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## **Report 07.691**

## **Wellington Regional Strategy**

## Minute extract from meeting held on 1 October 2007

## **Community Facilities and Events Interpretation**

Resolved

That the Committee

- 1. Receives the report.
- 2. *Notes the content of the report.*
- 3. Recommends to the Board of REDA that it adopts in its Statement of Intent the operational definitions of "community facilities" and "events" contained in section 4 of this report.
- 4. Instructs EDA not to provide operational or capital expenditure for community facilities or events as defined in section 4 of this report.
- 5. Agrees that EDA may facilitate (including providing financial or other support for) activities that are integral to its role of achieving sustainable long-term economic growth in the region defined by the Statement of Intent, including activities that meet the following criteria:
  - Create or facilitate the success of the region's Centres of Excellence programme
  - Assist to attract and retain high value individuals in the region
  - Facilitate access to international markets for businesses in the region
  - Boost the innovative and competitive image of the region internationally
  - Assist to attract investment into the region
  - Provide an opportunity to grow the skills base in the region.
- 6. Requires that before REDA agrees to facilitate and/or sponsor conferences, seminars or symposia, it ensures that such activities meet at least two of the criteria set out in recommendation 5. In addition, REDA must ensure an appropriate cost/benefit/risk assessment process is completed prior to funding any such activity.
- 7. Instructs officers to include provisions in the draft Funding Deed, to be considered by the Committee in December, that require the Board to give effect to recommendations 3,4, 5 and 6 of this report.

Mayor Guppy asked that his negative vote be recorded.