

### 39. RECOVERY STRATEGY – CONSULTATION CONFIRMATION

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#### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To provide confirmation to the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority (CERA) that the Council has been consulted on the Recovery Strategy as required by the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Act (CER Act) 2011.

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. CERA would like all the statutory partners to formally record that the Recovery Strategy has been developed in consultation with them as required by the CER Act.
3. The following sections detail the consultation opportunities for the Council (as a statutory partner<sup>1</sup>) by CERA during the development of the draft Recovery Strategy.
4. The following processes have been used to consult with the Council in the development of the draft Recovery Strategy.
  - Establishment of External Reference Group – June 2011*
    - A group with senior management representatives from all statutory partners was established. The Programme Manager Strong Communities has represented the Council on this reference group.
    - Terms of Reference established an advisory role in terms of process and content of the recovery strategy and also advice about alignment with existing strategies and recovery activities.
    - Regular meetings have been held (fortnightly or otherwise as agreed).
    - Discussions with Council staff about how and when their organisation would like to be involved in the production of the draft Strategy have taken place.
  - Elected representatives meetings with Minister and Senior CERA managers*
    - The Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery convened meetings with community board members, councillors, commissioners and Ngāi Tahu's Te Awheawhe Rū Whenua committee members.
    - The Recovery Strategy scope, processes and content were presented and discussed at the meetings held from early May 2011 and through the period of development of the draft Strategy.
  - Scoping paper*
    - Input was sought during June and July 2011 from Council staff to the development of a paper setting out proposed scope of draft Strategy.
    - A workshop with councillors was held on 9 August 2011 to explain the proposed scope and seek their input.
    - A final paper circulated to all statutory parties.
5. Drafting of the content of the draft Recovery Strategy
  - Draft of content circulated*
    - Several iterations were provided to staff over the period of drafting content of document (June to August) and feedback sought. Council staff provided considerable comment and suggestions on the content during these iterations.
    - Individual discussions were held with staff of each organisation on particular content of interest to their organisation (June to August)

<sup>1</sup> Under the CER Act Christchurch City Council, Environment Canterbury, Selwyn District Council, Waimakariri District Council and Te Rūnunga o Ngāi Tahu must be consulted in the development of the Recovery Strategy and are referred to in this report collectively as the statutory partners.

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- A combined meeting on 27 July 2011 of staff from all statutory partners was held where feedback on pre-circulated draft content was received
  - The near "final" draft content was provided to Council staff for information after feedback from government departments and Ministers
- ii. *Approval of draft Strategy*
- An advance copy of draft Strategy was provided to Council staff before consideration by Cabinet at the meeting in Christchurch on 5 September 2011 (where the draft Strategy was to be considered for public release)
  - The Minister met with Mayors and Chairs after the Cabinet meeting on 5 September 2011

6. Written comments process on draft Recovery Strategy

- A workshop was held with councillors to outline content of draft Strategy, the comments and approval processes on 20 September 2011.
- Council staff were briefed about the content of the draft Strategy
- Written comments were received from the Council. The Council's comments on the draft Recovery Strategy were discussed at a workshop on 11 October 2011 and the final set of comments was approved at the Council meeting on 27 October 2011.
- A workshop was held with the Council on 9 November 2011 at which CERA staff received the Council's comments in person and discussed some aspects of them.

7. Proposed consultation in process to prepare final Recovery Strategy

- The External Reference Group meetings continue so CERA can provide information and continue to receive advice during the period of preparing a final Recovery Strategy for approval.
- The summary and analysis of all comments received on the draft Strategy will be provided to Council staff for consideration.
- Joint session/s to consider and propose responses to the comments received will be held with staff from the statutory partners with the aim of developing collaboratively and agreed responses where possible.
- The redrafted Strategy and response to comments document will be provided to Council staff in mid-December 2011 for a period of review by all organisations.
- Future iterations of the Strategy text will be provided to Council staff and feedback sought on issues that may arise (December to early February 2012).
- The Recovery Strategy will be with the Cabinet Office on 9 February 2012.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

8. There are no financial implications of this report.

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

9. Not relevant.

**LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

10. Section 11(1) of the CER Act requires CERA to develop a recovery strategy for the Greater Christchurch district. This is described in the legislation as an overarching long-term strategy for reconstruction, rebuilding and recovery. The strategy includes provisions to address:
- The areas where rebuilding or other development may or may not occur.
  - The location of existing and future infrastructure
  - The possible sequencing of repairs, rebuilding, reconstruction and development.

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11. The Council has an interest in such matters, which has been recognised by it being included as one of the parties that CERA is to consult with in the development of the Recovery Strategy (CER Act section 11(4)).
12. The consultation process undertaken by CERA is set out in this report.

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

13. As noted above.

**ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS**

14. This report is consistent with one of the performance standards in the City and Community Long-Term Planning and policy Activity Management Plan, namely: *advice is provided on key issues that affect the social, cultural, environmental and economic wellbeing of the City.*

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

15. As noted above the report is consistent with the relevant activity management plan. The recommendation does not relate specifically to any of the levels of service.

**ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES**

16. The Council's strategies, as one of a number of considerations, have been used in providing the content to CERA for the draft Recovery Strategy. This report is however focused on the processes that have been used rather than the content of the Recovery Strategy or the content of the Council's feedback on it.

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

17. See note above.

**CONSULTATION FULFILMENT**

18. This report concerns the consultation with the Council by an outside organisation (CERA).

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Council:

- (a) Confirms that the Council has been consulted during the preparation of the Recovery Strategy as required by section 11(4) of the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Act.
- (b) The Council notes that this resolution should not be interpreted to mean the Council fully endorses the Recovery Strategy, and Council notes and reaffirms the comments it made to Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority on the draft strategy.