9. ANNUAL PLAN/AMENDED LTCCP PROCESS 2007/08



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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of the report is to advise the Council in respect to the processing of submissions on the Draft Annual Plan for 2007/08 and Draft Amendments to the Long-Term Council Community Plan 2006/16.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2. At the meeting on 23 March 2007 the Council agreed to adopt the above for public consultation with submissions closing on 11 May 2007.
- 3. As a consequence of the change in the timetable for the Draft Annual Plan and Amended Long-Term Council Community Plan the period available between receipt of submissions and the hearing and consideration of these has been considerably reduced.
- 4. It is proposed therefore that rather than have officers produce individual one-on-one comments on each submission as undertaken in previous years, an overall omnibus report providing a generic response to the issues raised by submitters be prepared instead to assist Councillors in the consideration of submissions.
- 5. Members will recall that this intention was previously advised to them at a recent briefing by senior staff. It should be noted that given the time constraints arising from the later amended timetable for 2007 the provision of individual officer comments on submissions would not now be possible.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. There are no direct financial implications.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?

7. Covered by existing Unit budgets.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

8. The Local Government Act 2002 places responsibility on the Council for informed decision making and the provision of an overall report by staff on the issues raised by submitters in respect to the Annual Plan and amended LTCCP (including the draft Development Contributions Policy) is consistent with this principle.

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

9. Yes

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

Page 112 of the LTCCP, level of service under democracy and governance.

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2006-16 LTCCP?

11. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

12. Not applicable.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

13. Not applicable.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

14. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Council note that the submission process for 2007 for the Draft Annual Plan and Amended LTCCP will not involve one-on-one officer comments (as occurred in the 2006/16 LTCCP process), but that an overall report on the issues raised by submitters will be provided instead by staff.