

## 1. SUBMISSION ON THE REVIEW OF CHRISTCHURCH PUBLIC TRANSPORT FARE STRUCTURE

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Council's adoption of a submission prepared on the current "Review of Christchurch Public Transport Fare Structure" being undertaken by Environment Canterbury.

A briefing on this review was presented to the April meeting of the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee by staff of Environment Canterbury. It was agreed at the conclusion of discussion on this briefing that the staff prepare a submission for the Council to represent its views to Environment Canterbury on this review.

The submission was to be based upon the key issues and questions that arose during the discussion on the briefing. A draft submission is attached for approval as amended by the Committee based on these key issues and questions, as well as some other issues discovered when the author reviewed the consultation material.

Notwithstanding providing general support to the concept of reviewing the fare structure, the main issues in summary related to:

- The need to minimise boarding times for buses;
- The impacts of the proposals on discounted fares and particularly that discounts be provided for under-18 year olds and IHC people;
- The proposed adjustments/reductions to the transfer ticket regime;
- The fundamental need for promotion and marketing/education of the community once the proposals are agreed; and
- A request to be involved in further fare structure reviews for the zones which are largely outside urban Christchurch (zones 2-7).

**Recommendation:** That the attached submission be recommended for adoption by the Council and forwarding to Environment Canterbury.