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## Report 07.286

### Council

Minute extract from meeting held on 8 May 2007

#### Wellington Regional Strategy Governance and Funding Proposal – Section 16 Mediation Agreement and Adoption of Amended LTCCP

*Resolved*

*That Council*

- (1) *Receives the report.*
- (2) *Notes the content of the report*
- (3) *Agrees to change the WRS Governance and Funding Proposal, as amended by Greater Wellington on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2007, as follows:*
  - i. *By 30 June 2011, a full and independent review of the effectiveness of the entire Wellington Regional Strategy be completed and reported to the WRS Committee. The WRS Committee must recommend whether or not Greater Wellington will continue to carry out the function of regional economic development in accordance with clause 3(ii).*
  - ii. *That Greater Wellington will cease to carry out the function of regional economic development on 30 June 2012. Prior to 30 June 2012, if Greater Wellington wishes to carry out the function of regional economic development after 30 June 2012, it must undertake the process set out in section 16 of the LGA 2002 or such other process that applies at that time*
  - iii. *That the terms of reference for the WRS committee (and any consequential changes required for the standing orders) will be amended so that the voting provisions for the following decisions will change from a simple majority to a 75% majority*

- a. *Any decision resulting in a statutory consultation process under the LGA 2002 (such as establishing a new CCO)*
  - b. *Adoption of the statement of corporate intent for the EDA*
  - c. *Appointment of directors of the EDA*
  - d. *The following decisions relating to the review referred to in clause 3(i) above*
    - *Agreeing the terms of reference; and*
    - *Selecting the independent reviewer ;and*
    - *Decisions made on the recommendations following the review*
  - e. *Any significant amendments to the WRS.*
- (4) *Amends the Terms of Reference for the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee, as set out in Attachment 2.*
- (5) *Amends the Greater Wellington Regional Council Standing Orders 2005 (as amended on 22 February 2007) as follows:*

*Clauses 4.1 and 32.1(“Decisions to be by Majority Vote”) are amended by adding the following text: “except that in the case of the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee the following decisions will require a three quarter majority:*

- i. *Recommended quantum of funding and funding policy*
- ii. *Any decision resulting in a statutory consultation process under the LGA 2002 (such as establishing a new CCO).*
- iii. *Adoption of the statement of corporate intent for the EDA.*
- iv. *Appointment of directors of the EDA.*
- v. *The following decisions relating to the review referred to in clause 3(i) above:*
  - *Agreeing the terms of reference; and*
  - *Selecting the independent reviewer ;and*
  - *Decisions made on the recommendations following the review*
- vi. *Any significant amendments to the Wellington Regional Strategy”.*

- (6) *Notes that the WRS Committee will require that the statement of corporate intent for the EDA will include an explicit statement to record that capital or operational expenditure of community facilities or events are not activities that can be funded by the EDA.*
- (7) *Notes that a Multilateral Agreement, recording how the Council will work together and setting out the collective expectations for Greater Wellington's "keeper" role will be brought to the Council for signing.*
- (8) *Instructs the Chief Executive to ensure that the draft Multilateral Agreement referred to in (8) makes the following provisions:*
- *caps the amount sought by GW rates for economic development for the WRS at \$5 million plus GST subject to CPI adjustments until 30 June 2012; and*
  - *the WRS contains guidelines to promote good Regional form. These will not override local communities' ability to influence outcomes important to their communities*
- (9) *Notes that the economic development rate will be reviewed when the Revenue and Funding Policy is reviewed for the 2009/10 LTCCP, under Section 101(3) of the Local Government Act.*

*Moved as an amendment*

*(Cr Kirton/Cr Aitken)*

*That Council confirms the mediation agreement with Upper Hutt and Lower Hutt City Councils, signed on its behalf by the Chairman on 20 April 2007.*

## **Noted**

- Both the substantive motion (subject to a minor typographic correction) and amendment were passed unanimously.
- Councillor Glensor expressed his pleasure at mediation being reached, hoped that WRS business will progress positively from now on, and stated that he feels that relationships are important.
- Councillor Glensor considered that a protocol should be developed for situations where the Council does not agree with the recommendations made by the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee and the recommendations are referred back to the Committee. The Chairman agreed that this matter should be explored further.