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Committee **Passenger Transport**
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Regional Passenger Transport Plan

1. Purpose

To approve the draft Regional Passenger Transport Plan for referral to the Regional Land Transport Committee.

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. Background

The Regional Passenger Transport Plan is a requirement of both the Transport Services Licensing Act 1989 and the Land Transport Act 1998. Its most basic role is to specify those public transport services which the regional council may wish to purchase on behalf of its community. The Plan is also legally a part of the Regional Land Transport Strategy and as such describes the public transport elements of the Strategy – those parts which the regional council itself is responsible for implementing.

This version of the Regional Passenger Transport Plan has been under development since early this year. It has been discussed by councillors at workshops held on 1 April, 2 June, 28 June and 15 November.

4. Comment

The Plan has now reached the point where it is appropriate to seek the Committee's approval to refer it to the Regional Land Transport Committee (RLTC). The RLTC will release it for public consultation early in 2006, as an integral part of the draft Regional Land Transport Strategy.

The Plan will be presented to the RLTC at its 8 December meeting.

The latest version of the Plan, incorporating comments from the 15 November councillors' workshop, will be distributed with the 25 November Councillors' Bulletin.

The Plan is, however, still in draft form. In particular, further work will be needed to match the policies, programmes and projects with the funding provisions in both the plan itself and the proposed Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP). Therefore the recommendation is that the Committee should delegate to the Committee Chairperson, final changes to the consultation draft.

5. Communication

The Plan will be communicated to the community as part of the Regional Land Transport Strategy consultation early in 2006.

6. Recommendations

That the Committee:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Adopt the Regional Passenger Transport Plan for consultation purposes as part of the Regional Land Transport Strategy consultation in the new year, subject to any amendments made by the Committee and any editorial changes approved by the Committee Chairperson.*

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