

2. 2006/16 LONG-TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN OMNIBUS REPORT

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this "omnibus" report is to provide officer advice to the Council, by way of an overview of some issues highlighted in the LTCCP by the public submission process, some new information and where appropriate with some options to assist decision making.

EXECUTIVE COMMENT

2. Officers will present a trends analysis on 12 June 2006. Along with a review of the market research conducted earlier this year, this will incorporate the themes in the totality of submissions. Submissions which were not heard have been progressively made available to the Council, and at a broad level reflect those themes expressed by the community at the hearings. Our trends analysis captures these themes.
3. The consultation process is one contribution to your deliberations, and there are difficult decisions and trade-offs to be made in the final LTCCP. Issues and points of view raised by submitters should be taken into consideration when particular issues are considered by the Council, rather than being the subject of debate on their own account. The draft LTCCP is also the annual plan for the 2006/07 year and provides our work programme., which is substantial. New issues will need to be considered carefully, if they have not been the subject of consultation and where they have resource implications (budgets and/or staff resources) above that already in the LTCCP.
4. The Audit and Risk Subcommittee met last week and a memo has been circulated to the Mayor and Councillors summarising the thrust of discussions at that meeting. The elected members on that committee (Councillors Shearing, Sheriff, Condon and the Mayor) can also reiterate the requirements of the audit process during deliberations this week.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. The Council receive the report.
2. The Council resolve:
 - (a) To note that the updated financial position now shows rates at 9.2% for 2006/07; 6.58% for 2007/08 and 10.10% for 2008/09.
 - (b) To note that the proposed changes to the capital programme, that are reflected in the updated financial position in particular, incorporate \$34m less spent over 2006/07 and 2007/08, but the equivalent amount more in 2008/09 and 2009/10.
 - (c) To note that the rescheduled kerb and channel programme over the ten years will see \$210km delivered over the ten years but only 15, 17 and 19 km over the first three years of the programme.
 - (d) To note that new projects associated with the Southern Motorway are not in the 2006/16 LTCCP, and that a note to this effect will be put in the final LTCCP indicating such and that details will be known for the 2009/19 LTCCP.
 - (e) To confirm its original intent to make budget provision to expand the capacity for bus exchange facilities in the central city based on the timing and budget restrictions in the draft LTCCP.

- (f) To note the deferred start of the Cashel Mall upgrade and reprogrammed expenditure from Ferrymead Bridge to Blenheim Road in 2006/07 and from Blenheim Road to Ferrymead Bridge in 2007/08.
- (g) To confirm the increase in parking charges.
- (h) To move to the maximum of the loan repayment provisions in the liability policy, ie from 20 to 30 years.
- (i) To note that the updated financial position provides for additional maintenance/rental costs for the Tuam Street building and \$4m capex for similar expenditure by Travis Finance Ltd (noting that this capital spend will be determined in the most financially efficient way).
- (j) To pursue the long-term and short-term solutions regarding waste minimisation as per the Council paper.
- (k) To increase the capital budget for the Burwood Landfill Gas Project by \$700k to meet additional capital costs to bring the total budget to \$4m.
- (l) To retain the tree renewals capital as per the draft.
- (m) To maintain the capital project budget for the Botanic Gardens as per the draft, and increase the operating budget in 2006/07 and 2007/08 by \$100k per annum to address immediate building maintenance to meet health and safety requirements.
- (n) To determine that the City Mall upgrade be fully funded from general rates (there be no targeted rate) which will see rates increase by \$975k (0.5%) in 2009/10.
- (o) To maintain the current LTCCP budgetary provisions for the Museum.
- (p) To maintain the current capital provision for the new Civil Defence Building.
- (q) To note the revised timing for the City Mall upgrade (as reflected in the updated financial provision).
- (r) To maintain the current funding provision of \$4.3m for fit out of the new civic offices.
- (s) That library services remain at the current levels with no new buildings or closures of existing facilities considered until the libraries 20/25 year plan is completed.
- (t) That the current level of service for the mobile library be retained and no reduction of service be considered until the libraries' 20/25 year plan is completed.
- (u) To note that the implications of recommendations (s) and (t) above have been incorporated into the updated financial position.
- (v) To approve a defined transition phase with regards to the implementation of the Aquatic Facility Plan as detailed below:
 - A. Construct an indoor pool and sports hall at Papanui High School as already provided for in draft budget.
 - B. Support schools in keeping pools open and widening their pools appeal. Budget impact nil, capacity exists within current budget. Specific projects include:
 - ❖ Assistance to Sumner School at existing levels.
 - ❖ Assistance to St Albans School in heating their pool so that it is available for extended community use.
 - ❖ Assistance to Canterbury Christian College in heating their existing indoor pool in the Adienfield area for schools and public use.
 - ❖ Investigate options to co operate with Akaroa school.

