



greater WELLINGTON
REGIONAL COUNCIL

Report 08.588

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Unconfirmed Minutes of the meeting of the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee held in the Council Chamber, Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Wednesday, 13 August 2008 at 10.05 am

Present

Sir John Anderson (Independent Appointee, Chairman)

Mayor Brash (Porirua City Council)

Mayor Guppy (Upper Hutt City Council)

Cr McKinnon (substituting for Mayor Prendergast, Wellington City Council)

Mayor Ogden (Lower Hutt City Council)

Mayor Rowan (Kapiti Coast District Council)

Mayor Staples (South Wairarapa District Council)

Paora Ammunson (Independent Appointee)

Diana Crossan (Independent Appointee)

Catherine Savage (Independent Appointee)

Professor Ngatata Love (Independent Appointee)

Councillor Wilde (Greater Wellington Regional Council)

In Attendance

Councillors Bruce and Glensor (Greater Wellington Regional Council); Messrs Kirkpatrick & McCaw (Grow Wellington).

Officers Present

Benham, Davis, McGregor, Reay, Ryan, Spargo, and Thornton (Greater Wellington Regional Council); Pedersen (Upper Hutt City Council); Desborough & Poole (Wellington City Council); Kelly (Hutt City Council); Blakeley (Porirua District Council).

Public Business

The committee observed a minute of silence in respect for Phil Lewin, well respected diplomat and business advocate who recently passed away.

WRS 49 **Apologies**

Apologies for absence from Mayor Prendergast, for lateness from Mayors Guppy, Ogden, and Staples; and Mr Ammunson, and for early departure from Ms Savage, were received and accepted.

WRS 50 **Conflict of Interest**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

WRS 51 **Public Participation**

No members of the public wished to participate in the meeting.

WRS 52 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Resolved (Cr Wilde/Sir John Anderson)

That the Committee:

Confirms the public and public excluded minutes of the meeting of 4 June 2008, Reports 08.08.412 and PE 08.414.

WRS 53 **Regional Freight Transport**

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Liz Ward, CEO of CentrePort, gave a *Powerpoint* presentation.

Resolved (Sir John Anderson/Cr Wilde)

That the Committee

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

Mr Ammunson joined the meeting at 10.14 am.
Mayor Guppy joined the meeting at 10.28 am.
Mayor Ogden joined the meeting at 10.44 am.

WRS 54 Paraparaumu Airport Development

Oral report

Noel Robinson, Director, Paraparaumu Airport Holdings Ltd, gave a *Powerpoint* presentation.

Mayor Staples joined the meeting at 10. 42 am.

WRS 55 Broadband Update and Funding Application Process

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Paul Desborough, leader of the Broadband Operating Group, gave a *Powerpoint* presentation.

Resolved

(Sir John Anderson/Cr Wilde)

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Agrees that a Wellington Region Expression of Interest to the Broadband Investment Fund be submitted through this Committee.*
3. *Agrees to delegate to the Chairman of the WRS Committee authority to sign a covering letter and application document.*
3. *Notes the proposed process that each council formally agree to a regional bid, subject to further report back on governance and funding structures.*
4. *Notes the likely timeframes for this process are Expressions of Interest by 30 September, 2008, and final bids by March 2009.*

WRS 55 Wellington Regional Labour Market Strategy – Next Steps

Report 08.574

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Resolved

(Sir John Anderson/Professor Love)

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*

2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Confirms the WRS Committee role to receive Wellington Regional Labour Market Strategy information, and offer support, leadership and advocacy where it appropriately can.*
4. *Agrees that a Wellington Regional Labour Market Strategy Operational Governance Group should be established, and instructs officers to work with the Wellington Regional Labour Market Strategy Partners to establish the group.*

WRS 56 Labour Market In-depth Regional Report

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Mike Styles, Labour Market Knowledge Manager, Department of Labour, gave a *Powerpoint* presentation.

Resolved

(Sir John Anderson/Cr Wilde)

That the Committee:

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

WRS 57 Grow Wellington Application for New Zealand Trade and Enterprise Funding

Report 08.566

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Resolved

(Cr Wilde/Ms Crossan)

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Authorises the Chairman of the WRS Committee to sign a letter supporting the Grow Wellington application to New Zealand Trade and Enterprise for funding from the Regional Strategy Fund for its Centres of Excellence programme.*

WRS 58 **WRS Projects Update**

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Resolved

(Sir John Anderson/Cr Wilde)

That the Committee:

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

The open part of the meeting closed at 12.37 pm.

SIR JOHN ANDERSON

Chairman

Date