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Committee Wellington Regional Strategy  
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## Labour Market In-Depth Regional Report

### 1. Purpose

To update the Committee on Wellington Regional labour market information recently released by the Department of Labour, and to inform the Committee on activities of Upper Hutt City Council relating to youth.

### 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

Underpinning the successful implementation of the Wellington Regional Strategy (WRS) is the region's labour market. There are therefore strong links between the WRS and the Wellington Regional Labour Market Strategy. Both recognise the importance of increasing labour market participation, increasing productivity, growing skills and attracting and retaining talented people.

### 4. Department of Labour Annual In-Depth Regional Report

The Department of Labour has recently published its Annual in-depth Regional Report. These reports are designed to provide labour market information to inform policy decisions at a regional level. The 2008 report is only the second Annual Report produced by the Department. It has a youth theme, and presents a significant amount of data about youth in the Wellington labour market.

Mike Styles, Labour Market Knowledge Manager with the Department of Labour, will present the report to the Committee. A copy of the Annual Report will be sent to the WRS Committee members with the Agenda. Copies can be obtained from:

<http://www.dol.govt.nz/publications/lmr/regional/indepth/wellington/index.asp>

## 5. Upper Hutt City Council Employers' Guide and Youth Survey

Related to the Department of Labour Annual Report are two pieces of work undertaken by Upper Hutt City Council. The first is a guide for employers looking to employ young people. The Council has indicated that this guide is available for use outside the City. A copy of the guide is available at:

[http://www.upperhuttcity.com/store/doc/Making\\_It\\_Work.pdf](http://www.upperhuttcity.com/store/doc/Making_It_Work.pdf)

The Council has also recently published the results of a youth survey in the City. The report outlines the major issues of concern for youth in Upper Hutt and presents a lot of information about youth. The results can be found at:

[http://www.upperhuttcity.com/store/doc/2007\\_Youth\\_Survey\\_Analysis.pdf](http://www.upperhuttcity.com/store/doc/2007_Youth_Survey_Analysis.pdf)

Copies of both these reports will be sent to Committee members with the agenda. Upper Hutt City Council officers will be at the Committee meeting to answer questions.

## 6. Communication

No matters in this report require communicating.

## 7. Recommendations

*That the Committee:*

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

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