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Wellington Regional Settlement Strategy Briefing

1. Purpose

To inform and update the committee on the Wellington Regional Settlement Strategy and Plan of Action.

The Settlement Strategy is relevant to the Wellington Regional Strategy (WRS) process in that specific settlement-related actions are included for REDA attention, and more generally, achieving successful settlement outcomes assists with overall WRS goals.

A presentation is to be provided at the meeting by Anne Hartley on behalf of the Settlement Strategy partners, and in particular, representing Judi Altinkaya, Director Settlement Division, Department of Labour.

2. Overview

The Department of Labour is facilitating and co-ordinating development of a Settlement Strategy and Plan of Action for the Wellington region. The process of developing the strategy has involved joint leadership between local and central government.

A copy of the Final Draft Settlement Strategy (December 2007) is in **Attachment 1**. In **Attachment 2** is the Draft Action Plan.

Wellington City Council and Porirua City Council have played significant roles on behalf of the local government sector through the development phase.

Consideration of governance and implementation issues is underway for the Settlement Strategy, including proposals to establish a regional settlement leadership group and working group. In **Attachment 3** is a discussion document on potential future arrangements.

Current proposals are for the establishment of a Settlement Strategic Leadership Group working across central government agencies, business organisations, N.G.O.'s and territorial local authorities.

In the context of WRS interests, committee members may wish to explore what they consider the appropriate level of briefing or interaction with the proposed governance arrangement. Alternatively, feedback as to other potential approaches is invited. Please note that the proposals have also been circulated to the nominated representatives of each territorial authority and other stakeholders for individual responses.

3. Communication Matters

No specific communication requirements arise from this report.

4. Recommendations

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*

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Attachment 1: Final Draft Wellington Regional Settlement Strategy.

Attachment 2: Draft Wellington Regional Settlement Strategy Action Plan

Attachment 3: Future Governance Arrangements, Draft for comment, 4 February 2008.