



Report 18.370

28/08/2018

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Confirmed minutes of the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 28 August 2018, in the Council Chamber, Greater Wellington Regional Council, Level 2, 15 Walter Street, Te Aro, Wellington at 1:04pm

Present

Mayor Lester (Chair)	(Wellington City Council)
Councillor Blakeley (Deputy Chair)	(Greater Wellington Regional Council)
Councillor Calvert	(Wellington City Council)
Mayor Guppy	(Upper Hutt City Council)
Councillor Marsh	(Wellington City Council)
Mayor Patterson	(Masterton District Council)
Deputy Mayor Bassett	(Hutt City Council)

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved (Mayor Lester/ Cr Blakeley)

That the Committee accepts the apologies for absence from Deputy Mayor Day, and Mayors Gurunathan, Tana, and Wallace.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

2 **Conflict of interest declarations**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

3 **Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

4 **Confirmation of the minutes of 19 June 2018**

Moved

(Mayor Lester/ Cr Blakeley)

That the Committee confirms the minutes of the meeting of 19 June 2018, Report 18.259.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

5 **Action items from previous meetings**

Report 18.282

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Moved

(Mayor Lester/ Cr Blakeley)

That the Committee:

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

The motion was **CARRIED**.

6 **WREDA Report on the year 2017/18**

Lance Walker, Chief Executive, WREDA, spoke to the report and gave the Committee a summary of year's highlights, including a 4% increase in international students which equates to \$11 million economic contribution to the Region, 515 facilitated screen productions with a direct value of \$93 million for locations in Wellington City, Wairarapa and Kapiti, and growth in the tourism sector.

Lance Walker advised the Committee that Wellington has won the bid to hold the World Science Fiction Convention in 2020.

Lance Walker noted that, due to the lack of a suitable indoor events centre, indications are that the Region is missing out on circa 30 event days, annually. The next update regarding possible locations and timeframes of a proposed indoor events centre is expected in November 2018.

Lance Walker advised the Committee of two new developments: Shopify, a global e-commerce company, is opening its first Oceania-base in Wellington, and Team Wellington Partnership has contributed \$2.5 million over five years to promote Wellington to the Chinese market.

Lance Walker indicated some organisational structure changes at WREDA with the view of better integration of WREDA's functions. The new structure includes a new business unit called Regional Development, Destination and Attraction.

Lance Walker gave an update on the renovation work being undertaken at the Wellington i-Site Visitor Information Centre, noting that it is hoped to have the work completed prior to the next cruise season.

Stefan Korn, Chief Executive, Creative HQ, gave a presentation to the Committee, outlining Creative HQ's past year, being the biggest year to date (in terms of overall revenue, impact and commercial revenue), and looking ahead in relation to extending their GovTech footprint and other core programming into the Region.

Report 18.364

File: CCAB-15-255

Moved

(Mayor Guppy/ Cr Blakeley)

That the Committee:

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

The motion was **CARRIED**.

7 Wellington Regional Investment Plan

Samantha Seath, Wellington Regional Strategy, spoke to the report, and tabled an update to the focus of the four transformational areas for the Region.

Report 18.363

File: CCAB-15-253

Moved

(Mayor Patterson/ Cr Blakeley)

That the Committee:

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

The motion was **CARRIED**.

The meeting closed at 1:53pm.

Mayor Lester
(Chair)

Date: