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Report on the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee meeting 28 April 2015

1. Purpose

To inform the Council about the meeting of the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee (the Committee) that took place on 28 April 2015.

2. Reports

2.1 Chair's update for WREDA

The Committee received an update on the Wellington Regional Economic Development Agency (WREDA) from Peter Biggs, Chair of WREDA. The Committee were advised that WREDA were in the final stages of appointing a new Chief Executive who is expected to commence at the beginning of August. The Committee were also advised of the addition of a tenth director, Dave Gibson. The importance of gaining the support of key stakeholders was emphasised.

The Committee received an overview of WREDA's draft business plan for developing the 2015/16 Statement of Intent (SOI). The Board's Strategic 'Plan on a Page' was also outlined for the Committee. This Plan details WREDA's vision of Wellington becoming the most prosperous, liveable and vibrant region in Australasia by 2025. This vision also forms the basis for WREDA's action strategy and will focus the agency around the five strategic drivers of enabling sustainable growth, delivering an outstanding events/activity programme befitting New Zealand's most vibrant city, becoming exceptionally influential and connected, being an acclaimed global hub of creativity, culture and technology and creating and sustaining a compelling regional narrative. The Committee was advised that the SOI would be advanced when the new Chief Executive has been appointed.

The Board has established a number of overall measures of success that will be used to ascertain whether the targeted vision is being reached.

The Committee noted that a number of WREDA's Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) were out of their direct control and that consideration could therefore be given to developing additional ones relating to areas such as disaster response, leadership and community resilience. However, it was also noted that it can be beneficial to focus on an achieving an overarching goal, rather than applying too much focus on meeting individual KPIs.

3. Recommendations

That the Council:

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

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