpose

For the Committee to agree to a draft submission to the strategic plan and annual plan of the Hutt Mana Energy Trust.

2. Background

On 3 August 2000 the Council resolved:

That, at the next meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee on 24 August 2000, officers report on a possible WRC submission concerning the Hutt Mana Energy Trust's Annual Plan.

3. Possible Submission

The Regional Council's energy policies and methods are set out in chapter twelve of the Regional Policy Statement. The Hutt Mana Energy Trust's Strategic Plan and Annual Plan seem broadly consistent with the Regional Policy Statement and a possible submission to the Trust could note this. The Trust is proposing to fund community and energy-related projects through the Hutt Mana Charitable Trust. The Regional Council's work on energy issues is not at a stage that means the Council is able to make recommendations to the Trust on specific energy projects that it should consider funding. However we suggest that the Council could invite the Trust to discuss possible energy projects with Council officers.

A draft submission is appended as Attachment One.

4. **Recommendations**

(1) That the Committee approve the submission to the Hutt Mana Energy Trust as set out in Attachment One.

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