



**Report 08.73**

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**Report of the Meeting of the Regional Sustainability Committee held in the Council Chamber, Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Tuesday, 12 February 2008 at 1.30 pm**

**Matters for Council decision are shown in bold type and enclosed in a box.**

*Matters for information of the Council are in italic type*

**Present**

Councillors Laidlaw (Chair), Aitken, Buchanan, Donaldson, and Wilde.

**Also Present**

Councillors Baber and Glensor.

**Officers Present**

Benham, Bradbury, Corry, Davis, Geden, Hanna, Kennedy, Reay, Sangster, Shorten, and Skene.

**Public Business**

**Procedural Items**

RS 08      **Apologies**

*Resolved*

*(Cr Laidlaw/Cr Wilde)*

*That the Committee accepts the apology for absence from Councillor Bruce.*

RS 09      **Conflict of Interest declarations**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

RS 10      **Public Participation**

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

RS 11      **Confirmation of Minutes**

*Resolved* (Cr Laidlaw/Cr Aitken)

*That the Committee*

*Confirms the minutes of 27 November 2007, Report 08.54.*

RS 12      **Regional Sustainability Committee: draft programme to July 2008**

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*Resolved* (Cr Donaldson/Cr Wilde)

*That the Committee:*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Agrees on the programme for the Regional Sustainability Committee.*

**Noted**

The Committee indicated that it wished to consider progress indicators at its next meeting. Graham Spargo is to be invited to make a presentation.

RS 13      **Household sustainability**

Brett Sangster, Manager Communications, gave an oral report.

RS 14      **Regional Policy Statement update**

Nicola Shorten, Manager Environmental Policy, gave an oral report.

RS 15      **Renewable energy in the Wellington region**

Bruce Geden, Special Projects Coordinator, introduced the report. Dr Richard Hawke (Manager, Energy and the Environment Group, Ministry of Economic Development), and Rose Feary (Advisor, Energy Supply, Energy Efficiency Conservation Authority) gave *Powerpoint* presentations.

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*Resolved*

*(Cr Aitken/Cr Donaldson)*

*That the Committee:*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the contents.*
3. *Endorses working relationships being developed with the Ministry of Economic Development and the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority to explore further the objective of developing a renewable energy strategy for the region.*

**RS 16 General**

Councillor Laidlaw requested, on behalf of the Wellington Regional Stadium Trust, that Greater Wellington conduct a sustainability audit (“Take Charge” business analysis) on it. There was agreement that this be done.

The meeting closed at 3.37 pm.

CR C R LAIDLAW  
Chairman

Date:

**Wellington Regional Council – 25 February 2008.**

*To be moved:*

**That Council**

**Adopts the report of the meeting of the Regional Sustainability Committee held on 12 February 2008, items RS 08 to RS 16 inclusive.**