

DRAFT LONG-TERM PLAN: CONFIRMATION OF REQUIRED POLICIES AND STATEMENTS

1. Purpose of Report

The report seeks agreement to the following policies and statements that are required under the Local Government act 2002 for inclusion in the draft long-term plan:

- Policy on partnerships with the private sector
- Significance policy
- Waste Management Plan: summary
- Assessment of water and sanitary services: summary.

Note that a statement on how the Council plans to develop opportunities for Maori to contribute to our decision-making processes is also a requirement of the Act. This is contained in the Governance chapter in report 7 of this agenda.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Note the minor editorial changes and agree to the Policy on Partnerships with the Private Sector for inclusion in the draft long-term plan as outlined in appendix one.*
3. *Confirm the Significance Policy as outlined in appendix two.*
4. *Agree to the Waste Management Plan summary for inclusion in the draft long-term plan as outlined in appendix three.*
5. *Agree to the Assessment of Water and Sanitary Services summary in the draft long-term plan as outlined in appendix four.*

3. Background

The Local Government Act 2002 requires the Council to include certain policies and statements in the long-term plan. This report presents those reports for confirmation or adoption.

Policy on partnerships with the private sector

The Council's Policy on Partnerships with the Private Sector comes up for review every three years as part of the long-term plan process. A review of the wording has found that this policy is sound, but some minor changes to the wording are proposed. This is to ensure that some relatively small projects, such as grants, are not caught up in an overly mechanistic process for assessing a proposal. With these changes, the Council still retains the discretion to undertake detailed assessment and management of significant projects.

The policy is outlined in appendix one. The minor changes are highlighted.

Significance Policy

The Local Government Act 2002 provides that the Council adopt a policy on significance. The policy is to set out Council's general approach to determining the significance of a decision (including any thresholds, criteria or procedures that will be used by the Council). The policy must also list the assets Council considers to be strategic assets.

The Council adopted its current Significance Policy in June 2006 following consultation. Officers have reviewed the policy and recommend that it requires no change.

The Act requires that a summary of the plan be included in the long-term plan. This is outlined in appendix two.

Summaries of Waste Management Plan and Assessment of Water and Sanitary Services

The Council is required to include a summary of the last assessment of Water and Sanitary Services that was completed. This is attached in appendix four. It is also required to provide an outline of its Waste Management Plan. A summary is provided in the appendix. As outlined this is a transitional statement.

4. Conclusion

This report provides for consideration of the key issues that were discussed through the early engagement exercise and matters that have arisen since.

Supporting Information

1) Strategic Fit / Strategic Outcome

The paper forms part of the long-term plan process.

2) LTCCP/Annual Plan reference and long term financial impact

The report has no financial impacts.

3) Treaty of Waitangi considerations

Not directly applicable

4) Decision-Making

The report is a component of the wider planning process as required in the LGA.

5) Consultation

a) General Consultation

Separate reports on this agenda covers the consultation that has been undertaken and will be done in relation to this project.

b) Consultation with Maori

As above.

6) Legal Implications

The report is a component of the wider planning process as required in the LGA.

7) Consistency with existing policy

The report seeks confirmation of existing policies..