

## 12. SUBMISSION ON THE LAND TRANSPORT (DRIVER LICENSING) AMENDMENT BILL

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to recommend to the Council that it adopt the attached submission on the Land Transport (Driver Licensing) Amendment Bill.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. This Bill is very short (see Attachments 1 and 2). Its purpose is to raise the minimum driver licensing age from 15 to 16 years and to extend the length of the learner licence period from six months to 12 months.
3. Several Councillors, prior to the elections, indicated that they wished the Council to make a submission on this Bill, and that the minimum driver licensing age should be raised to higher than 16. The Select Committee has not called for submissions or indicated that it will be holding hearings on this Bill, although we have been told that we can send a submission in to the Select Committee as soon as one is ready. The report is due on 17 April 2008.
4. The proposed submission for the Council on the Bill outlines the Council's support for the intent of the Bill, but notes that the Council supports a greater increase in the minimum driver licensing age; from 15 years to 17 years, and supports extending the length of the learner licensing period on the basis that a more stringent licensing process also be adopted.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. There are no financial implications in making a submission on this Bill.

#### **Do the recommendations of this report align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?**

6. No effect on the budget.

### LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

7. There are no legal considerations in relation to making a submission on this Bill.

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

8. No legal implications.

### ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

9. Making this submission will align with the Council's aims in relation to road safety issues, and its "A Safe City" community outcome.

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

10. No.

### ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

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

11. Potential for alignment with the Healthy City strategic direction, in that this submission is aimed at improving road safety.

## **CONSULTATION FULFILMENT**

12. Consultation has been undertaken internally with Council units and with elected members on the form of the submission.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Council:

- (a) Adopt the submission.
- (b) Decide whether the Council wishes to appear in support of the submission (if the Committee is to hear submissions), and if so, who will appear on behalf of the Council.