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A MOTION relating to developing a countywide strategic planning, performance measurement and management system.

WHEREAS, performance measurement can be an effective tool that may be used by county residents, elected leaders and policy makers to prioritize county goals and align public services to those goals, and

WHEREAS, county citizens should be engaged in establishing priorities for their government and county performance on how well it is meeting its goals should be publicly reported to residents, and

WHEREAS, performance measurement should be directly linked to resource allocation decisions, and

WHEREAS, performance measurement may also be used by managers for strategic planning, program evaluation and budgeting, and

WHEREAS, in October 2002, the metropolitan King County council adopted Motion 11561, which encouraged the executive to broaden and deepen the use of performance measurement throughout county government as a way of enhancing management of scarce resources and demonstrating accountability, and

WHEREAS, in June 2003, the metropolitan King County council passed Motion 11739, which created a collaborative performance measurement work group to advise the county auditor and requested the executive to participate, and

WHEREAS, in a September 14, 2004, memorandum from the county auditor to the chair of the labor, operations and technology committee the auditor recommended that the metropolitan King County council:

1. Continue the performance measurement work group and expand its membership to include representatives of agencies headed by separately elected county officials;

2. Empower the performance measurement work group to develop a work plan to determine feasible next steps such as developing legislation revising King County Code provisions on performance measurement to promote a uniform, countywide performance measurement and reporting system; and

3. Establish countywide goals for pursuing a countywide strategic performance measurement and reporting system, and

WHEREAS, in September 2004, the metropolitan King County council passed Motion 12005, to implement the county auditor's recommendations and expanded the collaborative performance measurement work group to include all branches of county government, and

WHEREAS, the executive is developing a performance measurement system known as KingStat to assist executive department directors in managing their operations, to improve decision making at all levels and to ensure that departments stay focused on top priorities, and

WHEREAS, in July 2005, the metropolitan King County council passed Motion 12161, which called for the work group to develop a plan with feasible next steps for establishing a countywide system of strategic performance measurement and reporting that is directly linked to resource allocation decisions and is publicly reported, and

WHEREAS, on May 23, 2006 the county auditor briefed the labor, operations and technology committee on the Work Plan for Developing a Countywide Strategic Planning, Performance Measurement and Management System;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

The Work Plan for Developing a Countywide Strategic Planning, Performance Measurement and Management System is adopted.

The county auditor is directed to include in the auditor's 2007 work program the continued development of a performance measurement and management system. This effort shall continue the performance measurement work group that is advisory to the county auditor. The work group shall consist of participants

from the office of management and budget, executive departments, the King County auditor's office and the metropolitan King County council, the assessor's office, the sheriff's office, the prosecuting attorney's office, the district court and the superior court. The work group shall advise on implementation of phases one and two of the Work Plan for Developing a Countywide Strategic Planning, Performance Measurement and Management System to expand on ongoing improvements in strategic planning and performance measurement and scope the long-term effort and resource requirements needed. The system shall be directly linked to resource allocation decisions and shall engage the public. The countywide performance measurement and management system shall also include close coordination with the executive's performance measurement systems, including the KingStat program.

The King County executive, assessor, sheriff, prosecuting attorney, presiding judge of district court and presiding judge of superior court are requested to continue to participate in an advisory performance measurement work group.

The county auditor may pursue other means beyond the work group to advance countywide performance measurement and reporting.