

PORIRUA CITY COUNCIL

Utilities Policy Group

05 February 2007

Chairperson and Members

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND LANDFILL JOINT COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

PURPOSE

To present revised Terms of Reference for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Landfill Joint Committee.

BACKGROUND

During December 2006, both the Wellington and Porirua City Councils agreed to:

- Confirm the combination of the Porirua Basin Drainage Authority and the Joint Services Committee into a single committee.
- Reduce the representation on the amended Joint Committee to four members with three from Porirua City Council and one from Wellington City Council; and
- Regard the Landfill Agreement and the Treatment Plant Agreement as amended accordingly

It was noted that Terms of Reference would be developed and brought through the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Landfill Joint Committee, for recommendation to both Councils, early in 2007.

DISCUSSION

As outlined in the reports to both Wellington and Porirua City Councils in December 2006, the primary function of the Joint Committee is providing a shared governance role for decision making relating to joint infrastructure projects serving Porirua and Wellington ratepayers. The Wastewater Treatment Plant and Landfill Joint Committee provides overview, input and policy formulation in the area of management and administration of joint services (Spicer Landfill and the Wastewater Treatment Plant), and makes recommendations on decisions across the broader infrastructural issues between the two Councils. Additionally, the amended Joint Committee represents a single reporting body for providing feedback to both Councils on all cross-boundary related infrastructural issues.

Draft Terms of Reference for the Joint Committee have been drafted for the Joint Committee's consideration, taking into account the above role. Included in the draft Terms of Reference are the powers to act that existed in Clause 6.2 of the Deed of Joint Works relating to the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Also included is the power to act in the area of setting of fees and charges related to the operation of the Spicer Valley Landfill and Wastewater Treatment Plant and in making decisions on acceptance of wastes into the Spicer Valley Landfill and the Wastewater Treatment Plant. It is believed that delegating these powers to the Joint Committee will improve the efficiency and effectiveness in the conduct of these areas.

CONCLUSION

The Wastewater Treatment Plant and Landfill Joint Committee provides a shared governance role for decision making relating to joint infrastructure projects serving Porirua and Wellington ratepayers.

The revised terms of reference includes additional power to act in the areas of setting fees and charges related to the operation of the Spicer Valley Landfill and Wastewater Treatment Plant, and in making decisions on acceptance of wastes into the Spicer Valley Landfill and the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Landfill Joint Committee recommend:

1. That the Porirua and Wellington City Councils adopt the Terms of Reference for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Landfill Joint Committee as appended to the report of the General Manager Utilities Policy dated 5 February 2007.

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Reviewed and approved for submission to Council by:

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GENERAL MANAGER UTILITIES POLICY

Attachments:

Draft Terms of Reference for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Landfill Joint Committee