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REGIONAL COUNCIL

Report 07.191

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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 Monday, 16 April 2007 at 8.35 am

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 Milne (Kapiti Coast District Council)

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

Cr Styles (substituting for Mayor Ogden, Lower Hutt City Council)

In attendance

Cr Strachan (Kapiti Coast District Council).

Officers Present

Davis, Reay, and Ryan (Greater Wellington Regional Council)

McCaw and Spargo, (Wellington Regional Strategy Forum)

Pedersen (Upper Hutt City Council)

Poole (Wellington City Council)

Public Business

Procedural Items

WRS 11 Apologies

Resolved (Sir John Anderson/Cr Buchanan)

That the Committee

Accepts the apologies for absence from Mayors Ogden, Francis and Prendergast, Ms Savage and Professor Callaghan.

WRS 12 Public Participation

Lance Cottam of Trentham City Limited, Upper Hutt, urged that the final makeup of, and participation in, the committee fully represent the people of the region.

WRS 13 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved (Cr Buchanan/Mayor Milne)

That the public and public excluded Minutes of:

Wellington Regional Strategy Committee of 6 March 2007, Report 07.171 and Report PE 07.170.

be confirmed.

Matters for Information

WRS 14 Greater Wellington Standing Orders and Code of Conduct applying to the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee

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Resolved (Sir John Anderson/Cr Buchanan)

That the Committee

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the Greater Wellington Standing Orders and Code of Conduct applying to the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee.*

WRS 15 Update on Regional Economic Development Support Arrangements

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Paul Swallow and Richard Davies from the Ministry of Economic Development gave a *Powerpoint* presentation (hard-copy tabled).

Resolved

(Sir John Anderson/Cr Buchanan)

That the Committee:

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

WRS 16 Section 16 Mediation Update (oral report)

Jane Davis confirmed that both Upper Hutt City Council and Hutt City Council have both referred Greater Wellington's proposal to mediation and outlined the process to be followed. She reported that a mediator (Geoff Sharp) has been appointed and that a mediation meeting is to be held this coming Friday (20th April) with Tuesday 24th set aside as a reserve day if required.

WRS 17 Regional EDA Update (oral report)

Murray McCaw reported that the transition board is meeting weekly. Meetings have been held with Enterprise Kapiti and Go Wairarapa to discuss transition arrangements to be finalised by June 2007. The board has met with the Positively Wellington board to discuss changeover, and purchase of fixed assets. Work is proceeding to procure funding from MTU money for business incubators and centres of excellence.

Tabled

Regional EDA Board Appointment Process (Update) Jane Davis

Jane Davis updated the Committee on the process to appoint the EDA Board. She reminded the Committee that at its meeting on the 6th March it considered a process to identify the 7 people for appointment to the newly established regional economic development agency (Regional EDA Ltd). The Committee agreed to a process led by the Chairman of the WRS Committee and supported by the Chief Executives Group. She reminded that Committee that it is to make the final recommendations to Greater Wellington for the appointments. She then confirmed the process as set out below:

- Step 1 A search of relevant databases to be undertaken by officers (Greater Wellington)
- Step 2 Chief Executives to identify names, in consultation with Mayors/Chairman of Regional Council

- Step 3 Lists from Steps 1 and 2 combined into master list and supplied to all Chief Executives
- Step 4 Chief Executives to reduce the list to 10-15 names at CEG meeting on 13th April
- Step 5 Shortlist to be given to Sir John for consideration
- Step 6 7 names to be presented to WRS Committee by Sir John for consideration at its meeting on the 9th May
- Step 7 GW makes appointments on the recommendation of the WRS Committee (special meeting will be required in May)

Finally, she told the Committee that the Chief Executives have now completed the process up to Step 5.

Other Matters

WRS 18 Questions

There were no questions.

WRS 19 General

There was no general business.

The meeting closed at 9.24 am.

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 16 April 2007, items WRS 11 to WRS 19 inclusive.