



# CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

THURSDAY 28 JUNE 2007

AT 9.30AM

IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES

**Council:** The Mayor, Garry Moore (Chairperson).  
Councillors Helen Broughton, Sally Buck, Graham Condon, Barry Corbett, David Cox, Anna Crighton,  
Carole Evans, Pat Harrow, Bob Parker, Bob Shearing, Gail Sheriff, Sue Wells and Norm Withers.

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Note: It would be appreciated if members could please bring their original copies of the consultation Annual Plan and 2007 Amendments to the LTCCP to the meeting.

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**1. APOLOGIES**

Leave of absence is sought from Councillor Gail Sheriff for the period 17 July 2007 to 16 August 2007.

**2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - COUNCIL MEETINGS OF 11.6.2007 AND 21.6.2007**

Attached.

**3. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT**

**4. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS**

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

## 6. 2007/08 ANNUAL PLAN

<b>General Manager responsible:</b>	General Manager Corporate Services, DDI 941-8540
<b>Officer responsible:</b>	Legal Services Manager
<b>Author:</b>	Ian Thomson, Solicitor, Legal Services Unit

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is to recommend:
  - The adoption of the 2007/08 Annual Plan;
  - The setting of rates for the financial year commencing on 1 July 2007 and ending on 30 June 2008.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

2. Earlier this year the Council prepared its draft 2007/08 Annual Plan. This was distributed for public consultation in April 2007. Written submissions were received and opportunities given for people and organisations to appear before Councillors to express support of, or opposition to the draft plan.
3. On 11 June 2007 the Council received and considered a report from Council staff in response to the submissions made. Recommended changes to the draft were approved and adopted by resolution. (A copy of the amended pages to the 2007/08 Annual Plan has been separately circulated to all members.)
4. At the same time the Council approved a rate increase for the 2007/08 financial year of 7.35%.
5. It is recommended that the Council resolve to adopt the 2007/08 Annual Plan, including the amendments to the draft plan approved by resolution on 11 June 2007 and to set the rates for the financial year commencing on 1 July 2007 and ending on 30 June 2008.

**BACKGROUND (THE ISSUES)**

6. The requirement to prepare and adopt an Annual Plan for each financial year is contained in section 95 of the Local Government Act 2002. In accordance with that section the Council has:
  - (a) Used the special consultative procedure for public consultation.
  - (b) Included the following information:
    - The proposed 2007 Annual Budget and Funding Impact Statement.
    - Any variation from the financial statements and Funding Impact Statement included in the Council's Long-Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) in respect of the 2007 year.
  - (c) Prepared the 2007/08 Annual Plan in accordance with the principles and procedures that apply to the preparation of the financial statements and Funding Impact Statement included in the LTCCP.
  - (d) Provided appropriate references to the LTCCP in which the Council's activities for the 2007 year covered by the 2007/08 Annual Plan.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Council resolve to:

- (a) Adopt the 2007/08 Annual Plan, including the amendments to the draft plan approved by resolution on 11 June 2007.
- (b) Set the rates for the financial year commencing on 1 July 2007 and ending on 30 June 2008 (as per Appendix 1 attached).

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- (c) Authorise the General Manager Corporate Services to make any necessary amendments required after 1 July 2007 to ensure that the published 2007/08 Annual Plan is in accordance with the Council's resolutions of 28 June 2007.

**7. 2007 AMENDMENTS TO THE 2006-16 LONG-TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN (LTCCP)**

<b>General Manager responsible:</b>	General Manager Corporate Services, DDI 941-8540
<b>Officer responsible:</b>	Legal Services Manager
<b>Author:</b>	Ian Thomson, Solicitor, Legal Services Unit

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is to recommend the adoption of the 2007 amendments to the 2006-16 LTCCP, and receipt of an auditors report in respect of the amendments (to be tabled).

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

2. Earlier this year, the Council prepared draft amendments to its 2006-16 LTCCP. These were described as the 2007 Amendments and distributed for public consultation at the same time as the draft 2007/08 Annual Plan in April 2007. Written submissions were received and opportunities given for people and organisations to appear before Councillors to express support for, or opposition to the draft amendments.
3. On 11 June 2007 the Council received and considered a report from Council staff in response to the submissions made. Recommended changes to the draft amendments were approved and adopted by resolution. (A copy of the amended pages to the 2007 Amendments to the 2006-16 Long-Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) has been separately circulated to all members.)
4. It is recommended that the Council resolve to adopt the 2007 Amendments to the 2006-16 LTCCP, including the amendments to the draft documents approved by resolution on 11 June 2007, and to receive an auditor's report in respect of the amendments.

