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**Report 09.633**

14 October 2009

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**Minutes of the meeting of the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee held in the Council Chamber, Regional Council Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Wednesday, 14 October 2009 at 10.00 am**

**Present**

Sir John Anderson (Chairman)

Councillor Wilde (Greater Wellington Regional Council)

Mayor Brash (Porirua City Council)

Mayor Guppy (Upper Hutt City Council)

Mayor Ogden (Lower Hutt City Council)

Councillor McKinnon (Substituting for Mayor Prendergast) (Wellington City Council)

Mayor Rowan (Kapiti Coast District Council)

Mayor Staples (South Wairarapa District Council)

Mr Ammunson

Mr Gardiner

Sir Ngatata Love

**Also Present**

Councillor Glensor.

Murray McCaw, Nigel Kirkpatrick (both from Grow Wellington), Tristan Thompson (Kickstand), Scott Houston (Intergrid), Bob Stuart (Formway), Lindsey Scott Mel Harrington (MSD), Linda Sissons (WelTec)

**Welcome**

Sir John Anderson extended a welcome to Mr Lou Gardiner who has been appointed to the committee. Also welcomed was the new WRS Office Policy Advisor, Kate O'Regan.

WRS 101 **Apologies**

Apologies for absence from Mayor Kerry Prendergast and Catherine Savage were received and accepted.

WRS 102 **Item not on the agenda**

The Chair moved that a report proposing the preparation of a submission on the Government's rural broadband initiative proposal be dealt with.

This report was not on the agenda because the Government's announcement of its proposals was made after the preparation of the Order Paper for the meeting.

Discussion on matters contained in this report could not be delayed until the Committee's next meeting because submissions on the Government's proposal close on 30 October 2009 and 6 November respectively.

*Moved*

*(Sir John Anderson/Councillor Wilde)*

*That under Standing Order 23.5, Report 09.653 – Submission on rural broadband initiative – be added to the agenda.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

WRS 103 **Conflict of Interest**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

WRS 104 **Public Participation**

No members of the public participated in the meeting.

WRS 105 **Confirmation of Minutes**

*Moved*

*(Mayor Brash/Councillor Wilde)*

*That the Committee:*

*Confirms the minutes of the meeting of 21 July 2009, Report 09.427 and Report PE 09.428.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

WRS 106 **Grow Wellington and WRS Office Annual Reports 2008/09**

**Report 09.628**

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Murray McCaw introduced Grow Wellington's report, and Nigel Kirkpatrick gave an overview. Representatives of three companies aided by Grow Wellington's various support programmes spoke of their experiences.

Discussion followed on the relationship between the practices of tertiary education providers in the Wellington Region and the needs of local industry highlighted by Grow Wellington.

Melanie Thornton spoke to the WRS Office's annual report.

*Moved*

*(Sir John Anderson/Mayor Ogden.)*

*That the Committee*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Accepts the Grow Wellington Annual Report and authorises the Committee Chair to send a letter to the Grow Wellington Board acknowledging the progress made by the company*
4. *Adopts the Wellington Regional Strategy Office Annual Report.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

WRS 107 **Implications of Ultra-Fast Broadband Initiative for Councils**

**Report 09.614**

File: WRS/09/01/01

*Moved*

*(Sir John Anderson/Councillor Wilde)*

*That the Committee*

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

The motion was **CARRIED**.

WRS 108 **Submission on Rural Broadband Initiative**

Committee members requested that in future when discussion papers are being considered by the WRS office, that they are also circulated to the Committee.

**Report 09.653**

File: WRS/09/01/01

*Moved*

*(Sir John Anderson/Councillor Wilde)*

*That the Committee*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Agrees to the need to make a submission to the Ministry of Economic Development's proposals for a Rural Broadband Initiative, with submissions due 30 October 2009.*
3. *Agrees that due to the timing, the key points to be raised in the submission will be consistent with this paper, with the final text to be signed off by the Chair.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

WRS 109 **Wellington region open space strategy and action plan**

Sir Ngatata Love asked that the strategy is amended to reflect changes in ownership for iwi as Treaty settlements are finalised.

Mayor Brash voiced a concern that the word "integration" had too many negative implications for the autonomy of territorial authorities. She suggested that coordination would be a better fit.

**Report 09.545**

File: WRS/09/01/01

*Moved*

*(Sir Ngatata Love/Sir John Anderson )*

*That the Committee*

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Adopts the Wellington region open space strategy and action plan.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

WRS 110 **Wellington Regional Labour Market Strategy progress report**

**Report 09.616**

File: WRS/09/01/01

Mel Harrington and Lindsay Scott from MSD, along with Linda Sissons from WelTec spoke to the committee.

The committee considered ways in which it could put weight behind the strategy. It was suggested that the chair could write a letter of support for Wellington Regional Labour Market Strategy team's submission on the Government's Draft Tertiary Education Strategy 2010-15 on behalf of the committee.

*Moved*

*(Sir John Anderson/Councillor Wilde)*

*That the Committee*

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

The motion was **CARRIED**.

WRS 111 **WRS workstreams**

**Report 09.613**

File: WRS/09/01/01

*Moved*

*(Sir John Anderson/Councillor Wilde)*

*That the Committee*

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

The motion was **CARRIED**.

The meeting closed at 12.10pm

SIR JOHN ANDERSON

Chairman

Date