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## Report on the Regional Sustainability Committee meeting held on 25 February 2009

### 1. Purpose

To inform Council about the meeting of the Regional Sustainability Committee that took place on 25 February 2009.

### 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

#### 3.1 CCP Milestone 1: Regional greenhouse gas emissions inventory

Alison Lash, CCP Project Manager, presented her report, explaining the reasons for now using a regional inventory for 2006/07 that was established by Landcare Research Ltd as opposed to one for 2001 that used data supplied by the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI).

Alison made some national and international comparisons, showing that the regions' emissions were relatively low compared to national emissions, but both were still high when compared with the international situation.

Councillors agreed that reducing emissions was important but emphasised that Greater Wellington also had an important role in climate change adaptation.

There was support for the Council Chair's suggestion that we work more closely with other regional councils on climate change issues and it was agreed that this should be pursued by the Chair.

### **3.2 Sustainable energy projects**

Bruce Geden, Special Projects Coordinator presented a paper outlining a range of initiatives which had been subjected to a cost/value assessment. It was agreed that a timetable for specific actions required should be prepared for the next meeting and that this should be used as a basis for discussion with city and district councils in the region, along with other potential partners in government and the private sector.

It was acknowledged that the lack of availability of user-friendly information about sustainability actions was a constraint.

### **4. Unconfirmed minutes**

The unconfirmed minutes of the committee meeting are attached as *Attachment 1*.

### **5. Recommendations**

*That the Committee:*

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

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**Attachment 1: Unconfirmed minutes**