

13. GREATER CHRISTCHURCH URBAN DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY: COMMUNITY CHARTER

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is provide information on the Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy Community Charter adopted by the Greater Christchurch Urban Development Forum at its meeting on 22 February 2006.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Community Charter is a concise, high-level document that introduces the principles and goals for the draft Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy. The Community Charter is the bridge between the April 2005 consultation with the community on options for managing future growth and the draft strategy. It is a major milestone as it provides the framework for the development of a comprehensive strategy.
3. **The purpose of the charter document is to set out the guiding principles and directions for the Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy for today and 30 years into the future.** It summarises the broad community ideas, aspirations, and concerns that the people of Greater Christchurch expressed about the city's future development regardless of where they lived. These principles underpin and provide context for the strategy, and will shape and guide decisions on planning, transport and infrastructure investment, balancing social, cultural, economic and environmental goals. They will also guide the actions of the strategy as it is implemented. The charter commits the partner organisations to respecting and reflecting these principles and goals as the strategy is developed.
4. The content of the Charter is based on, and reflects, the feedback received through the consultation on options. It is also aligned to and consistent with the visioning work carried out with the UDS Forum in 2004, the community outcomes of each of the partner Councils, the policy objectives outlined within the City, District and Regional Plans, and the corporate goals of Transit NZ.
5. The Charter will be released to the public, but will not involve any formal consultation process because as stated, it reflects the feedback received from the public and the strategic directions of partner councils.
6. The Charter will be launched at the end of April and will be supported by a number of communications initiatives. The target audience will include the partner councils, strategic partners, key stakeholders and residents.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

7. There are no legal or financial considerations.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council receive for information the attached Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy Community Charter.