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Minutes of the Meeting of the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee held in the Council Chamber, Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Monday, 3 December 2007 at 8.35 am

Present

Sir John Anderson (Appointee, Chairman)

Mayor Brash (Porirua City Council)

Ms Crossan (Appointee)

Mayor Guppy (Upper Hutt City Council)

Mayor Rowan (Kapiti Coast District Council)

Mayor Ogden (Lower Hutt City Council)

Mayor Prendergast (Wellington City Council)

Ms Savage (Appointee)

Mayor Staples (South Wairarapa District Council)

Councillor Wilde (Wellington Regional Council)

In Attendance

Councillors Bruce, Donaldson, and Glensor (Wellington Regional Council), McCaw (Regional Economic Development Agency Ltd - REDA).

Officers Present

Benham, Davis, & Reay (Greater Wellington Regional Council)

Blakeley (Porirua City Council)

Pedersen (Upper Hutt City Council)

Halstead (Kapiti Coast District Council)

Kirkpatrick (REDA Ltd)

Poole (Wellington City Council)

Spargo (Wellington Regional Strategy Project)

Stallinger (Hutt City Council)

Public Business

Procedural Items

Councillor Wilde occupied the Chair until the election of the Chairperson took place.

WRS 09 **Apologies**

Resolved (Cr Wilde/Cr Brash)

That the Committee:

- *Accepts the apology for lateness from Professor Callaghan.*
- *Accepts the resignation of Professor Callaghan from the Committee.*
- *Asks the local authority Chief Executives Group of the Wellington Territorial Authorities to provide lists of suitable candidates to replace the appointee position vacated by Professor Callaghan.*

WRS 10 **Public Participation**

No members of the public wished to participate in the meeting.

WRS 11 **Conflict of Interest Declarations**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

WRS 12 **Election of chair and deputy chair**

Nominated:

(1) Chair:

Sir John Anderson (Cr Wilde /Mayor Prendergast)

Sir John Anderson was elected unopposed.

(2) Deputy Chair:

Councillor Wilde (Sir John Anderson /Mayor Staples)

Mayor Guppy (Mayor Ogden)

As there was no seconder to the nomination by Mayor Ogden, and Mayor Guppy indicated that he did not wish to be considered, Councillor Wilde was elected unopposed as Deputy Chair.

Sir John Anderson took the Chair.

Matter for Decision

WRS 13 **Regional EDA Draft Statement of Intent 2007/2008**

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Resolved

(Mayor Prendergast/Mayor Rowan)

That the Committee

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Agrees to provide the following feedback to the REDA Board:*
 - i) *The Committee is pleased with the progress made by the Board on transferring its programmes into the WRS framework.*
 - ii) *The Committee expects that the REDA will consult with the Local Government Chief Executives Group in the development of the draft Statement of Intent 2008/2009.*
 - iii) *The Committee looks forward to the draft statement of intent 2008/2009, and to further progress in the alignment of REDA's programme with the WRS framework.*
 - iv) *That reference to the Wellington Regional Labour Market Strategy is included in the provisions for Centres of Excellence.*
 - v) *That more information is included on the broadband project to accurately reflect the roles of the different agencies involved, and how REDA will promote the uptake of broadband in the region.*
 - vi) *That more information is provided on the Long Haul project, so that the context of REDA's involvement can be better understood.*
4. *Agrees to the Funding Deed as set out in Attachment 2.*
5. *Authorises the Chairman of the Committee to sign the Funding Deed, subject to clarification of the reference to the WRS review progress.*

Matters for Information

WRS 14 Regional EDA Ltd Activity Update

Oral Report

Nigel Kirkpatrick, Chief Executive of the Regional Economic Development Agency, gave a *Powerpoint* presentation.

Mr Kirkpatrick reported that:

- He was appointed on 1 November 2007
- The EDA had been concentrating on governance since then, and held a Board strategy day on 3 November 2007.

The EDA has been working on the following sectors:

- Film Wellington,
- Manufacturing
- Food and Beverage
- Education
- Primary
- Growing businesses
- Immigration
- Broadband

EDA priorities are:

- Development of centres of excellence,
- Supporting priority sectors
- Growing individual businesses
- Improving Broadband coverage
- Measurement

Noted

Mr Kirkpatrick agreed to provide the Committee with copies of the presentation table titled “Expenses – 4 months”.

WRS 15 Genuine Progress Indicator Framework for WRS

Report 07.812

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Resolved

(Sir John Anderson/Cr Wilde)

That the Committee

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report and proposed timing for implementing the GPI framework.*

WRS 16 EMA Incorporated (Central), MSD and Wellington Regional Strategy Joint Implementation Project

Report 07.816

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Resolved

(Sir John Anderson/Mayor Ogden)

That the Committee

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the content of the report.*
- 3. Acknowledges the valuable support, involvement and leadership being provided by the Ministry of Social Development, and Employers and Manufacturers Incorporated (Central) around WRS implementation*
- 4. Requests the preparation of a letter to be sent to the Ministry of Social Development and Employers and Manufacturers Incorporated (Central) on the Committee's behalf acknowledging their involvement and leadership with the WRS project.*

Other Matters

WRS 17 Questions

There were no questions.

WRS 18 General

It was agreed that the draft meeting schedule for 2008 may need to be amended.

The meeting closed at 10.47 am.

SIR JOHN ANDERSON
Chairman

Date: