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Committee Wellington Regional Strategy Committee  
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## Regional EDA Ltd Transition Programme Update

### 1. Purpose

To update the Committee on progress with the regional Economic Development agency (EDA) transition programme.

### 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. Transition programme – Go Wairarapa

Whilst there is some agreement in principle we await financial information from Go Wairarapa before and finality can be reached.

### 4. Transition programme – Enterprise Coast

A proposal has been put to Kapiti Coast District Council (KCDC) and a briefing given to the combined Economic Committee of KCDC and Horowhenua District Council. A response to our proposal has yet to be received.

### 5. Transition programme – Positive Wellington Business (PWB)

- The basis of the transition of projects and programmes has been agreed between the PWB Board and the Regional EDA Board.
- All PWB employees have signed letters agreeing to transfer across to Regional EDA Ltd. Employment contracts are currently being developed.
- Arrangements are being made with Education Wellington International (EWI) for a changed approach in line with the Wellington Regional

Strategy. This action was necessary now due to the resignation of the current Executive Director of EWI.

- Transfer of contracts between PWB and NZTE and FoRST to Regional EDA Ltd is under action.
- Lease arrangements for the office premises have been secured for the short term. Longer term options are being considered.
- The basis of purchase of Fixed Assets from PWB has been agreed.
- The basis of transfer of various leases has been agreed.

## **6. Chief Executive**

- Phil Lewin has agreed to act as Interim CEO (for a maximum of 3 months) pending a full time appointment being made.
- A search company is to be chosen to identify appropriate candidates.

## **7. Communication**

There is nothing to communicate at this stage.

## **8. Recommendations**

*That the Committee:*

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

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