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Regional Sustainable Urban Development Strategy: Report Back on Potential Structures

1. Purpose

To update the Committee on progress with the Regional Urban Development Strategy.

2. Background

On 30 May 2003, the Wellington Mayoral Forum approved the concept of a regional urban development strategy and asked that this be reported back to each Council. The Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee of this Council received a report (03.364) on 1 July 2003 and gave its support to officers to progress the work.

The initial report requested two follow-up reports: one on governance structures for the project and the other on process and the work programme. The governance structure paper (attached) went to the Mayoral Forum on 24 July 2003.

An officers' group met following the May meeting and discussed governance issues. Its findings were then taken to a chief executives group meeting (at which Greater Wellington was not represented); the governance report was then put to the Mayoral Forum (Cr McDavitt was present).

3. Discussion

It is my understanding that the Forum agreed with the recommendations within the report. The Committee will see that recommendation (4) requires a formal report to be brought to each Council seeking approval of the proposed structure and review timetable. This is the main purpose of this report.

4. Recommendation

That the Committee recommend that Council supports the proposed governance structure especially in light of the proposed review in June 2004.

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