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Committee Council  
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## Electric car infrastructure in the Wellington Region

### 1. Purpose

To advise the Council of a recent recommendation made by the Sustainable Transport Committee (the Committee).

### 2. Background

At its meeting on 1 December 2015, the Committee received a notice of motion from its Deputy Chair, Cr Sue Kedgley. A copy of the report, containing the notice of motion is attached as **Attachment 1** to this report.

The Committee was advised that officers had been undertaking work on electric vehicles. Officers propose to coordinate a symposium on electric vehicles in the new year, hosted by Greater Wellington Regional Council to bring together key stakeholders and map out a future direction.

After debating the issue, the Committee recommended the following matters to Council for decision:

- 1. That officers convene a working group consisting of representatives of councils in the region, the Wellington Electricity company, Drive Electric, Charge Net and any other company or organisation with an interest in electric car infrastructure, to promote the installation of a network of fast charging stations for electric vehicles in the Wellington region, so that electric car drivers have the freedom and range to go anywhere they want in the Wellington region.*
- 2. That Greater Wellington Regional Council demonstrates its leadership on electric vehicles by undertaking to replace existing vehicles with electric vehicles when there are sufficient charging stations in place in the region, and suitable vehicles available, and requests that the Chief Executive provides a report to Council on the options for replacing its existing car fleet with electric vehicles by March 2016.*

3. *That the Committee notes the proposal to coordinate a symposium on electric vehicles in the new year, hosted by Greater Wellington Regional Council to bring together key stakeholders and map out a future direction.*

### **3. Communication**

The Council's decision will be communicated to key stakeholders.

### **4. The decision-making process and significance**

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 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.

The significance of the matter has been considered, taking the Council's significance and engagement policy and decision-making guidelines into account. It is recommended that the matter be considered to have low significance.

It is not considered 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 Council:*

1. ***Receives** the report.*
2. ***Notes** the content of the report.*
3. ***Requests** that officers convene a working group consisting of representatives of councils in the region, the Wellington Electricity company, Drive Electric, Charge Net and any other company or organisation with an interest in electric car infrastructure, to promote the installation of a network of fast charging stations for electric vehicles in the Wellington region, so that electric car drivers have the freedom and range to go anywhere they want in the Wellington region.*
4. *Demonstrates its leadership on electric vehicles by **undertaking** to replace existing vehicles with electric vehicles when there are sufficient charging*

*stations in place in the region, and suitable vehicles available, and requests that the Chief Executive provides a report to Council on the options for replacing its existing car fleet with electric vehicles by March 2016.*

5. *Notes the proposal to coordinate a symposium on electric vehicles in the new year, hosted by Greater Wellington Regional Council to bring together key stakeholders and map out a future direction.*

Report approved by:

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Attachment 1: Report 15.595 – Notice of motion to Sustainable Transport Committee