

## 12. CHRISTCHURCH CITY DISTRICT PLAN: CHANGE 5 AWATEA AND CHANGE 46 WIGRAM AIR NOISE PROVISIONS – FINAL APPROVAL

<b>General Manager responsible:</b>	Acting General Manager Strategy and Planning
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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. This report seeks Council approval to make operative the changes to the City Plan introduced by decisions on Plan Change 5 Awatea and Plan Change 46 Wigram Air Noise Provisions.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Plan Change 5 was initiated by the Council to facilitate future urban development of any area of land in the south west of Christchurch known as the Awatea Block. It rezones an area of 148 hectares, predominantly zoned Special Purpose (Awatea), to a mix of Living G, Business 7 and Conservation 3 zones. The land has been identified in the City Plan and Proposed Change 1 to the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement as part of a preferred urban growth area for Christchurch, and has been the subject of detailed planning studies as part of the South West Area Plan.
3. The Plan Change was considered by Commissioner Leigh McGregor at a hearing over two days in November 2010. Her recommendation that the plan change be approved with modification was adopted by the Council at its meeting on 31 March 2011.
4. Plan Change 46 was initiated by the Council following the decommissioning of Wigram Airfield. The change amends and deletes provisions in the District Plan, including air noise contours and airfield approach slopes, that provide for and protect aircraft flying activity at Wigram. It retains appropriate approach slopes and noise contours to allow helicopter flights from New Zealand Defence Force land while providing for an appropriate level of amenity for residents in the wider area.
5. Following a hearing in October 2010 Commissioner Jonathan Cleese recommended to the Council that the plan change should be approved with some modification. His report was considered on 31 March 2011 when the Council made a decision to adopt his recommendation.
6. The period for appealing the decisions on both Plan Change 5 and Plan Change 46 has expired and no appeals were received.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. There are no direct financial implications.

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

8. The recommendation will not impose on the LTCCP budgets.

### LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

9. The recommendation in this report is for the Council to take the procedural step to make operative the changes introduced by the Council's decision on Plan Changes 5 and 46. The Resource Management Act 1991 requires that, following the closing of the appeal period and the resolution of any appeals, the Council must formally approve the changes to the plan under clause 17 of Schedule 1 before the plan change becomes operative on a date that is nominated in a public notice of the Council's approval. As no appeal against the Council's decisions were received these two plan changes have now reached the stage where they can be made operative.

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

10. As above.

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**ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS**

11. Aligns with 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. Supports the project of processing all privately requested plan changes in compliance with statutory processes and time frames.

**ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES**

13. N/A.

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

14. N/A.

**CONSULTATION FULFILMENT**

15. Approval of changes to the District Plan under clause 17 of Schedule 1 to the Resource Management Act 1991 is a procedural step that does not require consultation.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Council:

- (a) Approve, pursuant to clause 17(2) of the Resource Management Act 1991, the changes to the District Plan introduced by the Council's decision on Plan Change 5 Awatea and Plan Change 46 Wigram Air Noise Contours.
- (b) Authorise the General Manager, Strategy and Planning to determine the date on which the changes introduced by Plan Change 5 and 46 become operative.