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Urban rail update

1. Purpose

To formally update the Committee on the progress being made to secure a long term contract for urban passenger rail services in the Wellington region.

2. Comment

2.1 The draft contract

Copies of the draft contract were provided to Tranz Metro Wellington in early July 2004. A meeting is being held with Toll on Thursday 29 July 2004 to continue contract negotiations.

2.2 The business case

A business case was prepared and was expected to be presented to the 29 July meeting of the Transfund Board. Transfund's rail consultants, ARUP have however raised a number of detailed questions that need to be answered prior to the Board seeing the report. The business case is now expected to be available for the August Transfund Board meeting.

2.3 Business plan

The draft business plan is being examined project by project to determine its feasibility and the assuming of the indicative costs and timing of them. The business plan will form part of the final contract and will be the basis for the community consultation process.

2.4 Community consultation

A community consultation programme is being finalised and will be brought to the Council for adoption.

3. Communication

There is nothing additional to communicate.

4. Recommendation

That the report be received.

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