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**REPORT 9**  
*(1215/11/IM)*

**Report of the Strategy and Policy Committee**  
**Meeting of Thursday 11 February 2010**

**Members:** Mayor Prendergast, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Coughlan, Foster (Deputy Chair), Gill, Goulden, McKinnon (Deputy Chair), Morrison, Pannett, Pepperell, Ritchie, Wade-Brown and Wain.

**MATTERS CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE**

The Strategy and Policy Committee dealt with a number of issues for which it has delegated powers to act and therefore these are before the Council for noting.

The Committee hereby recommends that the information be received.

1. **ITEM 008/10P REVIEW OF GOVERNANCE IN THE WELLINGTON REGION**  
*(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 1)*

*THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:*

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to a review of Wellington's governance based on the approach (i.e. draft terms of reference and programme) outlined in Appendix A and B as agreed by the Mayoral Forum on 27 November 2009, amended as follows:*
  - (a) *add to page 9 under the heading "Regional identity and purpose": after the words "they should engender regional identity" insert "but respect local character".*
  - (b) *add to page 9 under the heading "Effectiveness": after the words "in terms of cost"; insert "the four wellbeings".*
3. *Note that feedback from each council on the draft terms of reference and work programme will be considered at the next Mayoral Forum on 26 February 2010.*

4. *Agree that, subject to the outcome of consideration of the 27 November 2009 report by councils in the Wellington region, the Wellington Mayoral Forum will be the governance body for the review and the agreed work programme will be managed by the Chief Executives' Forum.*
5. *Agree that the Mayor will present the Committee's feedback at the Mayoral Forum on 26 February 2010.*
6. *Note that the proposed work programme provides 'hold points' to allow for feedback and review by each council with advice to the Mayoral Forum.*

2. **ITEM 009/10P FUNDING WELLINGTON'S REGIONAL AMENITIES**  
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 2)

*THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:*

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to a review of regional amenities funding based on the approach (i.e. scope and timeframes) outlined in the 'Funding Regional Amenities' report (Appendix A) agreed by the Mayoral Forum on 27 November 2009.*
3. *Note that feedback from each council on the proposal to fund regional amenities will be considered at the next Mayoral Forum on 26 February 2010.*
4. *Agree to:*
  - a) *review funding principles contained in the Auckland Regional Amenities Funding Act 2008 as the initial basis to consider what constitutes a regional amenity and develop a draft set of principles for the Wellington region,*
  - b) *confirm any proposed principles for funding regional amenities after local market research has been undertaken (March – May 2010) to ensure principles are robust and satisfy the region's needs.*
5. *Agree that the Mayor will present the Committee's feedback at the Mayoral Forum on 26 February 2010.*
6. *Agree that, subject to the outcome of consideration of the 27 November 2009 report by councils in the Wellington region, the Wellington Mayoral Forum will be the governance body for the review and the agreed work programme will be managed by the Chief Executives' Forum.*

7. *Note that the proposed work programme provides 'hold points' to allow for feedback and review by each council with advice to the Mayoral Forum.*

3. **ITEM 011/10P CRITERIA AND PRINCIPLES FOR PAYMENT OF ADVISORY GROUPS AND COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUPS**  
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 4)

*THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:*

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *See Part A.*

4. **ITEM 012/10P ANNUAL REPORT ON DOG CONTROL IN WELLINGTON CITY FOR THE YEAR 1 JULY 2008 – 30 JUNE 2009**  
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 5)

*THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:*

1. *Receive the information*
2. *Agree to the attached report on the Council's policy and practices in relation to dog control for the year 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009.*
3. *Note that the report is required under Section 10A of the Dog Control Act 1996 and that Section 10A requires that the report be publicly notified and a copy provided to the Department of Internal Affairs.*
4. *See Part A.*

5. **ITEM 013/10P FORWARD PROGRAMME**  
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 6)

*THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:*

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree the Forward Programme, attached as Appendix One.*
3. *Note the following:*
  - (a) *Proposed Speed Limits in Oriental Bay (22 April 2010) description has been amended to seeking agreement for consultation.*
  - (b) *Management of Wellington's Water Service has been added to the to be scheduled list.*

- (c) *Review of Governance and Review of Regional Amenities report back will be scheduled after the Mayoral Forum.*

6. **ITEM 014/10P STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE GAMBLING VENUES POLICY**  
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 3)

*THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:*

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Note that under the Gambling Act, 2003, Council must review its Gambling Venues Policy every three years.*
3. *Note that although the current policy is meeting its stated objectives, a new approach is being proposed requiring amendment in accordance with the Special Consultative Procedure in section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002.*
4. *Agree to the Statement of Proposal (attached as Appendix 1 of the officer's report) and the draft Gambling Venues Policy (attached as Appendix 2 of the officer's report) – noting;*
  - (a) *The current policy approach sets a fixed “cap” on gaming machine numbers in six (suburban) zones but sets no limit on gaming machine numbers in the Central Area Zone.*
  - (b) *Five ‘areas of concern’ were identified within the Wellington District. These were located in the Northern, Southern, Western zones and, to a lesser extent, the Eastern zone.*
  - (c) *These “areas of concern” contain significant clusters of NCGMs and numbers of NCGMs and NCGM venues have not significantly reduced in these areas since the implementation of the initial Gambling Venues Policy.*
  - (d) *The remaining capped zones (the Lambton and the Onslow zones) have ‘caps’ significantly higher than the number of NCGMs within the zones.*
  - (e) *Officers are proposing a population-based cap on NCGM numbers (set at a ratio of 1 machine to 300 people) to be established in the capped suburban zones under the policy.*
5. *Delegate to the Chief Executive and the Social Portfolio Leader the authority to make any minor editorial changes to the Statement of Proposal and draft policy required as a result of decisions of this committee prior to the Statement of Proposal being considered by Council.*
6. *See Part A.*

7. *Note that the draft Gambling Venues Policy will be presented to the Strategy and Policy Committee in June 2010 following public consultation.*

**Andy Foster**  
**Chair**