


5. DRAFT INDIGENOUS BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY



The Committee considered a report from Jenny Ridgen, Environmental Scientist, and Kelvin McMillan, Strategic Natural Areas Planner, explaining the contents of the document entitled “Christchurch Naturally - The Biodiversity Strategy”. The report noted that the document is in preparation and will be ready for release following input from tangata whenua.

The report requested approval for the bulk of the document, noting that additional tangata whenua input will be brought to the Committee for sign-off prior to the release of the draft strategy for public consultation. The report also requested support for a draft five year budget to implement the approved strategy.

The Committee **decided**:

1. To approve the contents of the first version of the draft Biodiversity Strategy as presented.
2. That the first version of the draft Biodiversity Strategy be amended to include input from Ngai Tahu and then brought back to the Committee for sign-off, prior to release for public consultation.
3. That a text be inserted in the LTCCP noting the potential budgetary implications of this draft strategy, and that the additional funding required be sought in the 2005/06 funding round.