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Committee Wellington Regional Strategy Committee
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Grow Wellington and WRS Office Annual Reports 2008/09

1. Purpose

To present to the Committee the Annual Reports of Grow Wellington and the Wellington Regional Strategy (WRS) Office for the year 2008/09.

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. Background

Grow Wellington was established in 2007 to deliver economic growth initiatives under the Wellington Regional Strategy. The company is required to report to the Committee on its activities at the end of each financial year. The report in **Attachment 1** is Grow Wellington's second annual report and covers the financial year 2008/09. This report was approved by the Grow Wellington Board in August 2009.

The WRS Office was established within Greater Wellington to support the implementation of the strategy. The office has a reporting role for all the Good Regional Form activities and the economic growth projects that are being undertaken by the region's councils. The annual report for the 2008/09 financial year is in **attachment 2**, sent as a separate document.

4. Comment

4.1 Grow Wellington Annual Report

Grow Wellington's Annual Report includes a commentary on the various areas of activity undertaken over the year. An assessment of its performance against a series of measures (contained in the company's Statement of Intent) shows

that it has met, or nearly met, most of the targets. In some instances the targets have been exceeded.

4.2 WRS Office Annual Report

The Annual Report shows significant progress being made on four of the five high priority projects. Other projects are also progressing and these are outlined in the report. Each project is lead by a member of the Senior Officers Resource Team or the WRS Office.

5. Communication

Grow Wellington is responsible for communicating its activities. Other projects undertaken by SORT are communicated as they are progressed.

6. Recommendations

That the Committee:

- 1. **Receives** the report.*
- 2. **Notes** the content of the report.*
- 3. **Accepts** the Grow Wellington Annual Report and **authorises** the Committee Chair to send a letter to the Grow Wellington Board acknowledging the progress made by the company.*
- 4. **Adopts** the Wellington Regional Strategy Office Annual Report.*

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Attachment 1: Grow Wellington Annual Report 2008/09

Attachment 2: WRS Office Annual Report 2008/09 (enclosed separately)