- C. Continue to operate Templeton Pool in light of Sockburn closing. Maximise community and school involvement to support lifeguards. Review Templeton Pool in 2011 in conjunction with the first five yearly review of the Aquatic Facility Plan. Budget impact, additional \$30,000 in operating costs, ongoing.
- Investigate volunteers collecting an entry fee and the proceeds going to community pool initiatives.
- D. Continue to operate Belfast Pool until the Papanui Pool is complete. Maximise community and school involvement to support lifeguards. Budget impact, additional \$30,000 in operating costs for 2006/2007 and 2007/2008.
- Investigate volunteers collecting an entry fee and the proceeds going to community pool initiatives.
- E. Continue to operate Woolston Pool as a schools only pool in conjunction with Woolston School until the pool fails. Budget impact nil, can be met from existing resources.
- F. Close Edgeware pool due to structural faults that can not be repaired.
- Budget impact (over and above savings already declared):
- Will avoid Council having to fund between \$360,000 and \$1,600,000 of capital expenditure depending on the extent to which Council wants to replace the pool.
 - It is estimated that Edgeware Pool empties its entire volume into the ground water on a weekly basis.
 - Pool drains need replacing and go into storm water.
 - The pool tank will not keep water out or in.
- G. Close the Sockburn Recreation Centre and Pool due to very poor user numbers, high cost of operating and the availability of alternatives at low cost near by.
- Budget impact (over and above savings already declared):
- Will avoid Council having to spend \$203,500 on essential capital works which is not budgeted.
 - Will also allow Council to off-set up to \$418,500 on the operating costs of new facilities at Papanui and Jellie Park, this has been allowed for in ongoing budgets.
- H. Sell the land occupied by closed pools at Papanui and Edgeware. Budget impact:
- \$400K revenue in the budget.
- (w) To fund the NZPGA Golf Championship to a maximum of \$400k per annum for the 2007-2009 events, such funding conditional upon.
- i. The event continuing to be Co-sanctioned by the US PGA.
 - ii. The status and profile of the event be at least maintained.
 - iii. The organisers securing a title sponsor to at least the same level as for the 2006 event and to at least the value of the Council contribution.
 - iv. Should the event change significantly from that proposed, Council reserves the right to reconsider its support and withdraw from the event at any time.)
- (x) That with regard to community grants, the Council maintains the Community Grant funding at its current levels until the outcomes of the Community Development Strategy and the Community Grants Review are known.

- (y) To accept the budget reduction of \$22k relating to the City Scene but does not specify a particular number of issues, noting that the number of issues of City Scene will be reviewed as part of an integrated approach to Council communication.
- (z) To approve the use of NZ Post for all Council financial transactions, thereby saving \$500k per annum.
- (aa) To accept the closure of the Hornby and Riccarton subagencies thereby saving \$77k.
- (ab) To confirm the financial provisions in the draft LTCCP relating to the MCTS, and that no significant reprioritisation apart from that already undertaken as part of the capital smoothing exercise be undertaken.
- (ac) To note the request for additional \$1.2m relating to the Christchurch Cathedral and determine whether or not Council wishes to support this application.
- (ad) To adopt the general recommendation and specific wording changes recommended (attached), and as circulated to the Council and contained in Volume 9 of the hearing papers covering 6-9 June 2006.

BACKGROUND ON A VARIETY OF ISSUES FOLLOWS

5. Attached please find the following individual papers supporting the above recommendations:
- Agenda
 - Analysis of Submissions Presentation
 - Papers Supporting Recommendations
 - Development Contributions Policy Presentation and Recommendations