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**REPORT 8**  
*(1215/11/IM)*

**Report of the Strategy and Policy Committee**  
**Meeting of Thursday 21 February 2008**

**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 026/08P ENVIRONMENTAL REFERENCE GROUP - UPDATE**  
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 1)

*THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:*

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Note that vacancies have been advertised publicly and new members appointed to the Environmental Reference Group.*
3. *Note that amendments to the Terms of Reference will be considered later this year within the wider review of the Council's advisory/reference groups initiated in 2007.*

2. **ITEM 028/08 PROPOSED DISTRICT PLAN CHANGE 63: GENERAL AND MINOR AMENDMENTS TO DISTRICT PLAN TEXT AND MAPS**  
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 3)

*THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:*

1. *Receive the information.*

2. *Agree to publicly notify the proposed plan change (DPC63), as set out in Appendix 1 of the officer's report, in accordance with the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991.*
3. *Adopt the Section 32 Report attached as Appendix 2 to the officer's report.*

3. **ITEM 031/08P MINISTRY OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT  
MINISTERIAL FORUM FOR YOUTH COUNCILS, ROTORUA, 29  
FEBRUARY 2008**  
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 7)

*THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:*

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Approve the attendance of Councillor Wain at the 'Ministry of Youth Development's Ministerial Forum for Youth Councils' to be held in Rotorua on 29 February 2008 and agree that the costs associated with attending the conference are met from the Elected Members Budget (GVEM01).*
3. *Note that there is a Positively Tourism Board meeting and a Funding and Activity Working Party meeting scheduled for Friday 29 February 2008.*
4. *Note that a report back on the meeting will be presented to the Strategy and Policy Committee meeting in accordance with Council policy.*

4. **ITEM 032/08P QUARTERLY REPORT: OCTOBER-DECEMBER  
2007**  
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 5)

*THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:*

1. *Receive the information.*

5. **ITEM 033/08P SUBMISSION ON CLIMATE CHANGE (EMISSIONS  
TRADING AND RENEWABLE PREFERENCE) BILL**  
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 6)

*THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:*

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Approve the submission on the Climate Change (Emissions Trading and Renewable Preference) Bill, attached as Appendix 1 to the officer's report as amended.*
- 3. Agree to delegate to the Climate Change Portfolio Leader and Chief Executive the authority to make any minor drafting changes necessary before forwarding the submission to the Finance and Expenditure Select Committee.*
- 4. Note that a report will be presented to this Committee in April that will outline options for putting Council land into the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme and into the government's Permanent Forest Sink Initiative.*

**Kerry Prendergast**  
**Chair**