

16. **ADOPTION OF CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL RURAL FIRE AUTHORITY FIRE PLAN FOR CHANEYS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT**

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**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is to request the Council to consider and adopt the Christchurch City Council Rural Fire Authority Fire Plan for Chaneys Rural Fire District (attached).

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

2. The Council at its meeting of 28 July 2005 resolved that a Fire Plan be prepared in the style and form set out in the Forest and Rural Fires Regulation 2005.
3. A seminar was held for the Council on 9 August 2005 at which the requirements of the regulations were explained and the contents of the Fire Plan were discussed.
4. The Fire Plan has now been produced in the style and form required by the Forest and Rural Fires Regulations 2005.
5. The Council must make available for public inspection a copy of the fire plan under section 12(4B) of the Forest and Rural Fires Act 1977. The publicly available copy will exclude the personal details of staff, volunteers and organisations listed to assist the Council.
6. The Council must adopt the Fire Plan by 5 September 2005 being 60 days from the commencement of the Forest and Rural Fires Regulations 2005. The Council complied with this requirement but the National Rural Fire Authority requires a separate plan for each of the three entities the Council manages as a Rural Fire Authority. As a result this report is requesting the Council to adopt the Fire Plan for Chaneys Rural Fire District.
7. The changes made are merely to reflect that it is a plan covering the Chaneys Rural Fire District and do not require any changes to the policy, strategies and practices and resources adopted at the 1 September 2005 Council meeting.
8. The Council must provide a copy of the Fire Plan to the National Rural Fire Authority within 30 days of its adoption.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Christchurch City Council as the Christchurch City Council Rural Fire Authority adopt the Christchurch City Council Rural Fire Authority Fire Plan for Chaneys Rural Fire District as required by Regulation 39 (1) of the Forest and Rural Fires Regulations 2005.

**BACKGROUND ON ADOPTION OF CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL RURAL FIRE AUTHORITY FIRE PLAN FOR CHANEYS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT**

9. The Christchurch City Council at its meeting on 28 July 2005 received a report on the preparation of the Christchurch City Council Rural Fire Authority Fire Plan. That report outlined the requirements for a fire plan to be produced in the manner and form of the Forest and Rural Fires Regulations 2005. Furthermore the report set out the legal requirements for the Fire Authority:

Forest and Rural Fires Regulations 2005. Part 2 Fire Control Operations. Sub-part 1 Fire Plans.

S 39.(1) Fire Authority must adopt Fire Plan

A Fire Authority in existence at the commencement of these regulations must prepare and adopt a fire plan no later than 60 days after the commencement of these regulations. That date is 5 September 2005.

S 39.(4) A Fire Authority must provide to the National Rural Fire Authority a copy of its fire plan no later than 30 days after the fire plan is adopted.

S 42.(3) States: The information in sub clause 2(g) that relates to personnel is not required to be included in the copy of the fire plan that is made available for public inspection in accordance with Section 12(4b) of the Forest and Rural Fires Act 1977.

At its meeting on 28 July 2005 the Council resolved that the Council as the Rural Fire Authority approve the preparation of a new fire plan in the format required by the Forest and Rural Fires Regulations 2005.