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Corporate Plan Output: Liquid Waste	

The purpose of this report is to inform the Council of the programme of activities which will lead to a decision on the wastewater discharge consent to be applied for.

SITUATION

In August the Council confirmed that its choice of options was narrowed to two locations – i.e. continuing to discharge to the edge of the Avon-Heathcote Estuary as at present, or going direct to sea in a long ocean pipeline. The resolutions were:

1. That the Council confirm that there are two shortlisted options for wastewater discharge, i.e., continuing with an estuary edge option, or discharging direct to sea through a long ocean pipeline.
2. That the Council note that information on the costs and environmental effects for the estuary edge and direct ocean pipeline options will be presented to the Council, including information on a range of possible treatment standards and technologies including pond modifications and enhancements to achieve them, before the shortlist is taken to the wider public for consultation.

PROGRAMME

The table below lists the details of the programme planned. It is considered this allows ample time for a thorough assessment of effects, reporting to the Council and consultation with the public before a decision is made.

Event	Date	Purpose/ Comments
Subcommittee meeting	October 1999	To develop questions to go into public discussion documents.
Completion of scientific studies	October 1999	
Peer reviews	continue to mid November 1999	To ensure technical information is complete and reliable before the public is consulted
City Services Seminar (for all Councillors)	23 November (12 noon to 2.00pm)	To present Councillors with information (before it goes to general public) on the options, possible standards, costs, effects and technologies. To prepare Councillors for possible questions the public will ask the Council, and be asked by the Council.
Subcommittee meeting	late November 1999	To finalise documents that will go out to public, including the questions that will be asked.
Preparation of information	December 1999/ January 2000	Printing of information to go out to public.
Public consultation	mid February to end of March 2000	To obtain public feedback on the shortlisted options and ensure our information is sound and understood.
Subcommittee meeting	May 2000	To agree on recommendation to go to the Council
City Services/ Council meetings	June 2000	To select single solution that will be the subject of a consent application.
Specialist and subcommittee meetings	July 2000	To finalise mitigation measures and consent conditions that will be proposed to Regional Council.
Application	July/ August 2000	Lodge consent application with Regional Council.

Recommendation: That the Council receive this information and note the dates for seminars

Deputy Chairman's

Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted.