

9. ADOPTION OF POLICY ON SIGNIFICANCE

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to recommend adoption of an updated version of the Policy on Significance as it appears in the draft Long-Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) 2006-16.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. This Policy on Significance has been amended as attached to incorporate typographical changes, printing omissions and clarification of 'significant decisions that may impact on land or water of importance to Maori' (section 77(1)(c)).
3. The amended version would appear in the final LTCCP 2006-16.

CONSIDERATIONS

4. The amendments to the policy cover the following:
 - Typographical changes and changes to the notations (eg Roman numerals to numbers).
 - Addition of a sentence on housing missed off by the printer in producing the draft LTCCP. This was in the draft policy adopted by the Council in January 2006.
 - Revision of the piece on 'significant decisions that may impact on land or water of importance to Maori' (section 77(1)(c)). We do not have a Maori Liaison Subcommittee and at least one submission on the draft LTCCP noted this. The wording here has been amended to indicate the process to be used when discussing significant decisions that may impact on land or water of importance to Maori.
 - Reintroduction of City Care and Red Bus Ltd in the Strategic Assets list based on submissions to the LTCCP 2006-16 and resulting from the Council decisions on 22 June 2006.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Council adopt the amended version of the Policy on Significance as attached.