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REGIONAL COUNCIL

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**Report 07.699**

1 October 2007

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee held in the Council Chamber, Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Monday, 1 October 2007 at 8.30am**

**Present**

Cr Buchanan (Wellington Regional Council)  
Ms Crossan (independent appointee)  
Cr Douglas (Porirua City Council)  
Mayor Guppy (Upper Hutt City Council)  
Mayor Milne (Kapiti Coast District Council)  
Mayor Ogden (Lower Hutt City Council)  
Mayor Prendergast (Wellington City Council)  
Mayor Staples (South Wairarapa District Council)

**Also Present**

Mayor Brash (Porirua City Council)

**Officers Present**

Benham, Davis, Sangster (Greater Wellington Regional Council)  
Pedersen (Upper Hutt City Council)  
Poole (Wellington City Council)  
Kelly (Hutt City Council)  
Veart (Porirua City Council)

## Public Business

### Procedural Items

WRS 63     **Apologies**

*Resolved* (Cr Buchanan/Mayor Milne)

*That the Committee*

*Accepts the apologies for absence from Sir John Anderson, Professors Callaghan and Love, Mayor Francis and Ms Savage.*

Mayor Ogden arrived at 8.35am.

WRS 64     **Public Participation**

No members of the public wished to participate in the meeting.

WRS 65     **Confirmation of Minutes**

*Resolved* (Mayor Prendergast/Cr Douglas)

*That the Committee:*

*Confirms the minutes of the meeting of 3 September 2007, Report 07.686.*

### Matter for Decision

WRS 66     **Community Facilities and Events Interpretation**

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*Resolved* (Mayor Prendergast/Cr Douglas)

*That the Committee*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Recommends to the Board of REDA that it adopts in its Statement of Intent the operational definitions of “community facilities” and “events” contained in section 4 of this report.*

4. *Instructs EDA not to provide operational or capital expenditure for community facilities or events as defined in section 4 of this report.*
5. *Agrees that EDA may facilitate (including providing financial or other support for) activities that are integral to its role of achieving sustainable long-term economic growth in the region defined by the Statement of Intent, including activities that meet the following criteria:*
  - *Create or facilitate the success of the region's Centres of Excellence programme*
  - *Assist to attract and retain high value individuals in the region*
  - *Facilitate access to international markets for businesses in the region*
  - *Boost the innovative and competitive image of the region internationally*
  - *Assist to attract investment into the region*
  - *Provide an opportunity to grow the skills base in the region.*
6. *Requires that before REDA agrees to facilitate and/or sponsor conferences, seminars or symposia, it ensures that such activities meet at least two of the criteria set out in recommendation 5. In addition, REDA must ensure an appropriate cost/benefit/risk assessment process is completed prior to funding any such activity.*
7. *Instructs officers to include provisions in the draft Funding Deed, to be considered by the Committee in December, that require the Board to give effect to recommendations 3,4, 5 and 6 of this report.*

Mayor Guppy asked that his negative vote be recorded.

## **Other Matters**

### **WRS 67 Questions**

There were no questions.

**WRS 68      General**

- Mayor Milne acknowledged that this was his last meeting. He thanked officers for the co-operative work they have done on regional matters, particularly noting the Regional Land Transport Strategy process as an example of everyone working together.

He thanked the other mayors for the relationships and support over the past six years.

In relation to the WRS Committee, Mayor Milne observed that the Wellington region has a phenomenal opportunity with the strategy and structures it has put in place. He urged the committee to look towards the strengths of the region as the basis of opportunities for the region to grow, and not on political differences. He observed the value of the process to develop the strategy, and wished the committee well in the future.

- Councillor Douglas told the Committee that the final meeting of Positively Wellington Business is to be held on Thursday 4 October 2007.
- Councillor Buchanan acknowledged the input required by the committee and councils to get the Wellington Regional Strategy to where it now is, with both the strategy and governance structures now in place. He observed that the Wellington Regional Strategy is a model that is being used across New Zealand as an example of how a region can get its act together.
- Councillor Buchanan said he was looking forward to continuing to work on the implementation of the strategy, and wished all those involved with local body elections all the best.

The meeting closed at 8.47 am.

Cr IM BUCHANAN

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