

8. CANTERBURY MUSEUM - DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2009/10

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to submit to the Council the Draft Annual Plan of the Canterbury Museum Trust Board (**Attachment A**) for the year ending 30 June 2010 to enable the Council to consider the plan to make, if it wishes to do so:
 - (a) submissions on the draft annual plan.
 - (b) an objection to the levies proposed in the draft plan.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The increase in the levies proposed to be made in the 2009/10 draft annual plan from contributing local authorities are the same increases as those forecast in the 2008/09 Annual Plan. Christchurch City Council's share of the increase in levies is \$250,092, and this has been factored into the 2009/10 Draft LTCCP. The increase will bring the Council's levy to \$5,431,934.
3. The Canterbury Museum has requested a \$15,223,335 capital grant from the Council for the capital costs associated with its redevelopment project. These costs are spread over 2011/12, 2012/13 and 2013/14. These amounts have been included in the 2009/10 Draft LTCCP as aspirational capital.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

4. The Canterbury Museum Trust Board Act 1993 requires the Canterbury Museum Trust's Board to prepare and adopt an annual plan for each financial year. The plan includes the levies to be paid by the contributing local authorities.
5. The draft annual plan is referred to the four contributing local authorities (Christchurch City Council, Selwyn District Council, Hurunui District Council and Waimakariri District Council) for a period of consultation which concludes on 24 April 2009.
6. The levies proposed in the draft Annual Plan may be objected to by the Christchurch City Council or two or more of the remaining contributing authorities and if an objection is received the Board must convene a meeting. The Christchurch City Council, or not less than three other contributing authorities, may resolve that the levy be reduced to an amount which is not less than the total levy made in respect of the previous year. The proposed levies are binding on the four contributing authorities, unless the Council or three of the other contributing authorities resolve to hold the levies. (Section 16 of Canterbury Museum Trust Board Act 1993)
7. Submissions may be made to the Museum requesting them to amend the plan.
8. Given that the operating levies are the same as forecast in the 2008/09 year it is recommended that the Council advise the Canterbury Museum Trust Board that it does not wish to make a submission to the Trust Board's 2009/10 Annual Plan.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council consider what submissions it wishes to make on the Board's draft 2009/10 Annual Plan.

BACKGROUND ON CANTERBURY MUSEUM - 2008/09 DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN

9. The draft Annual Plan sets out in broad outline the mission, vision and core values of the Museum together with detail on the organisation structure, performance objectives, financial summaries and an outline of the proposed operating, capital and revitalisation budgets.
10. The plan is available for consideration by the contributing local authorities until Friday 24 April 2009.

OPERATING BUDGET

11. This Council considered the Board's financial forecasts at Council meetings considering the draft LTCCP during February 2009, and supported the Museum's proposed 2009/10 operating levies for inclusion in the Council's draft 2009/10 LTCCP. The Council also considered the capital grant for the redevelopment project during these meetings and supported its inclusion in the draft 2009/10 LTCCP as aspirational capital.
12. While there are rights of objection if the levies have increased, it is considered inappropriate to object as those levies are the same as those in the Council's Annual Plan.

ANNUAL LEVY AND GRANTS

13. The annual levy on local authorities is distributed according to an agreed formula based primarily on population. The share of the total operating levy for this Council is estimated at \$5,431,934.

OTHER CONTENT OF THE PLAN

14. The general content of the 2009/10 annual plan is largely the same as the previous year's plan.