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Report to the Passenger Transport Committee From Anthony Cross, Manager Public Transport

Review of Bus Service Contracting Regime

1. Purpose

To inform the Committee of progress on the review of tendering and contracting requirements, procedures and documentation.

2. Background

The Council's bus service contracting regime has not been significantly reviewed since 1992, when Wellington was the first region to introduce vehicle quality standards as part of its tendering requirements.

The review is timely, given that the Council is increasingly focussed on improving the quality of public transport services in order to grow patronage, whereas the current regime was developed in a time when achieving cost efficiencies was the primary focus.

The consultant who has been engaged to carry out the review, Ian Sharp of the Business Strategy Group, will be present at the Committee's meeting to outline his proposals for a more sophisticated tendering process which will enable us to achieve continuing improvements in the standard of bus service provision.

3. Recommendation

That this report be received.

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