APPENDIX TWO

Collaboration and Co-operation for Regional Economic Development

The purpose of this Appendix is to describe how the district, city and regional councils (the Councils) in the Horizons (Manawatu-Wanganui) region will work together to achieve economic growth and development.

This Appendix is a demonstration of the Councils’ shared vision which is

To work collaboratively to grow the region’s economy for the benefit of its communities.

The agreement

Not withstanding the requirements of Sections 16 and 77-89 of the Local Government Act 2002, the parties agree:

- To use the Regional Chiefs Forum as a mechanism to formally discuss any issue relating to Economic Development.
- To work collaboratively to enhance opportunities for growth and development in the region.
- That the principle of a regional approach benefits all parties.
- To communicate openly about opportunities for growth whilst respecting commercial confidentiality.
- To make economic growth and development a priority and a standing item at their regular meetings, termed ‘Meetings of the Regional Chiefs’.
- To review proposed works on an annual basis. Additional items may be added to this Appendix at any stage with the agreement of all parties.

Works proposed this triennium

In this Triennium the parties will work collaboratively to implement the opportunities identified in the Manawatu-Wanganui Economic Action Plan under Accelerate25.

The work may include:

- Providing feedback on implementation from the Regional Chiefs to the Lead Team. (The Lead Team would likely consist of; 2 Mayors/Chairs, 2 iwi representatives, 2 business representatives, 1 Central Government representative and 1 Chair who holds a non-voting position)
- Engaging both governance and staff in project teams that will be charged with identifying and implementing actions arising from the Regional Growth Study.
- Working with iwi and business leaders to aid implementation of the Regional Growth Study.