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Report on the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee meeting held on 29 March 2011

1. Purpose

To inform the Council about the meeting of the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee that took place on 29 March 2011.

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. Report

3.1 Grow Wellington Draft Statement of Intent (SOI)

Grow Wellington submitted its Draft SOI to the Committee for their feedback, as required by the Local Government Act. The Committee also received a report from the Chief Executives Forum outlining where they identified the Draft SOI could be improved. This included:

- Improving linkages between the inputs, outputs and outcomes.
- Changing the measures from output-focussed to more outcome-focussed so that the overall value of the activities and the contribution they make to the company's objectives is clearer.
- Showing the budget allocated for each area of activity and, where appropriate, identifying the level of external revenue allocated to those areas.
- Clarifying changes in direction from last year's Statement of Intent and providing reasons for those changes.

- Clarifying Grow Wellington’s role where an activity is ‘to assist’ with projects that are being driven by other organisations.
- Including a programme of work to identify and analyse future economic trends in the region.
- Providing more information about Creative HQ.

At the request of the Grow Wellington Chief Executive, the Chief Executives Forum provided detailed feedback to the Board which was an expansion of the summary above. This was provided prior to the agenda being published and was to provide an opportunity for the Board to consider the feedback at its scheduled meeting on Friday 25th March. The Chair could then respond to the feedback at the WRS Committee meeting.

The Chair of the Board Murray McCaw attended the Committee meeting and expressed strong concerns about the nature of the feedback which the Board believed challenged its integrity. He also expressed concerns about the process, on the basis that the Chief Executives Forum (and the Senior Officers’ Team advising the forum) had not engaged with Grow Wellington through the development of the feedback.

There was discussion within the Committee about the process and some of the specific SOI issues. The Committee agreed to defer a detailed debate on the Draft SOI until its next meeting on 1 June. In the meantime the Chair of the Committee and a number of Committee members will meet with the Board and discuss the options for addressing the reporting issues that have arisen through the SOI process.

It is likely that a redrafted SOI will be submitted to the Committee prior to the 1 June meeting for the Committee’s consideration.

3.2 Appointment of Directors to Grow Wellington

Two vacancies currently exist on the Grow Wellington Board. The recommendations on new appointments are the subject of a Public Excluded Report on the Council’s agenda.

4. Unconfirmed minutes

The unconfirmed minutes of the committee meeting are in **Attachment 1**.

5. Recommendations

That the Council:

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

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Attachment 1: Unconfirmed minutes