

## 5. STRATEGY AND PLANNING 2010/2011 WORK PROGRAMME

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT



1. The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval for the Strategy and Planning Group's 2010-2011 work programme in accordance with the Activity levels of service within the 2009-2019 Long Term Council and Community Plan (LTCCP).

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The 2009-2019 LTCCP levels of service for both the Community Long Term Policy and Planning (CCLTPP) and District Plan Activities include a target of "the Council approves a work programme by 30 June for the following financial year". This report presents the work programme for the 2010/2011 year.
3. There is a close relationship in the work undertaken between the CCLTPP and District Plan Activities. The proposed work programmes have been developed by looking at priorities across both activities with a view to delivering the optimal work programme. Much of the preliminary land use planning undertaken with the CCLTPP project requires subsequent changes to the District Plan to implement.
4. The CCLTPP activity covers a diverse range of projects undertaken by the Strategy and Planning Group. The underlying drivers for each component are outlined in detail within the attachments, however implementation of core Council policy documents, such as the Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy (UDS), underpin much of the proposed programme of work. The programme includes work on the central city revitalisation, suburban regeneration, greenfields planning and Proposed Change 1 to the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement (PC1).
5. The District Plan work programme is focused on completing existing plan changes and preparation for the District Plan review. The current emphasis is on completing existing plan changes to allow resources to be allocated to the review process. Allowance is also made for processing privately requested plan changes, in accordance with Resource Management Act (RMA) requirements.
6. The details of the proposed work programmes for the CCLTPP and District Plan Activities are outlined in **Attachments 1 and 2** respectively. This includes descriptions, key directions and budgets for all the programmes (clusters of similar and related projects) in these activities. For each cluster, cross reference is also made to the relevant LTCCP levels of service. The clusters within each activity are listed below.

#### **Council and Community Long Term Policy and Planning:**

Cross Programme Planning  
 Economic Policy  
 External submissions and advocacy  
 Environmental Policy  
 Regulatory Policy  
 Regional Planning  
 Social Policy  
 Transport Policy and Advice  
 Central City Development  
 Development Advice and Policy  
 Greenfields and Smaller Centres  
 Urban Development Strategy;  
 Urban Regeneration (formerly Strategic Intensification Review or SIR)  
 Monitoring and Research.

**District Plan:**

Council Plan Changes  
 Plan Monitoring and Evaluation  
 Private Plan Changes and Notices of Requirement.

7. It should be noted that there is considerable uncertainty on aspects of the proposed work programme. Examples include: private plan changes being submitted; Environment Court and other legal appeals being made or resolved: and the Council itself seeking further advice on topics that arise. This will result in some of the proposed programme being delayed or displaced by other unanticipated work as the year progresses.

**Financial Implications**

8. The proposed programmes align with the available budgets within these Activities. There may be projects that have not been able to be accommodated within these budgets, however, any additional projects require corresponding cuts to other parts of the programme. Moreover, staff capacity for more work is an additional constraint in the short term.

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

9. The recommendations align to the 2009-19 LTCCP budgets and other subsequent funding allocations by the Council (such as additional funding for implementation of the City for People project).

**Legal Considerations**

10. The proposed work programme has taken account of legislative requirements relevant to each Activity, such as the requirement to process private plan changes (RMA), the proposed review of Community Outcomes (Local Government Act) and appeals on Proposed Change 1 to the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement.
11. The proposed programme has also been impacted by recent legislative changes for Environment Canterbury. For example, the removal of rights of appeal on Environment Canterbury's plan changes places greater importance on our input being early and robust. Similarly, the new Act gives the Canterbury Water Management Strategy legislative recognition.

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

12. Yes, as above.

**Alignment With LTCCP And Activity Management Plans**

13. The recommendations directly align with the LTCCP and Activity Management Plan levels of service.

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

14. Yes, as outlined above.

**Alignment With Strategies**

15. The programme aligns and supports key Council policy documents such as the UDS.

**Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?**

16. Yes.

**Consultation Fulfilment**

17. The budgets and levels of service are consistent with those consulted on through the Annual Plan. There is no requirement for further consultation.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Committee recommend that the Council:

- (a) Adopt the 2010-2011 work programme outlined in this report for the District Plan and City and Community Long Term Policy and Planning Activities.