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The purpose of this report is to recommend to the Council that it amend existing delegated powers to consider and resolve consent orders on references to the Environment Court which appeal Council decisions on the Proposed City Plan.

The Council has begun to receive references made to the Environment Court appealing Council decisions on submissions made on the Proposed City Plan. Judging from the experience of other Councils, several hundred appeals are likely to be received, if not more. The significance of the issues raised in the appeals is likely to vary considerably. Some will simply seek to correct errors or omissions that obviously need to be made to properly reflect the Council decision. Others will seek a completely different decision from that made by the Council. It is likely that at least some of these will be able to be resolved by negotiating a consent order without a full hearing by the Environment Court. This has obvious advantages in terms of time and resources for all the parties involved.

A delegation to consider and resolve all such consent orders was delegated to the Resource Management Committee in November 1998. However the opportunity has been taken to reconsider this delegation with a view to streamlining the consent order process and to enable minor matters to be dealt with at staff level.

Recommendation: That delegation (2) to the Resource Management Committee in the Council Register of Delegations (as at 1 April 1999) be deleted, with consequential renumbering and be replaced with the following delegations:

- “2. Any two or more of the following staff shall be authorised to consider and resolve consent orders regarding any reference to the Environment Court on the proposed plan where the consent order relates to an alteration of minor effect or a correction of a minor error.

Authorised officers:

Ivan Thomson
Elizabeth Briggs
Rachael Gurnsey
Janette Dovey
Peter Eman
Fiona Hill
Timothy Harris

3. A subcommittee of the Resource Management Committee comprised of not less than three of its members shall be authorised to consider and resolve any consent orders regarding any reference to the Environment Court on the Proposed Plan, with the exception of those matters covered in paragraph 2 above.”

Chairman’s

Recommendation:

That the above recommendation be adopted.