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Committee Council
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Report on the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee meeting held on 30 June 2011.

1. Purpose

To inform the Council about the meeting of the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee that took place on 30 June 2011.

2. The decision-making process and significance

No decision is being sought in this report.

3. Report

3.1 Wellington Regional Strategy Review

The Committee discussed the continuation of regional economic development and agreed to recommend to the Council that the Wellington Regional Strategy (WRS) continue. The WRS will be a key issue of consultation during the development of Greater Wellington's Long Term Plan. The Chair, Sir John, emphasised that in order to see results from the WRS it is important that all Territorial Authorities take ownership of the strategy as well as engaging in a collaborative approach to development in the region.

The Committee agreed to a process to develop the Statement of Proposal for the Greater Wellington Long Term Plan 2012 – 22. The Committee agreed workshops would be helpful in the process, as well as being a forum to debate fundamental issues. It was noted individual councils will also discuss the activity as the proposal is developed. If the Strategy was to be continued, both the Carterton District Council and Masterton District Council wished to see more of a focus on the Wairarapa.

3.2 Grow Wellington Projects Update

The Chair and CEO of Grow Wellington updated the Committee on recent projects. The Committee discussed issues surrounding the projects including developing and maintaining relationships, particularly within the research and development sector. The Committee thanked Mr McCaw for his work during his time as the Chair of Grow Wellington as this was the last Committee meeting he would attend.

3.3 Wellington Regional Genuine Progress Index 2001-2010

The Committee adopted the Genuine Progress Index (GPI) Report. The GPI measures the progress and wellbeing of the region. From mid-July the information contained in the report will be available on the Greater Wellington WRS website, where it will be continually updated as new statistics become available.

The Committee discussed the importance of the health aspects of the GPI for the community and noted it was important to work with District Health Boards and others on this issue.

The Committee expressed an interest in exploring the reasons behind some of the indicators. Officers were asked to consider an ongoing work programme and bring this back to the Committee.

3.4 Grow Wellington Chair Remuneration

The Committee agreed to increase the remuneration for the Chair of Grow Wellington to reflect the upcoming demands and workload of the role.

3.5 WRS Office Update

The Committee noted that the Wellington Regional Strategy Office has been involved in a number of recent activities, including participating in the regional Broadband Operational Group, assisting with the WRS review and Genuine Progress Index and facilitating the regional urban design working group.

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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