

2. DRAFT CENTRE CITY PLAN DELIBERATIONS REPORT

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to provide Council with recommendations on the draft Central City Plan following the hearings, to assist with the deliberations and decision-making on the final Central City Plan.
2. This report has four parts:
 - Part 1: review of the projects identifying the:
 - Priority 1 projects which will kick start recovery and includes projects within the Transitional City work.
 - Priority 2 projects which will be addressed through the 2013-2022 LTP process.
 - Those projects which can be implemented immediately as part of Councils business.
 - Part 2: the chapter by chapter response on the submissions, including major and minor changes, and any associated regulatory framework changes.
 - Part 3: changes to the regulatory framework which support the overall plan implementation. Work is continuing to refine the regulatory framework and changes will be tabled during deliberations. Part 2, chapter-by-chapter changes which result from these will also be tabled.
 - Part 4: projects raised in submissions which either the submitter should pursue or the proposal becomes part of another Council process, eg, future community grant funding rounds or future LTP processes. This is attached as **Attachment 4**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

3. The list of 76 projects have been assessed as:
 - Priority 1 – projects which provide an economic catalyst or assist with community recovery.
 - Priority 2 – other projects
 - Priority 3 – projects to be implemented as part of Council business and are noted as JDI (just do it).
4. The projects, priority and timing is shown in Table 1 (**Attachment 1**).
5. There is a third category of priority which relates to Council processes. There has been a clear and consistent message from the development community of the need for a resource and building consent process which focuses on customer interface and is seen to be facilitating capital investment in rebuilding the city. There may be other Council processes which would also benefit from streamlining and alignment as part of creating a more integrated and focussed process for Central City redevelopment.

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CONSULTATION

6. The formal consultation phase on the draft Central City Plan ran from 16 August to 16 September 2011. During this period a series of eight community road shows were held throughout the city. In addition, a drop-in centre was established in the Events Village in North Hagley Park from 5-11 September 2011. Approximately 6,000 members of the public attended these road shows and the drop-in centre. The International Speakers Series ran from 27 -30 August at the University of Canterbury and supported the consultation on the plan with talks from international recovery experts.
7. Numerous meetings were also held with a wide variety of stakeholder groups throughout the consultation period. In most instances Council staff arranged these sessions, however in a number of instances staff attended to present various aspects of the Plan. In excess of 50 of these sessions were held or attended.
8. 4,707 comments on the Draft Central City Plan were received from 2,900 consultees. Of these 427 were heard during the hearings process.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council:

- (a) Receive this report for information;
- (b) Adopt the staff recommendations contained in Tables 1 (**Attachment 1**), **Attachment 3** and **Attachment 4** as the basis for amending Volumes 1 and 2 of the draft Central City Plan.
- (c) Instruct the Chief Executive to report back in December, as part of the finalising the Central City Plan, about streamlining resource and building consent and other Council processes to support Central City redevelopment and recovery.