

14. REVIEW OF ANNUAL PLAN FORMAT

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The following report was submitted to the Annual Plan Working Party in February but was held over until this meeting.

The purpose of this report is to seek a change to the timing of the review of the Council Annual Plan format.

At the September meeting of the Strategy and Resources Committee it was agreed that a working party comprising Councillors Close, Evans and James liaise with staff on possible changes to the format of the Annual Plan.

The thinking at this meeting was that the Canterbury Regional Council's Annual Plan format would be reviewed to see whether this was an appropriate format for the 2000 edition of the CCC Plan.

Unfortunately, staff within the Financial Services Unit have been very stretched in preparing for the FAMIS go live. There has been no-one available within the unit who is familiar with both the Annual Plan and with the financial model who could assist with any changes arising from such a review.

The alternative approach is to delay any format review until after the 2000 Plan has been adopted and well prior to the adoption of the draft 2001 Plan. The 2001 Plan will also include an update of the Strategic Statement. Any review of the Plan format would also include a review of this document as well. In the meantime every effort is being made to improve the text of the 2000 Plan.

Recommendation: That the Council Annual Plan format be reviewed in late 2000 and that this review also include a format review of the Strategic Statement.

Chairman's Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted.