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Quality Partnership Agreement (QPA) – Hutt Valley

1. Purpose

To adopt a Quality Partnership Agreement for the Hutt Valley.

2. Background

The QPA for Wellington City has been in operation for some five years now and has proved a very useful mechanism to promote and achieve improvements to passenger transport services. The Committee recently agreed to extend the QPA concept to the Hutt Valley because of the major changes being made to bus services in that area. Preliminary meetings were held with the mayors of Upper Hutt City and the Hutt City to gauge the level of interest. A conversation was also had with a senior representative of Stagecoach New Zealand as the principal operator of services in the Valley. The proposal was met with enthusiasm by all parties.

A meeting was held on 30 July with staff from Upper Hutt City, Hutt City Council, and a representative of Stagecoach to put together a draft QPA-Hutt Valley document.

3. Comment

Attachment 1 is a copy of the proposed QPA-Hutt Valley. It is very similar in content to the QPA-Wellington City except for the programme of projects and issues to be addressed which has been left blank to be filled in by the QPA partners at their first meeting. If the Committee adopts the proposed QPA-Hutt Valley it will need to be forwarded to the other parties that are to be signatories to the QPA for their adoption.

The Wellington QPA meetings are attended by two Councillors from both the Regional Council and the City Council. Our representatives are Cr Chris Turver, being the Chairperson of the Passenger Transport Committee and Cr Terry McDavitt who was the Chairperson of the Committee when the QPA was established. Cr McDavitt is of course a Regional Councillor for the Wellington City constituency. It is suggested that the Regional Council representatives on

the Hutt Valley QPA follow a similar pattern, the Chairperson of the Committee and Councillors that represent the Hutt Valley constituencies. Clearly we would be seeking appropriate political representation by the two Hutt Valley Councils.

4. Recommendation

1. *That the QPA-Hutt Valley 2004-2008 be adopted.*
2. *That the QPA-Hutt Valley be sent to the Hutt City Council, the Upper Hutt City Council, Cityline Hutt Valley and Runciman Motors for their consideration and adoption.*
3. *That the Regional Council political representatives on the QPA-Hutt Valley be:*
 - *the Regional Passenger Transport Committee Chairperson, Cr Turver*
 - *the Regional Councillor from the Upper Hutt constituency, Cr Kirton*
 - *a Regional Councillor from the Lower Hutt constituency, Cr Evans.*

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Attachment:
1 – Proposed QPA-Hutt Valley