

## 42. URBAN DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY ACTION PLAN UPDATE



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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. This report seeks the Council' approval of the Urban Development Strategy Action Plan Update (**Attachment 1** separately circulated).

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The initial Urban Development Strategy (UDS) Action Plan was adopted by Christchurch City Council in May 2007 following endorsement of that Plan by the UDS Implementation Committee (UDSIC) – a joint committee of Councils including Environment Canterbury, Christchurch City Council<sup>1</sup>, Waimakarari District Council, Selwyn District Council and New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA). The UDS Action Plan is critical in informing the development of the Long Term Council and Community Plans (LTCCP) across each of the participating agencies.
3. A scheduled update of the UDS Action Plan occurs every three years. The update to the UDS Action Plan has been actively carried out by the UDSIC since April 2009. Since then, the UDS IMG (senior staff) has worked throughout 2010 to re-draft the UDS Action Plan with a view to completing the update prior to the lead-up to the local body elections in October.
4. A working party of the UDSIC has met twice to consider a draft update of the UDS Action Plan, and completed a substantial review of the document. On 30 August 2010 the UDSIC recommended that the UDS Action Plan Update be adopted by partner Councils.

### Description

5. The implementation actions for the UDS are grouped under the four Strategic Direction areas, i.e. Enhance Environment, Enrich Lifestyles, Encourage Prosperous Economies, and Effective Governance and Leadership. Each strategic direction area contains a number of subject chapters. Information provided in the Action Plan chapters address issues of context, key approaches to be taken, relevant growth issues, and tables of action to be undertaken.
6. The actions are the specific tasks that need to be carried out to implement the UDS. Actions fall into different types. Projects are those that are generally one off or occur over a period of time at specific dates. They may include research or policy development. Others may be actions to anchor Strategy implementation or physical development including services and infrastructure. A third type of action may be more about behaviour and working collaboratively over the longer-term such as setting up working groups to deal with a range of tasks.

### Content and Implications

7. The 2007 UDS Action Plan had 33 Subject Chapters containing 182 Actions. The 2010 UDS Action Plan Update now has 28 Chapters and 133 Actions. The 2010 UDS Action Plan seeks to provide direction rather than being prescriptive about actions to be taken. The actions for which Christchurch City Council has been identified as having a lead role are listed in **Attachment 3** (separately circulated). It is expected that the lead agencies will implement those actions that are accorded to them though the UDS Action Plan does not of itself bind the Council to these actions.
8. The Christchurch City Council has previously adopted the 2007 UDS Action Plan and this has been used to inform the development of the Council's work programme. The importance of the UDS Action Plan in informing the council work programme is reflected the Levels of Service in the 2009-2019 LTCCP – *Performance Standard 1.0.2 – Integrated programme to implement the Council's components of the Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy (UDS) Action Plan is developed and progressed*. The 2010 UDS Action Plan Update will perform a similar

<sup>1</sup> Council representatives on UDSIC are Mayor Parker, Councillor Wells, Councillor Williams/Councillor Broughton.

function i.e. while the UDS Action Plan update does not of itself bind the Council to any particular action, it serves as a guide to the development of a work programme that Council formally commits to through the approval of the LTCCP.

9. Most of the changes to the 2007 UDS Action Plan have generally been due to actions being completed, changes in emphasis to provide better clarity of direction, reducing statements that predetermined an operational method of delivery, and clarifying explanations of actions. Appendix 1 of **Attachment 1** (separately circulated) provides an explanation of these changes.
10. Changes have also been made to ensure consistency with Christchurch City Council strategies that have been approved since 2007 e.g. the Open Space Strategy and the Surface Water Strategy. The updated UDS Action Plan also reflects significant developments since 2007, notably the Canterbury Water Management Strategy and the changes to the land transport legislation including the statutory requirement to develop a Regional Land Transport Plan.
11. There are twelve priority actions noted in the 2010 Action Plan Update, see **Attachment 2** (separately circulated). These priority actions are discrete actions for which bi-monthly reporting will be undertaken to monitor progress. The 2007 UDS Action Plan contained 20 priority actions though these tended to be less discrete in nature.
12. If approved by partner Councils, it is intended to republish a refreshed UDS and the Action Plan as two companion documents before the end of the year.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

13. The purpose of the 2010 UDS Action Plan is to inform the development of 2012 LTCCP and the financial implications for implementing the actions the Council has been assigned responsibility will be identified specifically at that time. The UDS Action Plan Update does not of itself have financial implications, it is only after the Council has committed to tasks through the LTCCP that financial implications arise.

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

14. The 2007 UDS Action Plan has informed the development of the 2009 – 19 LTCCP and provision has been made for the scheduled review of the UDS Action Plan.

#### **LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

15. There are no immediate legal considerations in the 2010 UDS Action Plan. The Joint Committee of Councils has recommended its adoption by partner agencies. Implementation of the individual actions may require consideration of legal aspects at that time.

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

16. See above.

#### **ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS**

17. LTCCP level of service 1.0.2.1 Council approves a work programme, based on the approved UDS Action Plan, by 30 June, for the following financial year.

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

18. See above.

#### **ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES**

19. The 2010 UDS Action Plan Update has been amended to ensure alignment with Christchurch City Council existing and newly approved strategies.

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

20. See above.

**CONSULTATION FULFILMENT**

21. Christchurch City Council has been represented on UDSIC. Consultation has been undertaken with staff across Council and with UDSIC partner agencies including NZTA during the update of the UDS Action Plan.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Council:

- (a) Note that the UDSIC have recommended the 2010 UDS Action Plan Update for adoption by partner Councils.
- (b) Adopts the 2010 UDS Action Plan Update.