**BACKGROUND (THE ISSUES)**

5. The authority to amend a Long-Term Council Community Plan is contained in section 93 of the Local Government Act 2002. In accordance with that section the Council has:
  - (a) Used the special consultative procedure for public consultation;
  - (b) Acted appropriately in the preparation and adoption of the 2007 Amendments to the 2006-16 LTCCP;
  - (c) Included such detail in the amendments as is considered appropriate having regard to the consultation provisions in the Local Government Act 2002, the level of significance of the amendments and the extent of the Council's resources.
6. The Council has complied with section 94 of the Local Government Act 2002 which requires the Council to include with the 2007 Amendments to the 2006-16 LTCCP an auditor's report on:
  - (a) The extent to which the Council has complied with the requirements of the Act in respect of the 2007 Amendments;
  - (b) The quality of the information and assumptions underlying the forecast information provided in the 2007 Amendments;
  - (c) The extent to which the forecast information and performance measures provide an appropriate framework for the meaningful assessment of the actual levels of service provision.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Council:

- (a) Adopt the 2007 Amendments to the Council's 2006-16 LTCCP, including the amendments to that document approved by resolution on 11 June 2007;

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- (b) Receive the report of the auditor in respect of the 2007 Amendments to the 2006-16 LTCCP;
- (c) Authorise the General Manager of Corporate Services to make any necessary amendments required after 1 July 2007 to ensure that the published 2007 Amendments to the 2006-16 LTCCP is in accordance with the Council's resolutions of 28 June 2007.

**8. DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS DISCUSSION DOCUMENT ON NEW FIRE LEGISLATION**

<b>General Manager responsible:</b>	General Manager, Regulation and Democracy Services, DDI 941 8549
<b>Officer responsible:</b>	Manager, Legal Services Unit
<b>Author:</b>	Judith Cheyne, Solicitor, Legal Services Unit; Keith Marshall, Principal Rural Fire Officer

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is to present a draft submission on the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) discussion document on the proposal for new Fire legislation (following up from the Council and Community Board seminar held on 13 June 2007)

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

2. The DIA has published a discussion document on its proposals for new legislation (the Fire and Rescue Act) to replace the Forest and Rural Fires Act 1977 and the Fire Service Act 1975. The proposals relate to a new framework for fire and rescue services, with all "rural" and "urban" services coming under one principal body – the Fire and Rescue Service - and a new funding system to pay for a large proportion of those services. There is provision for Rural Fire Authorities (of which the Council is one) to remain but there is concern over many of the proposals relating to the retention of Fire Authorities, which the Council should address in its own submission on the discussion document. The closing date for submissions is 30 June 2007.
3. At the seminar on 13 June 2007 a briefing paper was distributed (see Attachment 1) providing detail on the current structures, the proposed changes as described in the discussion document, the implications for Council and the suggested submissions that Council should make, in addition to supporting the Local Government New Zealand submission.
4. From the discussion at the seminar Council staff have now finalised the form of the proposed submission, and it is attached to this report (see Attachment 2). Council's approval of this submission is now sought.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5. None

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

6. Not applicable

**LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

7. As in next paragraph

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

8. No legal implications at this stage as it is only submissions on a discussion document. This will lead to a Government Bill being enacted and the Council will have the ability to make formal submissions at that time.

**ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS**

9. Yes

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

10. No

**ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES**

11. See below.

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**Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?**

12. There are no particular strategies the submission aligns with, other than the fact the submission, and the LGNZ draft submission, stress that communities need to be able to "have their say" on what fire services they need to have provided by their Council/Fire Authority, which potentially aligns with the Stronger Communities and Healthy Environment strategic directions and the "Safe City" community outcome.

**CONSULTATION FULFILMENT**

13. Seminar on discussion document and implications for Council held with Community Board members and Councillors on 13 June 2007.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Council approve the draft submission to the DIA attached to this report.



**9. NOTICES OF MOTION**

(a) **WALKWISE PROJECT**

To consider the following motion, notice of which has been given by Councillors Graham Condon and Carole Evans pursuant to Standing Order 2.16.1

*“That staff be requested to prepare a report for the Council on the Walkwise Project currently being implemented by the Hamilton, Manukau, Upper Hutt and Wellington City Councils.”*

**10. QUESTIONS**

**11. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC**

Attached.