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Report of the Meeting of the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee held in the Council Chamber, Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Wednesday, 2 May 2007 at 1.30 pm

Matters for Wellington Regional Council Decision are shown in bold type and enclosed in a box.

Matters for Information of the Wellington Regional Council are in italic type.

Present

Sir John Anderson (Chairperson)

Cr Buchanan (Wellington Regional Council)

Ms Crossan (independent appointee)

Cr Douglas (Porirua City Council)

Mayor Guppy (Upper Hutt City Council)

Professor Love (independent appointee)

Mayor Ogden (Lower Hutt City Council)

Mayor Staples (Combined Wairarapa Councils, substituting for Mayor Francis)

Cr Strachan (substituting for Mayor Milne, Kapiti Coast District Council)

Professor Callaghan

Ms Savage

Mayor Prendergast (Wellington City Council)

Officers Present

Benham, Gray, Davis, and Reay (Greater Wellington Regional Council)

Halstead (Kapiti Coast District Council)

Pedersen (Upper Hutt City Council)

Poole (Wellington City Council)

Spargo, (Wellington Regional Strategy Forum)

Kelly (Hutt City Council)

Public Business

Procedural Items

WRS 20 Apologies

Resolved

(Sir John Anderson/Cr Buchanan)

That the Committee

Accepts the apologies for absence from Mayors Francis and Milne.

WRS 21 Public Participation

No members of the public wished to participate in the meeting.

Matter for Decision

WRS 22 Wellington Regional Strategy Governance and Funding Proposal – Section 16 Mediation Agreement

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Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Ms Crossan)

That the Committee

1. *Receives the report.*

2. *Notes the content of the report.*

3. *Agrees to recommend to Greater Wellington changes to the WRS Governance and Funding Proposal, as amended by Greater Wellington on 22nd February 2007, as follows*

- i. *By 30 June 2011, a full and independent review of the effectiveness of the entire Wellington Regional Strategy be completed and reported to the WRS Committee. The WRS Committee must recommend whether or not GW will continue to carry out the function of regional economic development in accordance with clause 3(ii).*

- ii. *That GW will cease to carry out the function of regional economic development on 30 June 2012. Prior to 30 June 2012, if GW wishes to carry out the function of regional economic development after 30 June 2012, it must undertake the process set out in section 16 of the LGA 2002 or such other process that applies at that time*
- iii. *That the WRS Committee will require that the statement of corporate intent for the Regional Economic Development Agency (EDA) will include an explicit statement to record that capital or operational expenditure of community facilities or events are not activities that can be funded by the EDA.*
- iv. *That the terms of reference for the WRS committee (and any consequential changes required for the standing orders) will be amended so that the voting provisions for the following decisions will change from a simple majority to a 75% majority:*
- a. *Any decision resulting in a statutory consultation process under the LGA 2002 (such as establishing a new CCO)*
 - b. *Adoption of the statement of corporate intent for the EDA.*
 - c. *Appointment of directors of the EDA.*
 - d. *The following decisions relating to the review referred to in clause 3(i) above:*
 - *Agreeing the terms of reference;*
 - *Selecting the independent reviewer;*
 - *Decisions made on the recommendations following the review*
 - e. *Any significant amendments to the WRS.*

Noted

Greater Wellington will need to include a review of the funding allocation for the Economic development rate under section 101(3) of the Local Government Act 2002 (or subsequent equivalent provision) as part of its review of its revenue and financing policy for its 2009/ 10 Long Term Community Consultation Plan.

Other Matters

WRS 23 Questions

There were no questions.

WRS 24 General

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 1.45pm.

SIR JOHN ANDERSON
Chairman

Date:

Wellington Regional Council – 8 May 2007

To be moved:

That Council

Adopts the report of the meeting of the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee held on 2 May 2007, items WRS 20 to WRS 24 inclusive.