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Committee Passenger Transport

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Wellington Quality Partnership Agreement

1. Purpose

To adopt the Wellington Quality Partnership Agreement 2003 to 2007.

2. Background

The Council, Wellington City Council and Stagecoach Wellington jointly signed up to a Quality Partnership Agreement (QPA) in 1998 for a five year period. In 1998 the QPA partners recognised that they had a common interest in providing quality public transport services and facilities throughout Wellington City. Representatives of the three parties to the agreement have met regularly to promote the policies and projects set out in the QPA. Initially progress was slow but has accelerated over the last two years with many worthwhile projects being completed.

In the last twelve months or so the QPA group has extended an invitation to Mana Coach Services to participate in the QPA meetings. This has proved worthwhile.

3. Comment

As the QPA 1998-2002 has now passed its end date, there is a need to consider the need for a new QPA.

Attached is a proposed Quality Partnership Agreement 2003-2007 (attachment 1). The new QPA has a number of additions and changes to the previous one. The key additions are the inclusion of Mana Coach Services and the inclusion of a desire by the partners to invite the rail operator to join the QPA during the term of agreement. The programmes and projects to be pursued by the partners is not yet finalised in detail. This will be an issue for the partners to work on over the next few months

4. Communications

Once the Council and Wellington City Council have formally adopted the new QPA then an event will be arranged for the parties to the agreement to show their commitment by signing the document with appropriate publicity.

5. Recommendation

That the Wellington City Passenger Services Quality Partnership Agreement 2003-2007 be adopted.

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Attachment 1: Quality Partnership Agreement