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Committee Council  
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## Report on Economic Wellbeing Committee meeting 14 July 2011

### 1. Purpose

To inform the Council about the meeting of the Economic Wellbeing Committee that took place on 14 July 2011.

### 2. Decision-making and significance

No decision is being sought in this report.

### 3. Report

#### 3.1 Trial Porirua East Community Transport Service

The Community Transport Service was introduced on a trial basis as a result of the Porirua and Tawa Bus Review. In order to gain a clearer picture of the service and to encourage its use, a school holiday promotion is being run on the service providing free travel for the two weeks of holiday. Currently 85% of the people who use the service travel on a Super Gold card.

The Committee expressed the concern that the trial period was too short and officers agreed to look at an extension.

#### 3.2 Wellington City bus review – July 2011 update

The Committee sought clarification on the difference between the Public Transport Spine Study and the bus review. The Spine Study is a longer term review of the public transport system whereas the bus review is shorter to medium term. It is focused on improved service delivery within the current budget. The bus review explores options to achieve this including the provision of smaller buses, frequency improvement and route simplification.

### **3.3 General Managers report**

The Committee reviewed the Metlink customer service feedback report and agreed that a longer term trend analysis would be helpful in giving a clearer picture of service provision.

The issue of bikes on buses was discussed by the Committee. The Committee noted that the tone of the report did not fully reflect the outcome of the workshop in that it is believed many of the perceived challenges can be adequately managed. The Council currently does not have a specific budget to pursue bikes on buses however there is an opportunity to provide funding as part of the development of the next Long Term Plan.

The Committee noted the recent activities of the Catchment Management Group. These include the commencement of the Boulcott/Hutt stopbank works, completion of the Lower Wairarapa Valley Development Scheme 2010/11 and developing the Waiohine Floodplain Management Plan.

### **3.4 Total Mobility – an alternative to the Supported User scheme**

The Committee went into a publicly excluded session to discuss the Total Mobility Supported User scheme.

## **4. Unconfirmed minutes**

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

## **5. Recommendations**

*That the Council:*

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

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