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## Report of the Wellington Regional Strategy Hearing Committee

### 1. Purpose

This report outlines the recommendation of the Wellington Regional Strategy (WRS) Committee on the Wellington Regional Strategy Proposal following the consideration of written and oral submissions. The Proposal formed part of the draft Long-Term Plan 2012-2022.

### 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 (the Act).

#### 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. Officers recommend that the matter be considered to have high significance.

#### 2.2 The decision-making process

Officers advise that a decision-making process is explicitly prescribed for this decision by the sections of the Local Government Act 2002 relating to the Long-Term Plan. That prescribed process includes using the special consultative procedure.

In light of this assessment of significance and the other factors relevant to the process for making this decision, the WRS Committee considered the reasonable practicable options as set out in the Wellington Regional Strategy Proposal (Attachment 1 to Report 12.194).

Officers consider that, in light of their assessment of significance, any more intensive identification and assessment of options than has been undertaken is not warranted.

Officers have also considered the need to take account of the community's views and preferences in relation to this matter. Submissions were called for as part of the draft Long-Term Plan process, and the WRS Committee considered the written and oral submissions on 17 May 2012. The summary of submissions was included in Report 12.194 to the WRS Committee.

### 3. Background

The Proposal to continue the Wellington Regional Strategy activity formed part of Greater Wellington's draft Long-Term Plan 2012-2022 (draft Plan). The draft Plan was released for public consultation on 26 March 2012.

In total 980 submissions were received that pertained to the Wellington Regional Strategy activity. The number of submissions grouped according to those who supported or opposed the continuation of the Wellington Regional Strategy is as follows:

Support	587
Oppose	381
Unsure	<u>12</u>
Total	980

A summary of the written submissions was prepared for consideration by the WRS Committee, along with a recommendation from officers (**Attachment 1** which is a copy of Report 12.194). A copy of this report, including a copy of the draft Proposal, is appended as Attachment 1.

### 4. Deliberations

The WRS Committee met on 17 May to consider the submissions received including hearing three oral submissions. The hearing was chaired by the Deputy Chair of the Committee, Fran Wilde, in the absence of the Chair, Sir John Anderson.

The WRS Committee reviewed and considered all the written submissions, and matters raised by oral submissions.

Consideration was given to each separate topic identified in the summary of submissions, along with the officers' recommendations.

Many of the comments raised by submitters are relevant to the refresh and implementation of the Wellington Regional Strategy, particularly those comments relating to sustainable economic growth and sustainability. The WRS Committee wished to note that the comments made by submitters will be a useful input into the process of refreshing the Wellington Regional Strategy.

The WRS Committee recommends to the Council that the Wellington Regional Strategy Proposal be approved with no changes.

### 5. Communication

No communications are planned resulting from this report.

## **6. Recommendations**

*That the Council:*

- 1. **Receives** the report.*
- 2. **Notes** the content of the report.*
- 3. **Approves** the Wellington Regional Strategy Proposal as set out in the draft Long-Term Plan 2012-2022 with no changes.*

Report approved by:

**Fran Wilde**  
Deputy Chair, Wellington Regional Strategy  
Committee

Attachment 1 Copy of Report 12.194 to the WRS Committee