

3. DISTRICT PLAN WORK PROGRAMME 2009-2010

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to confirm the 2009/2010 District Plan work programme. This is to ensure that the work programme reflects Council priorities, whilst remaining within the available budgets set by the Council in the LTCCP.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Committee is being asked to recommend to the Council a 2009/2010 District Plan work programme. Table 1 (**Attachment 1**) contains the staff recommendations for the programme. Each project shown in Table 1 has been categorised and listed in order of decreasing priority. The priorities are based upon three criteria:
 - (a) The extent to which the project has already advanced
 - (b) The level of public commitment made to the project
 - (c) The degree of alignment for the project.
3. The Council has a greater degree of discretion on how to proceed with some projects than others. This is reflected in the four categories of projects:
 - (a) Private plan changes and designations
 - (b) Those currently subject to court processes
 - (c) Plan monitoring and review
 - (d) Other Council initiated plan changes.
4. The first three categories are, to varying degrees, subject to legal requirements that would make it difficult not to proceed with the projects. The fourth category, Council initiated plan changes, is where there is greatest scope for Council discretion.
5. The total net budget for the District Plan Activity in the LTCCP for 2009/2010 is \$2.4 million. All projects accommodated within this budget are shown in plain font. Projects not able to be included within the budget are listed in italics. It is likely that during the year some projects contained within the work programme will be delayed for various reasons. Where this results in budget savings, other projects of lower priority will be bought forward. For this reason it is important that those not currently included in the work programme are also prioritised, thereby providing guidance as to which ones to bring forward as capacity allows.
6. The Committee discussed this item in part at its meeting on 1 October 2009. The Committee instructed staff to provide additional information and decided to hold an additional meeting to discuss the issue further.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. The paper is to align the District Plan work programme to approved LTCCP budgets. There are no implications beyond those in the LTCCP.

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

8. Yes.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

9. The recommended work programme reflects the requirements of the Resource Management Act, such as the requirement to process Private Plan Change within prescribed timeframes. It also acknowledges current legal proceedings that are underway within the District Plan Programme.

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

10. Yes, as outlined above.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

11. The recommended programme aligns to the District Plan Activity Management Plan.

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

12. Yes.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

13. Strategic alignment is one of the three criteria used to prioritise the recommended work programme. Of particular emphasis is the implementation of the Urban Development Strategy.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

14. Yes.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

15. Not required.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Regulatory and Planning Committee recommend to the Council that it adopt the attached 2009/2010 District Plan work programme.