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Wellington Regional Strategy Council Led Program Elements

1. Purpose

To inform the WRS Committee on Wellington Regional Strategy (WRS) implementation actions underway for the WRS where councils will take a primary role.

2. Significance of the decision

The matters for decision in this report **do not** trigger the significance policy of the Council or otherwise trigger section 76(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002.

3. Background

Across the 68 actions item areas set out in the Wellington Regional Strategy (WRS) local government has a key leadership and direct project management role in just over half.

For the balance of the actions the private sector, central government and entities such as the Regional Economic Development Agency (REDA) are best placed to take the lead. This requires an iterative process of linkage to the WRS Committee as these actions progress.

Set out in this report are those elements where priority action from local government is to be achieved.

4. Council Led Elements of the WRS

4.1 Basis for action

The Senior Officer Resource Team (SORT) has evaluated the range of matters for implementation action in the WRS where local government resources are specifically needed.

In addition, aspects of the WRS where local government needs to ensure it is aware of the initiatives of others, and can support or contribute to these has been considered. For example, helping align with and promote initiatives of REDA and others around broadband.

The result of this combined process is set out in **Attachment 1**.

As shown in the attached programme, SORT has nominated a 'champion' and resources to deliver the work strands.

It was noted through the process that there are areas of cross-over with REDA and other parties responsible for delivering aspects of the WRS. For these it was considered appropriate for SORT to identify, and/or develop, mechanisms to maintain an overview and alignment of any contributions from local government.

Two types of action relevant to the WRS have been highlighted by SORT:

Firstly, those that there is a collective view that a joint regional approach is needed to get the best results and no current mechanism or initiatives are in place to enable this to occur. Specific task plans and champions for these are required from the WRS process via the WRS Implementation Project and addressed via SORT and the Chief Executive Group.

Secondly, there are WRS relevant actions where councils (and others) already have initiatives underway (or plan to over the next 12 months), and the action from a WRS perspective is how best to connect with these and seek to promote alignment of approaches where possible.

4.2 Management and co-ordination across WRS elements

Co-ordination across the board on all 68 action areas in the WRS, plus review and reporting of progress, is to be undertaken by via a WRS Implementation Project undertaken by the WRS Project Office.

This is to provide the ongoing platform for WRS project management, stakeholder engagement, monitoring and reporting, and development of advice as required.

Progress on operational aspects will be reported into the local government Chief Executive Group. Information and advice across all aspects of the WRS will be furnished to the WRS Committee for its guidance and direction, to keep it informed of relevant matters, and to address any issues arising.

5. Communication

No specific communication response is needed on the material canvassed in this report.

6. Recommendations

That the Committee:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the contents of the report.*

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Attachment 1: Council-led WRS Elements