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Chairman's Report

Reviewing the past six weeks' activity in preparing this report I realised that no major issues, other than the implications of the 2007 budget, required specific reporting to Council. All of our internal matters, such as the final preparation of the 2007/08 Annual Plan, RPS development and the like are covered elsewhere. However, in looking at my programme as Chairman for this period, I seemed to have been reasonably busy outside of the formal business of Greater Wellington. The list of attendances and meetings set out below gives a sense of this.

1. 2007 Budget implications and "Next Steps"

Of primary interest to Greater Wellington was the announcement of the new provisions for the Regional Fuel Tax (RFT) and budget provision of \$600M for Auckland and Wellington passenger rail networks. All information on these two matters has been publicly available from Central Government and has been reported extensively in the media. No further information is yet available on the details of how the RFT is to be applied, or the allocation of the \$600M rail money. Our officers are working with Central Government officials on this and also on the detail of the "Next Steps" announcements regarding future transport structures and planning. I can't add any further insight on these issues at present, and details will be reported through the transport committees as they are available.

2. Meetings and functions (other than Greater Wellington)

Restoration day – Tauherinakau (Volunteers from throughout the region)

Peter Leslie/Stuart Macaskill – Lifelines Group

Canterbury Development Corporation representatives – WRS development

Alf Teasdale/Te Marua Golf Club – river management issues

Hutt City Council – Belmont Park

Matiu Rei/Miria Pomare – Whitireia Park

Charles Finny – Chamber of Commerce

ERMA – 1080 Application submission (LGNZ)

Hon Annette King – LGNZ transport
Trolley bus launch
Wairarapa carriages launch
Mayoral Forum
CentrePort (Nigel Gould) x 3
Mayor Prendergast x 2
Martin Weevers (DPMC) – LGNZ
LGNZ performance review
Local Government Superannuation Trust
Reception – President of Philippines
Reception – French rugby team
Animal Health Board – vector control future
Arbor Day planting – Queen Elizabeth Park
Arbor Day planting – Battle Hill Park
Sue Kedgley MP – RFT
Business breakfast – Solway (Dianna Crossan)
Ngati Kahungunu – taonga repatriation
Water Group – LGNZ
Karori Sanctuary – funding announcement
Green Ribbon environmental awards – Parliament
Peter Cameron farewell – Masterton (45 years with GW and predecessors)
Flood Group (LGNZ) – with Ministers of Environment, Agriculture, Civil
Defence
Masterton District Council – flood management
Hon Maurice Williamson (National Party) – transport issues
Rural/Provincial sector (LGNZ) – flood management and transport
Central/Local Government Forum (LGNZ)

3. Recommendations

That the Council:

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

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