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## **Finalisation of 2004/05 Annual Plan**

### **1. Purpose:**

The Council has been through its process of developing and consulting upon its 2004/05 Annual Plan. At its meeting of 14 June 2004 it adopted the financial content of the Plan, including the proposed rates for 2004/05 and the bulk water levy. It must now formally adopt the Plan itself.

### **2. Background:**

This is the first year in which the Council has developed an Annual Plan in the context of an adopted Long-term Council Community Plan (LTCCP). The Plan now is considerably smaller than in previous years, as it relates back to the LTCCP itself. Some concerns were articulated by Councillors in terms of that smaller plan being a useful document for public consultation. Such issues will need to be addressed later this year when the next Annual Plan is being developed. Councillors did not, however, express any concerns over the new format plan being used for the adopted version.

Accordingly, edits in the plan are of three types:

1. To reflect that the plan has been subject to consultation and, that as a result, some changes to the content have been made.
2. To reflect the changes that occurred since the plan was proposed.
3. Minor edits to the wording.

### **3. Comment:**

I enclose separately the edited draft plan for councillors' consideration and suggest that any matters of an editorial nature should be referred to officers by Monday 5 July 2004.

**4. Communications:**

We have already provided information to the media on the rate line. A follow-up commenting positively on the results of the consultation should be prepared.

**5. Recommendation:**

*That the Policy, Finance & Strategy Committee recommends to Council that it adopts the Greater Wellington Regional Council Annual Plan 2004/05 (subject only to minor editorial corrections).*

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