
REPORT 6
(1215/11/IM)

Report of the Strategy and Policy Committee
Meeting of Wednesday 5 December 2007

Members: Mayor Prendergast (Chair), Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Coughlan, Foster, Gill, Goulden, McKinnon, Morrison, Pannett, Pepperell, Ritchie, Wade-Brown and Wain.

MATTERS CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE

The Strategy and Policy Committee dealt with a number of issues for which it has delegated powers to act and therefore these are before the Council for noting.

The Committee hereby recommends that the information be received.

1. **ITEM 260/07P DRAFT CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN**
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 4)

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to the approach of the draft Climate Change Action Plan attached as Appendix 1 as amended to the officers report, with new projects being considered as part of the 2008/09 Draft Annual Plan process.*
3. *Agree that, in the short-term, the Council should only consider purchasing offsets to achieve carbon neutrality when all avenues to reduce greenhouse gas emissions have been exhausted or are deemed to be too expensive for ratepayers.*
4. *Agree that the principle that carbon credits acquired by Council should be utilised to fund additional cost-effective emission reduction projects identified, rather than retain the carbon credits for offsetting purposes, will be investigated as the preferred approach.*
5. *Agree that the draft Climate Change Action Plan inform the development of the 2009/19 LTCCP with officers more fully scoping cost effective corporate and community interventions.*

6. *Agree that the Council advocate to the Regional Economic Development Agency to focus on renewable energy research and development and carbon-trading-support industry as prime cluster areas for economic growth.*
7. *Agree that Council endeavour to stabilise corporate emissions at 2003 levels in 2009 using CCP-NZ benchmark.*
8. *Agree that Council aim to be carbon neutral by 2012, in its corporate emissions.*

2. **ITEM 261/07P SUBMISSION: PROPOSED LICENSING CRITERIA FOR CENTRE-BASED EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION SERVICES**
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 7)

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to the submission attached at Appendix One as amended of the officer's report, subject to any amendments recommended and agreed by the Committee.*
3. *Agree to delegate to the Social Portfolio Leader and Chief Executive the authority to make any minor drafting changes before forwarding the submission to the Ministry of Education.*

3. **ITEM 264/07P HERITAGE INVESTMENT**
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 2)

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree that the identified options for increased support to the owners of listed heritage buildings be evaluated and considered in the preparation of the 2009/10 LTCCP.*
3. *Agree that the waiving of resource consent fees for listed heritage buildings be evaluated and considered by the Funding and Activity Review Working Party for inclusion in the 2008/09 Draft Annual Plan.*
4. *Note that officers are considering the establishment of a 'listed heritage building owner club' whose main purpose will be relationship building around information sharing.*

5. *Request that officers bring forward some of the initiatives that are detailed in section 5.4 of the officer's report to be evaluated and considered as new initiatives for 2008/09 financial year and these go through the Funding and Activity Review Working Party for inclusion in the 2008/09 Draft Annual Plan.*

Kerry Prendergast
Chair