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Process for considering submissions on the proposed Regional Land Transport Strategy 2010 – 2040

1. Purpose

To outline the process for handling submissions, both at this meeting and following the consideration of submissions.

2. Significance of the decision

The matters for decision in this report **do not** trigger the significance policy of the Council or otherwise trigger section 76(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002.

3. Hearing submitters

This meeting is part of the public consultation phase on the proposed Regional Land Transport Strategy 2010 – 2040 (proposed Strategy). The Regional Transport Committee (the Committee) will hear those submitters who wish to present their submissions orally.

Consideration of all submissions and a decision on any consequent changes to the proposed Strategy will be determined at the 16 June 2010 Committee meeting.

3.1 Oral presentations

The purpose of this meeting is to hear oral presentations in support of written submissions. At the time of writing, 3 submitters have requested that they be heard on the proposed Strategy.

Ten minutes have been allocated to each submitter. This allows approximately five minutes for the submitter to present their key points and five minutes for Committee members to ask questions of clarification.

Please note that the hearings timetable is, at the time of writing, being confirmed. The final timetable will be provided at the meeting on 29 April 2010.

3.2 Principles of consultation

Six principles of consultation are set out in the Local Government Act 2002 (the Act). One of these principles is that views presented to a local authority should be accepted with an open mind, and should be given due consideration by the local authority, in making a decision.

It is consistent with best practice that members hearing submissions must be present for the duration of the hearing of the oral submissions.

3.3 Submissions received

At the time of writing, submissions had not closed. Only six submissions have been received, with three submitters wishing to be heard. Submissions close on 23 April 2010. A copy of submissions received on the proposed Strategy will be provided at the meeting.

A copy of the submissions received from those who wish to be heard will be emailed to committee members on Monday 26 April.

4. Decision Process

Deliberation on all submissions as well as officer recommendations will occur at the 16 June 2010 Committee meeting.

4.1 Process after consideration of submissions

A final version of the proposed Strategy, reflecting the outcomes of the deliberations, will be considered by the Committee at the 14 September 2010 meeting.

It is proposed that formal responses be sent to submitters following the final decision on the proposed Strategy. These responses should originate from the Regional Transport Committee Chairperson. Under the Local Government Act 2002, reasons must be given for decisions made, including a decision not to take any action.

5. Recommendations

That the Committee:

1. ***Receives the report;***
2. ***Hears the oral submissions;***
3. ***Agrees to hear oral submissions on the proposed Regional Land Transport Strategy 2010 – 2040 in the manner set out in section 3 of this report.***

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