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Service review update - October 2009

1. Purpose

To update the Committee on the status of current service reviews.

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. Kapiti bus service review

Services have now been in place for two months. Officers continue to monitor them and will review their success once sufficient data are available.

Some issues regarding route 261 remain, particularly whether the service should travel via either Langdale Avenue or Guildford Drive. Committee members will recall that the original proposal was for the route to travel via Guildford Drive only. This was changed in response to submissions from residents of Langdale Avenue. The service now essentially alternates in the off-peak between the two streets (at peak times all services run via Guildford Drive). However residents of Guildford Drive are now seeking extra off-peak services i.e. they want the route and service levels as were originally proposed.

A number of options have been developed and costed, and are under consideration. However all options (apart from the status quo) involve some change to the routes, and involve extra cost. Any route changes will take some months to introduce because new timetables will need to be produced, and changes will need to be made to bus-stops. And if any changes are proposed, consultation will need to be undertaken with all the affected parties i.e. residents of both streets will need to be involved. It is worth noting that both streets receive at least a basic level of service at the moment.

4. Porirua bus service review

Meetings to discuss proposals for bus services were held with selected groups of interested parties, including some submitters, last week. These will provide input into the final bus route design.

5. Wellington public transport review

A report summarising the findings of the initial public consultation will be presented at the meeting.

The Initial Consultation stage will continue with consultation with a range of key stakeholders.

5.1 Central area bus operational review

Refer to Report 09.619.

6. Minor reviews

6.1 Rail timetable review

A draft rail timetable is expected to be ready by the end of this month. This will then be tested to identify the impacts on the wider network. The timetable will take into account the extension of the electrified network to Waikanae, and the introduction of the new Matangi trains.

7. Communication

No communications are required at this time.

8. Recommendations

That the Committee:

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

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