



Report no: C2009/3/1

Adoption of Long Term Council Community Plan 2009-2019

Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the adoption of the Community Plan as approved by Council on 3 June 2009, as required by the Local Government Act 2002.

Recommendations

That Council:

- (i) note that the changes identified at the Community Plan Committee meeting held on 3 June 2009 have been made to the final LTCCP and the Editorial Subcommittee comprising the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors Baird and Shierlaw have approved the revised text of the document;
- (ii) note that all submitters will have been provided with feedback on the decisions made by early July;
- (iii) adopt the Community Plan incorporating the above mentioned alterations; and
- (iv) note the draft audit opinion issued by Audit NZ.

Background

2. The Community Plan Committee at its meeting held on 3 June 2009 recommended changes to the final LTCCP document. These were approved by Council at the conclusion of the Community Plan

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Committee meeting and a subcommittee comprising the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors Baird and Shierlaw was appointed to sign off the final document.

Discussion

3. The Editorial Subcommittee has approved the text of the final document. This includes the \$600,000 saving in operational expenditure requested by the Community Plan Committee, and amendment of all resource consent processing fees to reflect the increased hourly rate of \$115 approved by the Community Plan Committee.
4. Through the final audit process with Audit New Zealand, minor changes have been made to financial reports including to the timing of debt repayments. These are largely financial reporting changes only and no changes have been made to operating and capital revenue and expenditure levels.
5. The final Community Plan is included as Appendix 1.
6. No further alterations can be made at this point.
7. The signed audit opinion will be released once the Community Plan has been adopted by Council.

Consultation

8. The 2009-2019 Draft Community Plan was the subject of public consultation between 30 March and 30 April 2009. The results of the consultation were provided to the Community Plan Committee to assist with its deliberations on 3 June 2009.
9. Letters advising submitters of the decisions made were sent progressively from 10 June and all submitters will have been advised of the outcome of their submission by early July.

Legal Considerations

10. The Community Plan has been prepared to meet the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002.

Financial Considerations

11. Financial considerations are outlined in the Community Plan 2009-2019.

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Other Considerations

12. The summary results of the NRB Communitrak Survey conducted in March 2009 are attached as Appendix 2 for information. These provide information on resident satisfaction with Council services and facilities, rates issues, contact with Council, sources of information, representation and specified local issues. The satisfaction statistics will feed into the Annual Report process for the 2008/09 financial year.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Long Term Council Community Plan 2009-2019 (separately circulated document)

Appendix 2: NRB Communitrak Survey summary results 2009

Supporting Information
<p>Strategic Fit/Strategic Outcome The information contained in this report feeds into the Community Plan process. The Long Term Council Community Plan is one of the Council's primary strategic documents.</p>
<p>LTCCP Reference Any funding decisions made as a result of this report form part of the Community Plan process.</p>
<p>Treaty of Waitangi Consideration Treaty of Waitangi considerations are addressed in the Community Plan.</p>
<p>Decision Making The decision sought does not reach any of the thresholds set out in Part 1 of the Decision-making Checklist. The level of compliance required with the Local Government Act 2002 decision-making requirements is therefore lower and consequently it was not necessary to complete Part 2 of the Checklist.</p>
<p>Consistency with Existing Policy The Community Plan has been prepared in accordance with Council policy.</p>

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