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**SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT BY THE
CHAIRMAN OF THE STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

PART A - MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION

**1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT REVIEW - COUNCIL RESPONSE TO TREATY OF WAITANGI
QUESTIONS**

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Councillors will recall that at its July 2001 meeting the Council agreed on a response to all questions asked in the Local Government Act Review Consultation Document except for the Treaty of Waitangi questions. A response to the Treaty questions was to be prepared separately and considered by the Council at its August 2001 meeting.

Attached is a draft response on the Treaty questions for consideration by the Council. The response must be sent to the Department of Internal Affairs by 31 August 2001.

The response has been formulated after meetings between Councillors and three Ngai Tahu Runanga on Thursday 16 August 2001 and a meeting with representatives from Nga Maata Waka on Friday 17 August 2001.

The response has been drafted on the basis that it is highly probable the new Local Government Act will contain a reference to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi.

The approach recommended is to seek a Treaty clause which will lead to development of effective relationships between the Council and Maori and to avoid a clause which would require explicit consideration of the Treaty in all Council decisions. The need to develop effective relationships would be underpinned by specific requirements in the Act.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Council approve the attached Treaty Response in principle.
 2. That comments from Councillors on the attached Treaty Response be noted.
 3. That the Legislation Subcommittee be authorised to approve the final wording of the Treaty Response on behalf of the Council.

CONSIDERED THIS 23RD DAY OF AUGUST 2001

MAYOR