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## **Appointment to and remuneration of the external committee members of the Interim Wellington Regional Strategy Committee**

### **1. Purpose**

To seek the Council's approval for the appointment to and remuneration of the five non-local government members of the Interim Wellington Regional Strategy Committee.

### **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. Exclusion of the public**

Grounds for exclusion of the public under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 are:

*That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist, (ie to protect the privacy of natural persons).*

### **4. Comment**

#### **4.1 Interim Wellington Regional Strategy Committee**

The Council has established the Interim Wellington Regional Strategy Committee to oversee consultation on the Wellington Regional Strategy (WRS) as well as a governance and funding proposal.

The Interim Wellington Regional Strategy Committee's responsibilities, under its Terms of Reference, include overseeing the identification and recommendation of the five non-local government members for appointment to the Committee. Section (1) of the Terms of Reference provides for:

- “(e) Five non-local Government Members, recommended by the seven Local Government Members, appointed on the basis of skills, experience, standing and networks in the regional community relevant to the goals of the Wellington Regional Strategy.*
- “(f) One of the five non-local Government Members must be a suitable person to represent interests of Maori.”*

The Terms of Reference also provide for remuneration of members as follows:

*“Each Council shall be responsible for remunerating its representative on the Committee for the cost of that person's participation in the Committee.*

*The remuneration of the non-local Government Members will be determined and approved by the Council, following consideration of any recommendation by the Committee.”*

The Interim Wellington Regional Strategy Committee is meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> August 2006 to consider the non-local government appointments and the remuneration of those members. The Committee will agree a recommendation of appointees and remuneration to the Council at that meeting.

## **4.2 Committee's considerations**

The paper to be considered by the Interim Wellington Regional Strategy Committee is in **Attachment 1**.

The paper sets out the role of the Committee. This includes an interim role to conduct a consultation process (on behalf of Greater Wellington) on the WRS as well a governance and funding model, with recommendations to be made to Greater Wellington. In the longer term the role, if confirmed as a result of the consultation process, will be to own and monitor the WRS, including operating a regional economic development agency.

The paper outlines the process for the selection of candidates for the non-local government positions on the committee. This includes the following criteria:

1. A leadership profile and strong networks and mana in the region.
2. A strong affinity for the Greater Wellington region and long-term commitment to the future prosperity of the region.
3. A contribution to a mix of complementary skills which would result in an effectively functioning WRS Committee. Although sector representation is not a basis for the makeup of the committee, this could include experience in specific sectors such as business, research or education.

4. Experience in working in partnership relationships across organisations, particularly where these include central and/or local government organisations, and an understanding of the political dynamics this entails.
5. At least one member able to represent the interests of Maori.

The paper notes that appointees may potentially be encouraged to act as spokespersons and / or champions for aspects of the WRS.

Five names are recommended as appropriate appointees to the committee.

The paper also outlines the issues of remuneration for the non-local government members. As outlined in the Terms of Reference only the non-local government members may be remunerated. Various levels of remuneration are discussed, with a recommendation that a fee of \$15,000 per annum be paid.

The final recommendations on both the appointments and remuneration of the non-local government members will be sent to Council members following the Committee meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> August.

## **5. Council's decision**

The Interim WRS Committee's Terms of Reference record that:

*4(a) The Council has agreed that it will not act independently of the Committee, so that any committee recommendations that the Council is not prepared to accept will be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.*

Therefore, if the Council does not agree with the recommendations of the Committee in this instance it will need to refer the matters back to the Committee.

## **6. Communication**

A press statement will be prepared on the appointment of the non-local government members to the Interim WRS Committee. The press statement will highlight the significance of the appointments, particularly in terms of the high calibre of the people who have agreed to sit on the Committee.

## 7. Recommendations

*That the Council:*

1. **Receives** the report.
2. **Notes** the content of the report.
3. **Appoints** the non-local government appointees to the Interim Wellington Regional Strategy Committee as set out in Attachment 2.
4. **Approves** the payment of the non-local government appointees to the Interim Wellington Regional Strategy Committee as set out in Attachment 2.

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Attachment 1: Paper to the Interim Wellington Regional Strategy Committee Meeting 29<sup>th</sup> August 2006

Attachment 2: Recommendations of the Interim Wellington Regional Strategy Committee  
(to be distributed following the Committee meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> August)