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Let's Get Wellington Moving - objectives

1. Purpose

To present the proposed objectives for the Let's Get Wellington Moving programme and seek the Council's endorsement of these objectives.

2. Background

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed in December 2014 between the Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC), Wellington City Council (WCC), and the NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) to work together to address challenges across the transport network between Ngauranga and the Airport.

The agencies agreed to work together on a whole-of-system approach to planning, investment and development of the transport system in this corridor, and its interaction with land use (especially in the CBD). This programme has been named Let's Get Wellington Moving (LGWM).

Early in 2016 there was an extensive public engagement, with input from over 10,000 people. This resulted in the development of a set of urban design and transport principles which were approved by the LGWM Governance Group and the partner agencies in August 2016.

Work has subsequently been completed to understand and clearly define the problem and opportunities, the assumptions around growth, and to develop a more specific set of objectives for the programme. Feeding into these are a number of background materials: the comprehensive data on the current performance of the transport system collected as part of this programme; the extensive feedback from the public; the collective views of the joint project team; and the advice of the Board and Governance Group.

3. Proposed Objectives

The LGWM Governance Group has adopted the statement of objectives set out in **Attachment 1** to this report. The proposed objectives are now being

presented to each of the three partner organisations (GWRC, WCC, and NZTA) for endorsement.

Gaining agreement between the partner agencies on the problem, underlying assumptions (including population and employment growth) and objectives has been recognised by the LGWM Governance Group as a key step in supporting a successful outcome for the programme.

The ‘Statement of objectives’ provided in **Attachment 1** provides the context (problems, issues, assumptions) that has informed development of the proposed objectives.

The objectives for the LGWM programme are to have a transport system that:

- enhances the liveability of the central city
- provides more efficient and reliable access for users
- reduces reliance on private vehicle travel
- improves safety for all users
- is adaptable to disruptions and future uncertainty

4. Comment

The draft statement of objectives reflects what we know about the transport system in Wellington and the key areas we need to address to support liveability and economic growth in Wellington City and the region. It should be supported.

Agreement on the objectives by all three partner agencies will provide a solid foundation for the next stages of the programme. The objectives will be supported by a set of criteria, which will be used to assess different scenarios through the next phase of the project.

The problems and objectives are being considered simultaneously by the three partner organisations. As such it would be advantageous for a clear endorsement of the objectives. Any changes would require a lengthy second round of approvals and delay the overall programme. If there are any fundamental issues identified with the proposed objectives then it is recommended that they be referred back to the LGWM Governance Group for further consideration.

5. Progress to date and next steps

The key milestones that have been completed for the LGWM programme and key next steps are set out in the table below.

Phase	Timing
Survey the public and gather data – understand what people value, the problems they experience and how do they move around.	Early 2016 (complete)
Use public feedback and information to develop a set of urban	Mid 2016

design and transport principles	(complete)
Develop and test a range of different scenarios against the programme objectives and assessment criteria.	Late 2016 – early 2017 (underway)
Release the LGWM Interim Report	Early 2017
Consult with the public on a scenario short list.	Early – mid 2017
Use the results of the evaluation and public feedback to identify a preferred scenario as the basis for an implementation plan.	Mid 2017

6. Communication

The objectives, along with the problem definition and underlying assumptions will be communicated to the public as part of the Let's Get Wellington Moving Interim Report due to be released in early 2017.

7. The decision-making process and significance

The matter requiring decision in this report has been considered by officers against the requirements of Part 6 of the Local Government Act 2002.

7.1 Significance of the decision

Officers have considered the significance of the matter, taking into account the Council's significance and engagement policy and decision-making guidelines. This decision relates to an early interim step in an ongoing process that will involve further consideration and decision making, and as such officers recommend that the matter be considered to have low significance.

Officers do not consider that a formal record outlining consideration of the decision-making process is required in this instance.

7.2 Engagement

Due to its interim nature and low significance of the decision, no engagement on this matter has been undertaken. Full public engagement of the LGWM scenarios is planned for early 2017.

8. Recommendations

That the Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*
3. *Endorses the proposed statement of objectives, set out in Attachment 1, for the Let's Get Wellington Moving programme.*

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Attachment 1: Let's Get Wellington Moving – Statement of objectives