

Statement of proposal

Christchurch City Council draft 2009–19 Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP)

Details of the proposal

The Council proposes to adopt its LTCCP for the period covering 2009–19 by 30 June 2009. A draft has been prepared for the purposes of consultation with the community.

The draft LTCCP sets out the progress that the City has made towards achieving the objectives of the 2006–16 LTCCP adopted in June 2006. It also contains information about the future activities that the Council intends to undertake, including costs and the expected effect on rates.

Much of the content of the LTCCP has come from activity management plans that the LTCCP Working Party has been developing over the past year. There have been contributions from technical staff, management and elected members.

Following this statement are statements of proposals for consultation that have been included in the special consultative procedure for the draft 2009–19 LTCCP.

Reasons for the proposal

The Council is required to have a Long Term Council Community Plan at all times. It must use the special consultative procedure before an LTCCP is adopted.

An LTCCP must be adopted before the commencement of the first year to which it relates, and it continues in force until the close of the third consecutive year to which the LTCCP relates.

The purpose of an LTCCP is to:

- a. describe the activities of the Council and the community outcomes for its district;
- b. provide integrated decision making and coordination of the resources of the Council, a long term focus for its decisions and activities, and a basis for accountability of the Council to its community.
- c. The LTCCP also provides an opportunity for the public to participate in decision making processes before activities are undertaken.

Further information on the matters to be included in Long-Term Council Community Plans is contained in Part 1 of Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 2002. An LTCCP must cover a period of not less than ten consecutive financial years.

This statement of the Council's proposal to adopt its 2009–19 LTCCP is required when the special consultative procedure set out in the Act is used. The statement includes the draft LTCCP and will be available for public inspection during ordinary office hours at the following places:

- a. Civic Offices, 163 Tuam Street, Christchurch;
- b. The Christchurch City Council Libraries and Service Centres.

As part of the Council's proposals for achieving its objectives over the next ten years, there are a number of matters on which the Council is consulting, using the same special consultative procedure. These are:

- a. establishment of a trust for the Christchurch Agency for Energy;
- b. establishment of a charitable trust for charitable purposes;
- c. transfer of the Christchurch Town Hall to a Council controlled trading organisation;
- d. extension of the city tram route;
- e. the future of the Council's involvement in three early learning centres; and
- f. the future use of the former Edgeware pool site.

Information about these proposals will be available at the Civic Offices, Libraries and Service Centres along with the draft 2009–19 LTCCP. They will also be available and be distributed as separate documents.

Copies of this statement of proposal and the draft LTCCP, may be viewed on the Council's website, www.ccc.govt.nz/haveyoursay. A summary of the information contained in the statement and in the draft LTCCP will be distributed as a basis for general consultation.

Submissions on the proposal and the draft 2009–19 LTCCP may be made in writing to the Council between 10 March and 5.00pm on 16 April 2009. These may be made electronically at www.ccc.govt.nz/haveyoursay, by using the submission form contained in this statement of proposal, the draft LTCCP and the summaries, or in any other written form.

Any person who makes a submission will have the opportunity to be heard by the Council if this is requested. Hearings will be held on 11, 12, 13, 15 and 18 May 2009. The final meeting to consider submissions received and adopt the 2009–19 LTCCP will be held on 30 June 2009.

The Local Government Act 2002 requires the Council to make all written submissions available to the public. This requirement is subject to the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987. Any persons wishing to have information contained in their submission withheld should first discuss this with the Council Secretary, Clare Sullivan.

Cautionary Note

The forecast financial statements in the Draft 2009–19 LTCCP have been prepared on the basis of the best estimates available at the time of preparing the accounts. Actual results are likely to vary from the information presented and the variations may be material.

The purpose of the Draft 2009–19 LTCCP is to consult with the community on the spending priorities outlined within the document and may not be appropriate for any other purpose. Following the consultation period there may be changes made to the Plan before it is adopted on 30 June 2009.

Comparative Information

The 2008–09 comparative information is based on the 2008–09 Annual Plan.

Authorisation for Issue

This document was authorised by the Council on, and is dated, 5 March 2009.

