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Report on the Sustainable Transport Committee meeting, 1 December 2015

1. Purpose

To inform the Council of the Sustainable Transport Committee meeting of 1 December 2015.

2. Public Participation

Ian Shearer spoke to item 9 - Notice of motion from Councillor Sue Kedgley, about different fast charging stations across Europe for electric cars including fast charging stations. He explained how these had been widely introduced in parts of Europe.

3. Reports

3.1 Notice of Motion – Cr Sue Kedgley

The Committee endorsed, for consideration by Council, a motion from Cr Kedgley to the effect that Greater Wellington Regional Council:

- Convenes a working group to promote the installation of a network of fast charging stations across the region
- Undertakes to replace its already existing fleet with electric vehicles once there are suitable electric vehicles available and a sufficient number of fast charging stations, and
- Holds a symposium with key stakeholders (including territorial authorities) to map out a direction.

3.2 Report from WCC Transport and Urban Development Committee (Cr Andy Foster)

Councillor Foster updated the Committee on the work of the Transport and Urban Development Committee (TUDC) at the Wellington City Council.

Cr Foster referred to the progress of the cycle ways in the city and on the Hutt Road. At present, there are two working groups for the eastern suburbs and central city to consult and decide on the appropriate routes. The Hutt Road cycle way will go straight to design, as the current route is the only one possible on that road.

The Committee noted that the TUDC was planning medium density housing in several centres with the intention that this housing would provide additional choice including for Wellington's growing elderly population.

3.3 Transport Perceptions Survey

The Committee received a report on the findings of the Transport Perceptions Survey (the TPS). The TPS provides public perceptions of travel to inform regional indicators. Wellington residents were last surveyed by the TPS in 2012. The survey asks respondents about their experiences in and perceptions on a number of areas including travelling around the region, cycling, getting around the region using a private car, and walking.

3.4 PTOM bus tendering – Services timetable update

The Committee received information on the review of bus service timetables for the Public Transport Operating Model (PTOM) tendering process. In preparation for tendering bus services under PTOM, a review of all bus service timetables in the public transport network needs to be undertaken.

The Committee discussed the proposed changes to the school bus services. The challenges the Committee identified were how to inform schools, students and parents about proposed changes to school bus routes with the limited timeframe. The Committee decided to delay any changes to the current bus routes to the following term so that adequate notice could be given to affected parents and students. The Committee also requested that the Chief Executive report back to it with further details on the proposed changes to school bus services at the next Sustainable Transport meeting on 16 February 2016.

4. The decision-making process and significance

No decision is being sought in this report.

4.1 Engagement

Engagement on this matter is unnecessary.

5. Recommendations

That the Council:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the content of the report.*

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