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Committee Economic Wellbeing Committee
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Report on the Economic Wellbeing Committee meeting held on 15 June 2011

1. Purpose

To inform the Council about the meeting of the Economic Wellbeing Committee that took place on 15 June 2011.

2. Report

2.1 Proposed Regional Public Transport Plan for Consultation

An updated draft plan was circulated to the meeting for approval. The update incorporated feedback received from councillors. Discussion followed about local connections feeding into the network plan shown in the draft document.

2.2 Customer Feedback

Councillors discussed meeting the KPI for feedback responses and were informed that the feedback function on the Metlink website has been identified by officers as an issue to be addressed. Issues were raised over Snapper cards and whether or not information about an individual card could be included as a feedback field option on the website. The Chair indicated that he would arrange for interested councillors to meet with Metlink officers to discuss the format of the regular Metlink report, so that it addresses questions raised by Councillors.

2.3 Real Time Information (RTI) Project Update

The Committee was advised that the software issue which was causing problems with the RTI system when it was first implemented has been identified and resolved. The RTI system is continuing to be rolled out within budget. However the time frame for implementation in trains is uncertain and is currently being reviewed with KiwiRail and with Auckland Transport. Officers will report a new timeframe as soon as they can. The Committee expressed concern over graffiti and damage to the RTI totems and other RTI display units and questioned who is responsible for removing it. Officers noted

that the RTI totems are coated in an anti-graffiti paint making it easily removable and that it is Greater Wellington's responsibility for removal.

2.4 Greater Wellington Submission on the Draft Hutt Corridor Plan 2011

The submission on the Draft Hutt Corridor Plan is based on existing transport policy. Committee members agreed that the submission was to go to the Wellington Regional Transport Committee on behalf of the Economic Wellbeing Committee rather than the Council. The Committee discussed whether or not the proposed safety improvements to State Highways 2 for construction outside 10 years should be brought to within 10 years, and if the SH58 safety projects outside 10 years should be questioned in terms of their priority relative to other projects. The draft submission was agreed to without amendment.

2.5 General Manager's Report

The General Managers' report for the Public Transport Group and Catchment Management Group were discussed. It was agreed that Greater Wellington needs to be clear on the reasons why it is providing free public transport during the Rugby World Cup and how it will do this. It was noted that the capacity of trains and buses is being tested in preparation for September and will be closely monitored during this time. Wayne O'Donnell updated the Committee on the Boulcott Farm Heritage Golf Club agreement and advised that work on the site will likely commence in July. The Committee thanked the officers involved in concluding the agreement with the Golf Club.

2.6 Weekend trolley bus services

The Committee went into a publicly excluded session to discuss the provision of weekend trolley bus services.

3. Unconfirmed minutes

The unconfirmed minutes of the committee meeting are in **Attachment 1**.

4. Recommendations

That the Council:

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

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