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Statement Review

## Regional Policy Statement Review

### 1. Purpose

The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee of progress around the review of the Regional Policy Statement.

### 2. Background

The Resource Management Act 1991 required Greater Wellington to commence a review, ten years after the Regional Policy Statement for the Wellington Region (RPS) became operative, in May 1995.

In December 2005, Greater Wellington reported on the progress towards the objectives in the RPS in "*Measuring up, 2005*", we then evaluated the effectiveness of the current provisions and sought feedback in response to a discussion document "*Our region – their future*" about what and how things should be managed differently by the next RPS.

### 3. Development of the next RPS

The evaluation part of the RPS review has now been completed and staff have been working with the region's iwi authorities, territorial authorities and key stakeholders to prepare the draft provisions (objectives, policies and methods) for the next RPS. These provisions will be discussed with Council in March 2007.

The key direction and implications of the draft provisions for district plans and for the Regional Land Transport Strategy will then be discussed with territorial authority elected representatives and the Regional Land Transport Committee in April 2007.

A workshop will also be held with the Wellington Regional Strategy (WRS) Committee to explain how elements from the WRS will be reflected in the RPS.

The RPS provisions will then be revised following feedback from this stage of consultation.

#### **4. RPS review newsletter and Website**

Greater Wellington's first RPS review newsletter has been prepared and will be circulated to organisations and persons with an interest in the RPS review during the week commencing 19 February 2007.

The newsletter will be tabled at the meeting.

The newsletter contains information about what's happened as part of the review so far, provides a summary of the responses received to *Our region – their future*, information about what's being done and what's ahead.

Greater Wellington's website has also been updated with information on the RPS review. This includes access to *Measuring up, 2005*, *Our region – their future*, more information about comments received, and a copy of the draft regionally significant issues.

The next newsletter will contain information on the key direction and implications of the draft provisions. The website will have full copies of the draft provisions. This newsletter will be released in April 2007 and will be available at the time of meeting with territorial authority representatives, the Regional Land Transport Committee and the WRS committee.

#### **5. Communication**

The RPS newsletter is to be distributed to 250 organisations or interested parties.

The March edition of *Elements* will contain a short article on the RPS review process, the release of the newsletter, the availability of information on Greater Wellington's website and who to contact should anyone wish to be further involved.

A copy of this Report is being provided to each territorial authority in the region to inform them of progress around the review of the RPS.

## 6. Recommendations

*It is recommended that the Committee:*

1. ***Receives the report; and***
2. ***Note the content.***

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