

STRATEGY AND POLICY COMMITTEE 1 JUNE 2010

REPORT 8 (1215/52/IM)

Report of the Council Controlled Organisation Performance Subcommittee Meeting of Thursday 1 April 2010

Members: Mayor Prendergast, Councillors Coughlan, Foster and Ritchie, Mr Alan Isaac and Mr James Ogden (Chair)

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

1. REVIEW OF THE PERFORMANCE OF ALL COUNCIL CONTROLLED ORGANISATIONS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009 (1215/52/02/IM) (REPORT 3)

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- 1. Notes the following matters with regard to the second quarter 2009/10 performance of Council Controlled Organisations:
 - (a) The Basin Reserve Trust has completed the construction of the off-field practice wicket and already received positive feedback and the highest possible rating from the International Cricket Council.
 - (b) Council officers continue to work with Capacity to finalise the new Service Level Agreement and anticipate having it signed by the end of April 2010.
 - (c) Positively Wellington Tourism received \$1 million additional funding from the Government for its Australia marketing campaign. The campaign has already started and the Australian visitor numbers are performing particularly well.
 - (d) The St James Theatre Charitable Trust received Council approval to go overdrawn in January but expects to be back in credit before June 2010.

- (e) Cable car passenger numbers were impacted in the quarter by poor weather, however, passenger numbers over the medium term are likely to be helped by the reopening of Carter Observatory.
- (f) The Museums Trust continues to perform well with visitor numbers and revenue targets higher than budget. The Trust offered a range of exhibition and public programmes and celebrated 10 years of Museum of Wellington City and Sea. The transition of Carter to the Museums Trust is progressing as planned and is expected to be completed by July 2010.
- (g) The Zoo successfully tendered the catering operations during January and February and announced Mojo as the new operator starting 1 March 2010.
- (h) Wellington Regional Stadium Trust had a very good second quarter which included hosting the sell-out All Whites game to secure a place in the Football World Cup. The year-to-date surplus is well above budget and the annual result should also comfortably exceed the original budget.
- (i) The Karori Sanctuary Visitor Centre Project continues on time and on budget and it is due to open to the public on 2 April 2010.
- 2. Notes that the Council Controlled Organisation Performance Subcommittee continues to monitor the Karori Sanctuary Visitor Centre project at the direction of the Strategy and Policy Committee and that, further to the previous Council Controlled Organisation Performance Subcommittee update report on 7 December 2009, the next update report is included within this report.

James Ogden Chair