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Wellington Regional Economic Development Agency final Statement of Intent

1. Purpose

To receive the final Statement of Intent for the Wellington Regional Economic Development Agency (WREDA).

2. Background

Under the Local Government Act 2002, council controlled organisations are required to submit a draft Statement of Intent to the shareholders on or by 1 March. As a matter of good practice, the Wellington Regional Strategy (WRS) Committee precedes this with a Letter of Expectation which outlines any matters to be considered in respect of the draft Statement of Intent.

Following the Committee's review of the draft Statement of Intent, WREDA must produce their final Statement of Intent by 30 June 2017.

3. Comment

The WRS Committee (the Committee) considered WREDA's draft Statement of Intent at its meeting on 30 March. As a result of that meeting the Committee sent a letter to WREDA outlining the matters they wanted addressed in the final Statement of Intent.

In summary the key points were:

- Increasing job attraction targets
- Further development of Major Events
- International Student Programme going forward
- Expansion of Creative HQs activities

- Specific actions in a number of areas.

The letter from the Committee is included as **Attachment 1**. WREDA's final Statement of Intent 2017-19 is included as **Attachment 2**.

Officers have reviewed the final Statement of Intent 2017-19, and note that the comments raised in the Committee's letter have largely been responded to.

In particular:

- Targets and performance measures have been made more ambitious
- Creative HQs activities have been expanded and their performance metrics are now more meaningful
- More specific actions have been outline in the areas targeted
- Additional information as requested is provided.

4. The decision-making process and significance

Officers recognise that the matters referenced in this report may have a high degree of importance to affected or interested parties.

The matters requiring decision in this report have been considered by officers against the requirements of Part 6 of the Local Government Act 2002 (the Act). Part 6 sets out the obligations of local authorities in relation to the making of decisions.

4.1 Significance of the decision

Part 6 requires Greater Wellington Regional Council to consider the significance of the decision. The term 'significance' has a statutory definition set out in the Act.

Officers have considered the significance of the matter, taking the Council's significance and engagement policy and decision-making guidelines into account. Officers recommend that the matter be considered to have low significance.

Officers do not consider that a formal record outlining consideration of the decision-making process is required in this instance.

4.2 Engagement

In accordance with the significance and engagement policy, no engagement on the matters for decision is required.

5. Recommendations

That the Committee:

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

3. *Notes that WREDA has constructively addressed the requested changes to their final Statement of Intent.*
4. *Receives WREDA's final Statement of Intent.*

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Attachment 1: Letter from the WRS Committee to WREDA

Attachment 2: WREDA's final Statement of Intent 2017-19