

6. CHRISTCHURCH TRANSPORT PLAN



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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to establish a process with the Regulatory and Planning Committee to provide advice and input into the development of the Christchurch Transport Plan.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Staff have begun the process of developing an integrated transport plan for the City. The Christchurch Transport Plan (the Plan) will update the Council's transport policy as it relates to recent strategic directions taken by the Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy Implementation Committee (UDS), the Central City Revitalisation Strategy, the Regional Land Transport Strategy, and the New Zealand Transport Strategy. The Plan will amalgamate a number of existing Council policies relating to transport. The Plan will set the Council's transport vision, objectives and priority actions; the document is proposed to be three volumes:

- (a) Volume 1: Context, vision, objectives, targets, issues, mode and spatial chapters
- (b) Volume 2: Prioritisation methodology
- (c) Volume 3: Implementation plan, funding and monitoring.

Ultimately, the Plan will inform and provide strategic input into future funding decisions as made through future LTCCP's and the Regional Land Transport Programme.

3. Early input and advice is desired to ensure that the Christchurch Transport Plan is developed in a manner consistent with Councillor expectations and aspirations. It is proposed that the Regulatory and Planning Committee would provide feedback for staff in the development of the Plan. The Committee would also provide a vehicle for information sharing between Councillors and staff. It is proposed that a series of workshops are held, utilising the existing Committee workshop schedule, in the following timeframe and topics:

- August - Background and Issues, Context (for example RLTS).
- September - Objectives, targets – (what, why, how and by when).
- November - Review of chapter summaries. How each mode proposes to contribute to targets/objectives.
- February - Spatial chapters presented.
- April - Prioritisation methodology reviewed.
- June - Outputs of prioritisation considered.

The Christchurch Transport Plan is to be completed by June 2010 to facilitate an update of the Regional Land Transport Programme.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4. There are no financial implications in establishing this process with the Committee.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2009-19 LTCCP budgets?

5. Yes, funding for the development of the Christchurch Transport Plan is budgeted for within the 2009-19 LTCCP.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

6. There are no legal implications resulting from establishing this process. Any legal implications of the Christchurch Transport Plan will be addressed as part of this plan development process.

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

7. Yes.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

8. Yes, this activity aligns with the "City planning and development" activity.

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2009-19 LTCCP?

9. Yes. In the "City planning and development" activity there is the following level of service:

The Council approves a work programme, based on the approved UDS Action Plan, by 30 June for the following financial year.

This level of service will largely comprise of developing policy and plans to implement the Council's components of the Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy (UDS) action plan. The focus of work for 2009/10 to 2011/12 will be on:

- Supporting regional policy and planning processes
- Central city revitalisation
- Intensification and centres planning
- Greenfield (area) planning
- Transport planning.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

10. Development of the Christchurch Transport Plan aligns with the intent of the Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy, the Central City Revitalisation Strategy, the Regional Land Transport Strategy and the New Zealand Transport Strategy.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

11. Yes, see above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

12. There is no consultation requirement to establish this process.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Regulatory and Planning Committee:

- (a) Receive the report outlining the process for the development of the Christchurch Transport Plan.
- (b) Adopt the proposed programme as the basis for Committee input into the Christchurch Transport Plan development.