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Report on the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee meeting held on 2 June 2010

1. Purpose

To inform Council about the meeting of the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee that took place on 2nd June 2010.

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. Report

3.1 Consideration of submissions on Creative HQ proposal

At its meeting in February the Committee agreed to ask Greater Wellington to initiate a consultation process on a proposal to create a Council Controlled Organisation (CCO) for Creative HQ. The proposal was published as part of the Council's Draft Annual Plan documentation and submissions invited. Submitters were heard at the Committee's meeting on the 29th April. In total 33 submissions were received on the proposal.

The Committee agreed to the establishment of the company. Its recommendation was considered at the Council meeting on the 8th June 2010.

3.2 Wellington Regional Strategy review proposed terms of reference

The Committee considered draft terms of reference for the independent review of the Wellington Regional Strategy (WRS). The commitment to the review the strategy was made by the Committee following a mediation process at the time the strategy was adopted and its governance model established. The

review must be completed, and a decision made on whether to continue with the Wellington Regional Strategy, by 30 June 2011.

The review will include both quantitative and qualitative assessments, focusing on the implementation of the WRS and the outcomes achieved. It will include the WRS economic development activities (primarily Grow Wellington's work) and the non-economic development activities, led primarily by the region's councils.

The independent reviewer will be appointed by the Committee in September.

3.3 Grow Wellington update

Nigel Kirkpatrick, Chief Executive of Grow Wellington, updated the Committee on the South Korea education project. He reported that the project is going very well, with an opportunity to expand the initiative from the education sector focus into teaching English in workplaces in South Korea.

The Committee was also updated on the Bright Ideas Challenge, which is aimed at generating new ideas that can potentially grow into significant businesses.

3.4 WRS Office update

Melanie Thornton updated the Committee on the various WRS projects currently underway.

3.5 Appointment to Grow Wellington Board

The Committee considered a recommendation to appoint new directors onto Grow Wellington's Board. The Committee's recommendations were considered by the Council at the 8th June meeting.

4. Recommendations

That the Council:

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

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Attachment 1: Unconfirmed Public Minutes