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Review of Wellington governance issues

1. Purpose

For the Council to approve the engagement of an independent person(s) to lead the review of Wellington governance issues and to approve Greater Wellington's share of project funding.

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

In December 2009 the Council considered draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the review of Wellington governance issues (Report 09.765). The Mayoral Forum had requested the region's councils approve the draft ToR. At that meeting the Council approved the draft ToR, but with the acknowledgement that the Mayoral Forum is not a decision-making body. Any decisions, including on funding allocations, will continue to be made by individual councils, not the Forum as suggested in the Draft ToR. Other councils also asked that the decision-making powers of the Mayoral Forum be clarified.

At its meeting on the 26th February the Mayoral Forum agreed on the final ToR (incorporating Greater Wellington's changes). At that meeting it also agreed on a process to undertake the review, on the recommendation of the Chief Executives' Forum. A copy of the proposed process, recommended by the Chief Executives is in **Attachment 1**.

4. Comment

The review of Wellington governance issues is proposed to be undertaken by an independent person or consultancy. The Chief Executives are currently

working through a process to select the person(s). Under the ToR the reviewer would report to the chair of the Chief Executives' Forum (Upper Hutt Chief Executive Max Pederson). The project is proposed to have a \$150,000 budget. It is proposed that this be allocated across the nine local authorities on a pro-rata basis by population, except that the contribution by Greater Wellington would be the same as that of Wellington City Council. The proposed distribution is as follows:

Wellington City Council	\$43,508
Greater Wellington Regional Council	\$43,508
Hutt City Council	\$22,722
Porirua City Council	\$11,450
Upper Hutt City Council	\$9,035
Kapiti Coast District Council	\$10,889
South Wairarapa District Council	\$2,059
Carterton District Council	\$1,651
Masterton District Council	\$5,179
TOTAL	\$150,000

The Mayoral Forum agreed to seek the approval of each council for the implementation of the review through the engagement of an independent person(s) and agreement of their funding contribution.

Greater Wellington's Chief Executive was part of the Chief Executives Forum that agreed on the process and funding split. He recommends the Council agree to the proposal.

5. **Communication**

The Council's decision on the review implementation proposal and funding allocation will be communicated to the Mayoral Forum.

6. **Recommendations**

That the Council:

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

3. *Approves the engagement of an independent person(s) to review Wellington governance issues.*
4. *Approves the Greater Wellington share of \$43,508 of the total project cost of \$150,000.*

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Attachment 1: Report to the Wellington Mayoral Forum on the implementation of the Review of Wellington Governance