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Summary Document for the Wellington Regional Strategy and the Governance and Funding Statement of Proposal

1. Purpose

To seek the Committee's approval of the summary document for the Wellington Regional Strategy and the governance and funding Statement of Proposal, be recommended to Greater Wellington for public consultation.

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. The summary document forms part of a special consultative process for the Wellington Regional Strategy and the governance and funding Statement of Proposal.

3. Comments

3.1 Requirement for a summary document

When a council conducts a special consultative procedure under the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) it must, in addition to preparing a Statement of Proposal, prepare a summary of the information contained in the Statement of Proposal. Under sections 83 and 89 of the LGA this summary document must be distributed "as widely as reasonably practicable" as a basis for general consultation.

The Committee is considering a Statement of Proposal of the implementation, governance and funding of the Wellington Regional Strategy (WRS). It is also considering the draft WRS. For the purposes of the LGA both documents are Statements of Proposal under Section 83 and therefore require a summary.

3.1 Draft summary document

A draft summary document for the WRS and the governance and funding Statement of Proposal is in **Attachment 1**. The summary document has been prepared in accordance with the LGA. Section 89 of the LGA requires that a summary must:

- (a) *be a fair representation of the major matters in the statement of proposal*
- (b) *be in a form determined by the local authority*
- (c) *be distributed as widely as reasonably practicable (in such a manner as is determined appropriate by the local authority, having regard to the matter to which the proposal relates) as a basis for general consultation*
- (d) *indicate where the Statement of Proposal may be inspected, and how a copy may be obtained*
- (e) *state the period within which submissions on the proposal may be made to the local authority.*

The document, while being an accurate summary of the two proposals, has also been designed to be readable for the general public. This document is to be distributed to every household in the region.

3.2 Consultation process

A full public consultation process is required for the WRS and the governance and funding Statement of Proposal, as outlined in the LGA. The summary document is a key element of this consultation process. A consultation plan has been prepared, and is to be considered by the Committee in a separate report. Consultation on the WRS and the governance and funding Statement of Proposal will run concurrently.

5.0 Communication

A press statement will be prepared in relation to the WRS process being undertaken, following consideration of the Committee's recommendation by the Council on the 12th September.


6.0 Recommendations

That the Committee:

1. ***Receives*** the report.
2. ***Notes*** the content of the report.
3. ***Recommends*** to the Council that the summary of the Statement of Proposal for the Wellington Regional Strategy and the Statement of Proposal for its implementation, governance and funding,, as shown in Attachment 1, be approved for public consultation.

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Attachment 1: Draft Summary of the WRS and Governance and Funding Statement of Proposal