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How to use this document and make a submission

This document is a draft of the Christchurch City Council's Long-Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP). Under the new Local Government Act 2002, all local authorities are required to produce a community plan every three years in consultation with their community.

Our Community Plan gives a picture of all the things a council does (its activities and services) and how they fit together. This draft plan shows what the Council proposes to do over the 10-year period of the plan, why the Council is proposing to do these things, and what the costs will be. You will find that this document refers to both the LTCCP and Our Community Plan – they are the same.

The LTCCP is the main way that the community can influence what their council does. This draft plan is now open for public consultation until Friday 5 May 2006. Now is the time to have your say about what the Council should be involved in, whether the priorities of the capital expenditure programme are appropriate and whether the level of services set out in the Council's activities meet your expectations.



What's in this draft

- **Our Community Today:** an overview of Christchurch as we know it today. This presents key facts about our people, our environment and our economy.
- **Christchurch's Community Outcomes:** these describe what sort of city we want to live in. Christchurch City Council must ensure that all its activities contribute towards achieving these Community Outcomes.
- **Strategic directions:** these set out Council's priorities when working towards Community Outcomes.
- **Financial overview:** a snapshot of the Council's proposed budget for the next 10 years. This summarises where the Council's income comes from and where it proposes to spend money. The implications for rates, as a result of proposed Council activities, are provided.
- **Capital works programme:** this details the projects on the Council's 10-year capital programme, both the base and the discretionary capital items. In addition we have detailed projects which have been on the council's wish list, but which were not short-listed and are not included in current LTCCP budgets (and hence rating projections).
- **Proposed cost savings:** this outlines Council's proposals to save costs on activities and services and to increase fees for some services.
- **Council activities and services.**

We want the public's views on both our capital programme and savings proposals, as well as existing levels of service. All of the work that the Council proposes to do over the next 10 years is divided into 12 groups of activities, and for each of these groups, an activity plan describing the services and activities is provided. The group of activity plans provide a description of what the Council proposes to do over the next 10 years, how these activities contribute towards achieving the Community Outcomes, and the financial details of how much each activity will cost.

It is important that for all activities that the Council undertakes, there is a way to measure their success, and that the costs are included in the budgets. For ease of reading, we have abbreviated each of the nine Community Outcomes with an icon and a single word description. The following

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is the key to the icons and description which will appear in the groups of activities, both in the main document and summary document.

They are as follows:



Safety
A Safe City



Health
A Healthy City



Community
A City of Inclusive and Diverse Communities



Recreation
A City for Recreation, Fun and Creativity



Environment
A City of People who Value and Protect the Natural Environment



Knowledge
A City of Lifelong Learning



Governance
A Well-Governed City



City Development
An Attractive and Well-Designed City



Prosperity
A Prosperous City

As required by the Local Government Act, this document includes an assessment of the Council's services, including water supply, public conveniences, waste-water collection and treatment, stormwater, cemeteries and crematoria, as well as our waste-management strategy.

Also included in section on Recreation Facilities is a summary of the Aquatic Facilities Plan which is presented for public consultation. See page 134.

LTCCP documents

The full LTCCP contains the following documents:

- A summary of the plan;
- Volume 1, the main document; and
- Volume 2, details the development contributions policy.

Copies of all documents are available from service centres and libraries. The document is available online at www.ccc.govt.nz

How to make a submission:

Council has adopted the Draft Community Plan for public consultation. Submissions on the plan including levels of service, rates and other revenues may be made until the close of business on Wednesday 5 May 2006.

The City Council's business year runs from 1 July to 30 June, so plans must be drafted, made available for public input, reconsidered and finalised by the end of June. The Community Plan will run from 1 July 2006, and between now and then the following steps will take place:

- April – The Community Plan will be available for consideration by the public, other organisations and community groups. You can make a submission on the form provided in this document, which is also included in the summary document, or online at www.ccc.govt.nz. Forms can be posted Freepost to the Council or left in the collection boxes at Council offices, service centres and libraries;
- From May 25 2006 to June 7 2006 – The councillors will consider all the public input to their draft plan and discuss any changes that could be made;
- June – Further discussion by city councillors and staff, firming up the final Community Plan. It will be formally adopted towards the end of this month.

Detailed instructions for making a submission may be found on the suggested submission form, page 17.

For more information about the LTCCP and submission process call 03-941-8999 or, for Banks Peninsula residents outside the free calling zone, 0800-800-169. Your call will be directed to one of our staff with specialist knowledge of Our Community Plan. Information will also be available on the council's website, www.ccc.govt.nz.