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Report on the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee meeting held on 29 April 2010

1. Purpose

To inform Council about the meeting of the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee that took place on 29 April 2010.

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. Report

3.1 Consideration of submissions on Creative HQ CCO Proposal

At its meeting in February the Committee agreed to ask Greater Wellington to initiate a consultation process on a proposal to create a Council Controlled Organisation (CCO) for Creative HQ. This proposal was subsequently published as part of the Council's Draft Annual Plan documentation.

In total 33 submissions were received. Two submitters (Frank Cook and Michael Taylor) wished to be heard and presented their submissions to the Committee.

The Committee will consider the proposal and all the submissions at its next meeting in June.

3.2 Grow Wellington 6 Monthly Report to December 2009

Murray McCaw, Chairperson of Grow Wellington and Nigel Kirkpatrick, CEO of Grow Wellington, presented the company's Six-Monthly report to

December 2009. Mr McCaw apologised for an error in the financial statement and distributed an updated version of the financial pages.

Mr Kirkpatrick then gave a presentation on two projects: “Bright Ideas” and “Education Wellington”.

3.3 Broadband Project update

Melanie Thornton, WRS Project Leader, updated the Committee on the activities supporting the rollout of broadband. The Government will shortly announce its preferred Local Fibre Companies. It is also progressing its rural broadband proposal.

The Broadband Operating Group is actively working with the Ministry of Economic Development and others to ready this region for the start of the fibre optic rollout.

3.4 Report back from Copenhagen – Mayor Prendergast

Mayor Prendergast recently attended the C40 meeting of the world’s largest cities which was run concurrently to the World Climate Change Summit in Copenhagen. The key message she presented to the Committee was that cities, rather than national states, will make the biggest impact in reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Mayor Prendergast’s presentation included a number of initiatives being undertaken by cities around the world, and in particular Copenhagen, to mitigate climate change.

3.5 WRS Office update

Melanie Thornton updated the Committee on the various WRS projects currently underway.

3.6 Appointment to WRS Committee

The Committee considered a recommendation to appoint a non-local government person to the currently vacant position on the Committee. This is the subject of a separate report to the Council.

4. Recommendations

That the Council:

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

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Attachment 1: Unconfirmed Public Minutes