

### 3. POLICY ON SIGNIFICANCE

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#### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present for adoption by the Council the Policy on Significance to be included in the Long Term Council Community Plan 2006-2016.

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. In preparation for the compiling of the Long Term Council Community Plan 2006-2016 the Policy on Significance (Attachment A) is presented for adoption.

#### FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

3. This policy is a requirement of the Long Term Council Community Plan. It is prepared to meet the requirements of section 90 of the Local Government Act 2002. It is designed to reflect the requirements of the Act and the Christchurch City Council's commitment to conducting its business in an open, transparent and democratically accountable way.
4. This policy is based on the previous one (2004-2005) updated to note the Memorandum of Understanding with BPDC and their strategic assets.
5. Based on an assessment of today's operating costs the policy criteria for significance as it relates to operating expenditure has been raised from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000, as this figure better reflects the economic environment for local government activity now and for next few years.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council adopt the policy as presented.

## **BACKGROUND ON POLICY ON SIGNIFICANCE**

6. A significant activity is one that has a high degree of significance in terms of its impact on the wellbeing of Christchurch; and/or persons likely to be affected by or with an interest in that activity; and/or the costs to or the capacity of the Christchurch City Council to provide for the wellbeing of the city.
7. This policy is similar to that included in the first Long Term Council Community Plan 2005-06. It has been updated to reflect the current list of Activity Management Plans and includes reference to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Banks Peninsula District Council, noting the LTCCP will cover that district.