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Proposed overseas travel – Councillor Glensor

1. Purpose

To seek approval for Councillor Peter Glensor, in his capacity as Chair of the Economic Wellbeing Committee, to travel to Australia to investigate different contracting models for rail.

2. The decision-making process and significance

The matter requiring decision in this report has been considered by officers against the requirements of Part 6 of the Local Government Act 2002.

2.1 Significance of the decision

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

3. Comment on proposed travel

Greater Wellington's contract with KiwiRail relating to the provision of the rail service and rolling stock maintenance expires in 2016. Greater Wellington has a duty to obtain the best value for any such contract. Based on current expenditure a ten year contract would be in the order of \$600 million.

To ensure that any future contract is awarded under a sound process and provides best value for all stakeholders, Greater Wellington proposes to learn from the experiences of other rail operators and authorities.

It is proposed that a visit be made to Perth, Melbourne and Sydney to discuss with rail operators and authorities aspects of their contractual arrangements and the procurement processes that were undertaken.

The visit is scheduled for Sunday 1 July to Friday 6 July 2012.

Greater Wellington staff who will be involved in the discussions are the Chief Executive, Chief Financial Officer, General Manager Public Transport, and Manager Rail Operations.

The estimated cost of Councillor Glensor's proposed trip is \$4,000 (including airfares and land transport, accommodation, meals and insurance). This cost will be met by Greater Wellington.

4. Communication

No communication is required in relation to this report.

5. Recommendations

That the Council

1. ***Receives** the report.*
2. ***Notes** the content of the report.*
3. ***Approves** Cr Glensor's travel to Australia from 1 July to 6 July 2012 regarding contracting models for rail.*
4. ***Notes** that the cost of the travel, estimated at \$4,000, will be met by Greater Wellington Regional Council.*

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