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## Report on the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee meeting held on 30 November 2010

### 1. Purpose

To inform the Council about the meeting of the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee that took place on 30 November 2010.

### 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. Report

#### 3.1 Election of Chair and Deputy Chair

The Committee re-elected Sir John Anderson as the chair of the Committee, and Councillor Wilde Deputy Chair. The Terms of Reference for the Committee require that the chair be a non-local government member.

#### 3.2 Wairarapa Representation on the Committee

The Committee considered whether the three Wairarapa Councils should have direct representation on the Committee. Currently the three Councils are represented by one person, Mayor Adrienne Staples from South Wairarapa District Council. Mayor Daniell from Masterton District Council is her alternate. The representation was agreed at the time the Committee was established and is reflected in the Committee's Terms of Reference.

After some debate the Committee agreed that, although they agreed in principle, the matter of representation should be included in the independent review of the WRS which is currently underway, rather than making changes outside that process.

### **3.3 Broadband update**

The Committee was given an update of the work being undertaken to support the Government's rollout of fast broadband infrastructure. This includes working with Crown Fibre Holdings and the Ministry of Economic Development as they develop deployment standards and establish trials for broadband deployment options new to New Zealand (including shallow and micro trenching).

In addition to work with the central government agencies, there are five workstreams currently underway within the broadband project:

- region-wide rules for new trenching technologies
- region-wide rules for aerial deployment
- coordination of road openings
- regional agreed policy for access to local government assets
- rural deployment.

Details of these workstreams were provided to the Committee.

### **3.4 Grow Wellington Update**

The Board of Grow Wellington attended the meeting and along with the Chief Executive Officer provided an update to the Committee of Grow Wellington's recent activities. Details were provided in a written report included in the agenda.

As well as the more general projects the Committee was given details about the successful Bright Ideas Challenge.

## **4. Unconfirmed minutes**

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

## **5. Recommendations**

*That the Council:*

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

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**Attachment 1: Unconfirmed minutes**