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Report on Economic Wellbeing Committee 25 October 2012

1. Purpose

To inform the Council of the Economic Wellbeing Committee meeting of 25 October 2012.

2. The decision-making process and significance

No decision is being sought in this report.

3. Public Participation

Michael Grigg attended the meeting and spoke about passenger fares for disabled public transport users. Mr Grigg advised the Committee the current fare structure review project provided Greater Wellington with an opportunity to provide assistance to disabled public transport users.

4. Reports

4.1 Fare structure review: progress update

The Committee was presented with feedback from recent consultation on options for the fare structure together with the initial evaluation of options. The Committee noted that there had been a high level of interest in the consultation from core public transport users.

The Committee discussed the advantages and disadvantages of the fare structure review options that were being considered; including:

- Distance based fares
- Larger zones
- Peak and off-peak fares.

The Committee discussed other options that had been identified through the consultation including concessions for people with disabilities and tertiary students, and extension of the SuperGold card concession.

The Committee noted that fare concessions differed across the Wellington region according to public transport mode.

The Committee was advised that in order for integrated ticketing to be implemented the fare structure would need to be simpler than it is currently.

4.2 Submission on the Land Transport Management Amendment Bill 2012

The Committee discussed the submission and congratulated staff on its content.

The Committee was advised that the reference to the four “well-beings” in the submission was consistent with the approach taken by other regional councils in New Zealand.

The Committee agreed to amend the proposed submission to signal its desire that representatives for safety, public health, and access & mobility are retained on the committee to reflect the importance of these issues in relation to transport.

4.3 Submission on the Wellington City Council proposal to lower the speed limit for part of the Golden Mile

The Committee approved the proposed submission being made to Wellington City Council on Wellington City Council’s proposal to lower the speed limit from 30km/h to 20km/h along the Golden Mile between Panama Street and Taranaki Street.

4.4 General Managers’ report to the Economic Wellbeing Committee on 25 October 2012

The Committee noted that the reliability of the Matangi fleet continues to improve.

The Committee discussed how decisions relating to bus shelters were made. It was noted that officers would provide a report to the next meeting setting out the bus shelter decision-making-process.

4.5 Disposal of the English Electric Fleet

The Committee went into a publicly excluded session to discuss the disposal of the English Electric Fleet.

5. Recommendations

That the Council:

- 1. Receives the report.*

2. *Notes the content of the report.*

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