

6. PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 25 – SCHOOL ZONING

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to recommend that the Council notify Plan Change 25 to the City Plan.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Plan Change 25 seeks to change the zoning of 11 school sites across Christchurch to Cultural 3 zone (CU3) .
3. The schools in question have a range of zones covering their sites instead of the more appropriate zoning of CU3 which caters specifically to educational activities. The anomaly of school zoning in the City Plan has occurred primarily because the schools have either expanded into sites which do not have a CU3 zoning or because they were established after the City Plan was notified in 1995.
4. The Plan Change will bring about a consistency in the way that schools are treated within the City Plan. This will achieve two things: firstly, it will enable schools to carry out their activities under the banner of the Cultural 3 zone which has rules specifically catering to educational activities. Secondly, the change will enable the City Plan to more appropriately achieve the objectives of the City Plan by supporting the schools with their activities.
5. The Council has taken the approach of providing an appropriate zone for schools which enables development to occur provided the zone performance standards are met. The Cultural 3 zone provides for educational activities as a permitted activity providing they meet certain development, community and critical standards. Instead of going through a costly and time consuming resource consent process because they are outside the appropriate zone, the schools can more efficiently carry out their activities.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. The cost of carrying out the Plan Change is included within the City Plan budget.

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

7. Covered by existing unit budgets.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

8. No particular legal issues arise other than the standard RMA process for Plan Changes.

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

9. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

10. Aligned with City Plan Activity management plan. Supports the LTCCP City Plan measure that 10 Variations of Plan Changes be prepared and notified annually.

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. Yes.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

13. Yes.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

14. Consultation has been carried out with the schools identified in the Plan Change, the Ministry of Education property managers, the neighbour owners and occupiers and to the local Residents Associations. Fifteen responses were received which are referred to in the section 32 document.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council:

- (a) Adopt the attached Proposed Plan Change 25 – School Zoning for notification.
- (b) Adopt the attached assessment under Section 32 of the Resource Management Act 1991.
- (c) Agree to publicly notify Proposed Plan Change 25 pursuant to Clause 16a of the 1st Schedule to the Resource Management Act 1991.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendations be adopted.

Councillor Button declared a conflict of interest in respect to this item and took no part in discussion or voting thereon.