

REPORT 3
 (1215/52/01/1M)

STATUS REPORT ON PROGRESS AGAINST AUDIT NEW ZEALAND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Purpose of Report

To update the Subcommittee on progress in implementing the recommendations contained in the audit management letters presented to the Subcommittee.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Subcommittee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Note the progress made in implementing the Audit New Zealand recommendations.*

3. Summary of Movements in Recommendations since the last report

Report	Opening balance	New Recommendations	Implemented Recommendations	Outstanding Recommendations
2006/07 Financial Statements Audit	2	–	-	2
Total	2	–	-	2

4. Summary of Recommendations and their Current Status

Issue	Responsibility	Priority	Current Status
<p>During the period Audit New Zealand performed a review of the Council's legislative compliance framework. No instances of non-compliance with significant legislative requirements were identified. Audit New Zealand recommended that a documented process be put in place to provide staff with guidance on handling legislative breaches; and an explicit statement be included in the annual declaration to indicate whether legislation has or has not been complied with. Council Officers will review the sign off declaration process for the 2007/08 audit.</p>	<p>Vincent Fallon</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Risk Assurance is planning a CSA¹ process in 2008 focussing on legislative compliance. The results of the CSA process will help inform the Risk Assurance audit plan for the 2008/09 year. The annual legislative compliance declaration by key Business Units will be altered to reflect the recommendations made by Audit New Zealand.</p>
<p>Audit New Zealand conducted a review of Asset Management Plans (AMPs) and assessed asset management practice at the Council as good. City Housing and Wellington Convention Centre AMPs were selected for detailed review. Nine recommendations for strengthening arrangements further are included within the report, and will be considered by the Council during AMP development for 08/09 and beyond.</p>	<p>Helen Rogers</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>The nine recommendations for strengthening asset management planning process arrangements further are being considered by Council Officers as we commence asset management planning for the LTCCP.</p>

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¹ CSA (Controlled Self-Assessment) is a methodology used to review key business objectives, risks involved in achieving the objectives, and internal controls designed to manage those risks.

Supporting Information

1) Strategic Fit / Strategic Outcome

The report supports Council's overall vision of Creative Wellington – Innovation Capital by ensuring that legislative compliance with GAAP (NZ IFRS) is appropriately managed.

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

The report has no specific Annual Plan reference. There is no long term financial impact arising from the report.

3) Treaty of Waitangi considerations

There are no specific Treaty of Waitangi considerations.

4) Decision-Making

There are no significant decisions required by the paper.

5) Consultation

a) General Consultation

There are no parties significantly affected by this paper.

b) Consultation with Maori

Maori are not significantly affected by this paper.

6) Legal Implications

This report has no specific legal implications.

7) Consistency with existing policy

This report is consistent with existing policy.