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Report on the Economic Wellbeing Committee meeting held on 3 February 2011

1. Purpose

To inform Council about the meeting of the Economic Wellbeing Committee that took place on 3 February 2011.

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. Report

There were three speakers in the public participation part of the meeting. Paula Warren spoke first on behalf of Public Transport Voice and then personally on the Regional Public Transport Plan. Michael Gee spoke on behalf of Tranz Action also on the Regional Public Transport Plan. Both Paula and Michael asked the Council to adopt the broad integrated network design proposed in the discussion document in advance of the completion of the Plan. Fred MacDonald also addressed the meeting on transport issues in the Otaki area.

Committee Chairperson, Councillor Glensor, advised the meeting that a response to the public participants will be provided at the next meeting of the Committee.

The Committee was updated on progress with the Regional Public Transport Plan, and adopted updated Terms of Reference. Development of the Plan is well advanced with a target adoption date of 27 July 2011.

Similarly, the Committee was updated on progress with the Wellington City Bus Review, and also adopted updated Terms of Reference. Currently the project is in the "Initial design" stage with the development of a "possible"

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network which will lead into the final consultation phase. The final network design is expected to be completed in December 2011.

A presentation on the Real Time Passenger Information System provided a context for the project and outlined progress to date. On street signs will be rolled out in late March in Wellington City. Real time will then be progressively introduced to Valley Flyer and then Mana Newlands services, before being implemented on the rail network.

The Committee's endorsement was sought for a preferred option for the restoration of the Tobin stopbank, which is an important component of the Lower Wairarapa Valley Development Scheme. The Committee endorsed Option III, on the basis that it would provide the best technical solution in the long term.

Unconfirmed minutes 4.

The unconfirmed minutes of the Committee's meeting are attached as Attachment 1.

5. Recommendations

That the Council:

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

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Attachment 1: Unconfirmed minutes

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