

## 2. BOARD SUBMISSION TO DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2005/06

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to:
  - a) identify potential matters for inclusion in the Board submission to the Council on the Draft Annual Plan for 2005/06 and:
  - b) appoint Board representatives to be heard in support of the submission before the Council.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The proposed rate increase in the Draft Annual Plan for 2005/06 is 3.49% compared to 3.53% in the LTCCP. There are a number of "unders and overs" identified in the Draft Plan relating to capital and direct operating costs and additional revenue items, that result in the level of increase proposed.
3. As was earlier reported to the Council, the intent of the Local Government Act 2002 is around certainty in terms of process and decision making, financial planning and stewardship, community involvement and financial contract.
4. The intention of the Council for 2005/06 is to focus on maintaining identified levels of service with limited scope (through the submission process) to significantly change the extent of activities, priorities, expenditure or sale of assets that would make the adopted Annual Plan inconsistent with the LTCCP.
5. The Act requires an Annual Plan to reflect activities for the year in question only, namely 2005/06.

### BOARD SUBMISSION

6. Subject to agreement by the Committee, it is proposed that support staff will complete a draft submission for inclusion in the agenda for the 10 May Board Meeting. This will enable the submission to be lodged by the closing date of 13 May.

### Discussion/Issues

7. A copy of the submission made by the Board last year is **attached** to this agenda. There may be items that the Committee wishes to have repeated or updated for this years submission such as:
  - Uniform Annual General Charge – currently \$115 for each rating unit or separately occupied part thereof. (Page 24)
  - Christchurch Art Gallery and Canterbury Museum re user charges? (Pages 27-31)
  - Underground wiring conversion (Pages 72 and 74)
  - Consultation with Maori
  - Decentralisation of Council services re Civic Offices project
  - Flat water facility
  - Capital Endowment Fund
  - Development Contribution Policy
  - YMCA, Bishopdale
  - Bishopdale Community Centre - maintenance

## Other Issues

8. In reviewing the content of the Draft Plan, the Committee is invited to also consider the following matters:
- Community Services Projects, not specified? (Page 38)
  - Grants for Community Projects and Activities \$5.7 million, not specified? (Page 39)
  - Elected members projects, not specified ? (Pages 45 and 46)
  - Landscaping the transportation network re maintenance standards (Page 57)
  - Parks, Reserves and Open Spaces re maintenance standards and open space provision (Page 58)
  - Waste Minimisation (Page 61)
  - Streets and Transport (Page 73+)
  - Waterways and Land Drainage (Page 79)
  - Capital Expenditure Programme
    - ⇒ Jellie Park Upgrade (Page 82)
  - Streets and Transport re local details? (Page 84)
  - Community Board Funded Projects
    - ⇒ Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board – revise headings to link to Strategic Directions Page 99

### STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (a) That the Finance and Planning Committee develop a draft submission on the Draft 2005/06 Annual Plan for presentation to the Board on 10 May 2005.
- (b) That the Committee recommend that the Board be heard in support of its submission before the Council and be represented by the Chairman and Deputy Chairman.