
REPORT 10
(1215/11/IM)

Report of the Strategy and Policy Committee
Meeting of Thursday 9 April 2009

Members: Mayor Prendergast (Deputy Chair), Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Coughlan, Foster, Gill, Goulden, McKinnon (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 062/09P REPORT OF THE COUNCIL CONTROLLED ORGANISATION PERFORMANCE SUBCOMMITTEE**
Meeting of Monday 2 March 2009
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 2)

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information for noting from the Council Controlled Organisation Performance Subcommittee.*

1. **ITEM 009/09FM REVIEW OF THE PERFORMANCE OF ALL COUNCIL CONTROLLED ORGANISATIONS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008.**
(1215/52/02IM) (REPORT 2)

THAT the Council Controlled Organisation Performance Subcommittee:

1. *Recommend that the Strategy and Policy Committee (SPC) notes the following matters with regard to the second quarter 2008/09 performance of Council Controlled Organisations:*
 - (a) *as at 18 February, the Basin Reserve Trust and the Stadium Trust had not submitted a second quarter report but officers indicated there were no major issues subsequently identified.*

- (b) *issues arising from the first quarter financial report of Capacity have not been completely resolved. Officers will continue to work with Capacity until CCOPS has assurance over the accuracy of the entities' financial reporting systems.*
- (c) *Positively Wellington Tourism launched its Wellington Visitor Strategy 2015 in December to strengthen Wellington's position as a visitor destination during and after the current economic downturn. The financial performance of the i-Site improved significantly during the second quarter.*
- (d) *the St James Theatre Charitable Trust has responded to the challenges presented by the economic downturn and, after briefly going overdrawn in January, is forecast to remain in credit to the end of the financial year.*
- (e) *Wellington Cable Car Limited had a 16% year to date increase in passengers compared to the previous year, and the company is projecting meeting its 2008/09 budgeted surplus.*
- (f) *the Wellington Museums Trust has approached the Council for an increase in its baseline operational funding to cover a number of issues. This will be reported on to the Strategy and Policy Committee as part of the LTCCP process.*
- (g) *that a report is imminent on the condition and cost implications of the wharf's maintenance requirements on the Waterfront.*
- (h) *construction of the Nest, the new animal hospital at the Zoo, progressed during the quarter and continues to track to budget.*

2. *Recommend that the Strategy and Policy Committee notes that Council Controlled Organisation Performance Subcommittee is monitoring the Karori Sanctuary Visitor Centre project at the direction of the Strategy and Policy Committee and that the first update report is included within this report, and that:*

- (a) *the Subcommittee noted serious concerns about project management and governance, and asks the Chief Executive Officer to immediately review appropriate project reporting arrangements.*

(b) *the Subcommittee noted concerns about financial reporting and in particular treatment of grants as part of operating income. The Subcommittee requests an immediate update of the current operating results and a revised forecast to 30 June 2009.*

2. **ITEM 065/09P STRATEGY AND POLICY COMMITTEE
FORWARD PROGRAMME
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 5)**

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to the Forward Programme for the Strategy and Policy Committee, attached as Appendix 1 to the officer's report.*

**Ian McKinnon
Chair**