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REGIONAL COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Wellington Regional Strategy
Committee held in the Council Chamber, Regional Council
Centre, 142 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Tuesday, 6
March 2007 at 1.02 pm**

Present

Councillor Buchanan (Acting Chairman) (Wellington Regional Council)
Sir John Anderson (independent appointee)
Ms Crossan (independent appointee)
Cr Douglas (Porirua City Council)
Mayor Francis (Combined Wairarapa councils)
Mayor Guppy (Upper Hutt City Council)
Mayor Milne (Kapiti Coast District Council)
Mayor Ogden (Lower Hutt City Council)
Mayor Prendergast (Wellington City Council)

In attendance

Mayor Brash (Porirua City Council), Councillors Baber and Turver (Wellington Regional Council), and Cr Strachan (Kapiti Coast District Council).

Officers Present

Benham, Davis, Reay, and Turfrey (Greater Wellington Regional Council)
McCaw, Mackintosh, McKevitt, and Spargo, (Wellington Regional Strategy Forum)
Pedersen (Upper Hutt City Council)
Poole (Wellington City Council)
Ten Hove (Masterton District Council)

Public Business

Procedural Items

WRS 01 Apologies

Resolved (Cr Buchanan/Ms Crossan)

That the Committee

Accepts the apologies for absence from Professors Callaghan and Love, and from Miss Savage.

WRS 02 Public Participation

No members of the public wished to participate in the meeting.

WRS 03 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved (Mayor Prendergast/Cr Douglas)

That the Minutes of:

- 1. Interim Wellington Regional Strategy Committee of 24 October 2006, Report 06.617.*
- 2. Wellington Regional Strategy Hearings Subcommittee of 19 December 2006 and 23 January 2007, Report 07.87.*
- 3. Interim Wellington Regional Strategy Committee of 30 January 2007.*

be confirmed.

Matters for Information

WRS 04 Election of Chairman

Resolved that (Cr Buchanan/Mayor Prendergast)

- 1. The Committee appoints Sir John Anderson as Chairman of the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee.*
- 2. The appointment takes effect at the end of today's meeting.*

Resolved

(Mayor Francis/ Sir John Anderson)

That the Committee

Appoints Cr Buchanan as Deputy Chairman of the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee.

WRS 05 Update on Committee Upcoming Work

Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Ms Crossan)

That the following documents be tabled:

1. *Wellington Regional Strategy. Internationally Competitive Wellington – A Sustainable Economic Growth Strategy for our Region. Wellington Regional Strategy.*
2. *Wellington Regional Strategy – Reference to Mediation. Letter from Max Pedersen, Chief Executive of the Upper Hutt City Council, to the Chief Executive of the Greater Wellington Regional Council, dated 1 March 2007.*

Graham Spargo gave an oral report, and also tabled that report.

Noted

Mayor Ogden read a letter to the Committee, notifying the intention of the Hutt City Council to submit to mediation under Section 16(4) of the Local Government Act 2002 the matter of the Greater Wellington Regional Council being appointed keeper of the Wellington Regional Strategy.

Matter for Decision

WRS 06 Establishment of a Regional Economic Development Agency to Implement the Wellington Regional Strategy

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Resolved

(Cr Buchanan/Cr Douglas)

That the Committee

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

3. *Recommends to Greater Wellington that it establish a Council Controlled Organisation as a not-for-profit company to implement the economic development elements of the Wellington Regional Strategy.*
4. *Recommends to Greater Wellington that the name of the EDA be Regional EDA Limited.*
5. *Recommends to Greater Wellington the constitution of the Regional EDA as in Attachment 1.*
6. *Instructs the Chief Executives Group to initiate a recruitment process, including calling for Expressions of Interest and preparing the shortlist of potential appointees.*
7. *Requests the Chairman, with assistance from the Chief Executive Group and in consultation with Committee members, undertakes a process to identify seven people for appointment to Regional Economic Development Agency Ltd.*

Other Matters

WRS 07 Questions

Mayor Prendergast asked for clarification about the quorum provisions referred to in a letter she received from Greater Wellington dated 23 February 2007. In particular, Mayor Prendergast requested that the letter be reissued to clarify that the Greater Wellington member to be present at WRS Committee meetings shall be the GW appointee to the Committee, or his/her alternate.

Noted

Officers undertook to re-circulate the letter, clarifying the point.

WRS 08 General

There was no general business.

WRS 09 **Exclusion of the Public****Report 07.91**

E/06/24/04

*Resolved**(Cr Buchanan/Cr Douglas)**That the Council**Excludes the public, except for Mayor Brash, from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:**Appointment of Directors to Regional EDA Limited**The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:*

<i>General subject of each matter to be considered:</i>	<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each</i>	<i>Ground under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
<i>Appointment of Directors to Regional EDA Limited.</i>	<i>The information contained in this report contains information relating to the appointment of directors to the region's economic development agency as it would disclose the fact that they are being considered for appointment. Release of this information would prejudice their privacy by disclosing the fact that they are being considered as directors of the region's economic development agency. Greater Wellington has not been able to identify a public interest favouring disclosure of this particular information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override his privacy.</i>	<i>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 under sections 7(2)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (i.e to protect the privacy of natural persons).</i>

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as specified above.

WRS 10 Item 6 of Public Excluded Agenda — Appointment of Directors to Regional EDA Limited

Resolved

That the Committee publicly releases the resolutions made during public exclusion, after the persons named are notified, and after confirmation by the Greater Wellington Regional Council at its meeting of 13 March 2007.

The meeting was adjourned between 1.52 pm and 2.18 pm to conduct public excluded business.

The meeting closed at 2.20 pm.

Cr I M BUCHANAN
Acting Chairman

Date: