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Committee Council
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Rail operations safety reporting

1. Purpose

To inform Councillors of the proposed template for quarterly rail safety reporting.

2. The decision-making process and significance

No decision is being sought in this report.

Officers consider this report to be a briefing on how the rail safety reports will be presented in the future.

3. Background

In August 2013 a paper (13.687) was presented to Council that outlined the rail safety roles and responsibilities of the various parties involved in the delivery of Metlink rail services in the Wellington Region.

The paper described the framework provided by the Railways Act 2005 for operating rail vehicles and providing the rail network and set out the rail safety obligations on all rail participants, including GWRC and GWRL. Attached to the paper was a fulsome description of GWRC's and GWRL's legal position contained in advice from Kensington Swan. Please note that the legal advice did not consider GWRC's obligations under the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992.

Amongst the recommendations of the legal opinion was advice on good practice, essentially stating *“that GWRC and GWRL should continue to exercise careful monitoring and supervision of the rail activities, but that this does not mean they should seek to get involved in the development of KiwiRail's safety case, or its rail services or maintenance operations.”*

Since the August report officers have continued to discuss safety reporting with KiwiRail and have reviewed the structure and content of the reporting to GWRC and the GWRL Board with a view to expanding the safety sections. GWRC is now receiving more comprehensive safety reporting and it is

expected that the reporting will continue to evolve over time. In addition we have also received a full copy of NZTA's annual audit of KiwiRail's safety licence.

4. Proposed format for GWRC Committee and GWRL Board quarterly reporting

It is proposed that the information listed below be produced quarterly for the Council and the GWRL Board. Information will be provided for the quarter and for the year-to-date, broken down into TranzMetro, Rolling Stock Maintenance, KiwiRail Network, and GWRC Rail Operations.

1. NZTA Audit – number of open Conditions (Conditions relate to matters raised by NZTA that must be rectified for KiwiRail to keep their operating Safety Licence, i.e. the Licence is conditional on the Condition being satisfied)
2. NZTA Audit – number of open Recommendations (Recommendations are not mandatory)
3. Passenger harm – number of incidents
4. Notifiable occurrences/major incidents – number of occurrences/incidents
5. Moderate incidents – number of incidents
6. SPAD-As – number (Signal Passed at Danger due to driver error)
7. Total harm injuries – number of injuries

Other commentary on specific incidents or developing issues will be included where relevant. Where targets exist these will be reported on.

The first quarterly report will be provided for the July – September 2013 quarter.

5. Communication

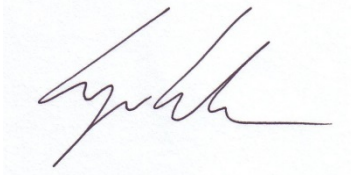
No communication is considered necessary.

6. Recommendations

That the Council:

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

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