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Committee **Passenger Transport Committee**
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Divisional Manager's report

1. Purpose

To inform the Committee about the activities and progress of the Public Transport Division since the Committee's last meeting.

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. Manager's reports

The Departmental Managers' reports are attached.

4. New report format

The Divisional Manager's Report replaces the Transport Information Bulletin as the mechanism for keeping the Committee informed about the ongoing business of the Division.

The report is in a similar style to that used by other divisions of the Council.

5. Staffing

I'm pleased to report that the Division has a full management team in place. Recruitment for vacant positions has commenced.

Teresa Galvin has been filling the position of Manager Business for the last several months. Teresa leaves us next week and has done a good job managing our finances and establishing internal reporting procedures. Teresa's work will now be picked up by Kerry Saywell.

6. Budget matters

Officers are working on the budget for 2007/08. It is too early to report on our position other than to say that the increasing cost of inflation on diesel bus contracts provides us with a significant challenge.

The studies being carried out to address capacity issues were not anticipated at the time the current budget was prepared. We propose funding the studies by transferring budget out of the integrated ticketing budget and will seek formal approval at the six month review.

Similarly there is no budget provision for the costs of the procurement review work set out in report PE 06.655. Again we propose funding this work from the integrated ticketing budget.

7. Land Transport New Zealand Board tour and visit

I was fortunate to be invited to accompany the Board of Land Transport New Zealand on their tour of Wellington prior to their meeting with Councillors. The tour provided the Board with first hand experience of our public transport and was a useful opportunity for informing and discussing a number of public transport issues.

Likewise the meeting with Councillors was a useful exchange of views. A file note has been prepared on the meeting to record key points.

8. Smart Card Ticketing meeting

Representatives from Infratil Limited and Stagecoach requested a meeting to provide an update on their smart card ticketing project. The project has commenced with a trial on Runciman bus services and phase two work is underway. A Wilton trial is planned for March 2007 with a full roll-out mid 2007.

I took the representatives through the Council's policy position on integrated ticketing as set out in the Draft Regional Passenger Transport Plan. The policies did not appear to cause any concern.

We will continue to monitor the roll-out and provide feedback to Stagecoach on possible ticketing products.

9. Communication

No communications are required.

10. Recommendations

That the Committee:

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

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Attachment 1: Departmental Managers' reports