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Committee Wellington Regional Strategy
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Regional Economic Development Agency – Reporting Process

1. Purpose

To update the Committee on the timeline for REDA reporting, in particular on the two key issues of the Chief Executive appointment and the Statement of Intent.

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. Comment

The Chairman of the Regional Economic Development Agency (REDA) will be providing a general update report to the Committee on REDA's current activities.

Key elements of REDA's establishment have now been determined which means they can be included in the programme for the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee for its remaining 2007 meetings.

Key elements include:-

3.1 CEO Appointment

The process to identify and appoint a CEO is well advanced, and there are currently candidates that look suitable for the appointment. The timing of the commencement of the new CEO is expected to be around 30 September – 15 October.

The appointment will be reported to Committee members as soon as it is made.

3.2 Statement of Intent

The Statement of Intent (SOI) is in the process of being drafted. The newly appointed Board wishes to undertake discussions with key stakeholders prior to presenting the SOI to the WRS Committee.

The programme that now follows is:-

- Input from key players in the community on the statement and the performance indicators, including (but not limited to):
 - Employers and Manufacturers Association;
 - Wellington Regional Chamber of Commerce;
 - Positively Wellington Tourism;
 - Wellington International Airport;
 - CentrePort
 - Tertiary Education Cluster;
 - NZTE; and
 - FRST.
- The new Chief Executive, and his/her Management Team, taking “ownership” of the Statement of Intent and the performance indicators. It is intended that once these key appointments are made the Board, CEO and the Senior Management team will meet for 1 or 2 days to review the Statement of Intent to ensure it:
 - reflects the intent and aspirations of the Wellington Regional Strategy;
 - takes into account the presentations made by the community; and
 - is able to be supported by the Board and Management.
- Once the REDA Board has finalised the Statement of Intent it will be forwarded to the Chief Executives Group for comment before being presented to the WRS Committee.

There is no meeting in November due to the local government election process, so the Statement of Intent will be presented by the Chief Executive of REDA at the December meeting.

4. Communication

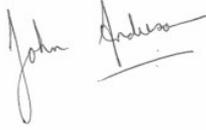
There is nothing to communicate at this time.

5. Recommendations

That the Committee:

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

Report approved by:

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Sir John Anderson
Chairman