

CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LONG TERM PLAN 2013-2012 COMMITTEE
HELD AT 9 AM ON WEDNESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2012

PRESENT: Mayor Bob Parker (Chairperson)
Councillors Peter Beck, Sally Buck, Ngaire Button, Helen Broughton, Tim Carter
Jimmy Chen, Barry Corbett, Jamie Gough, Yani Johanson, Aaron Keown, Glenn
Livingstone and Sue Wells

1. APOLOGIES

An apology was received from Councillor Reid.

Apologies for lateness were received from Councillors Buck and Keown.

Apologies for early leaving were received from Mayor Parker and Councillors Broughton, Carter, Chen, Gough, Keown, Livingstone and Wells.

It was **agreed** that the apologies be accepted.

Councillors Buck and Keown were absent for Clauses 1 to 5 and some of Clause 6 (Libraries).

Mayor Parker and Councillors Broughton, Chen and Gough were absent for part of Clause 6 (Transport and Environmental Education, Road Network, Active Travel and Public Transport Infrastructure).

Councillors Carter and Livingstone were absent for part of Clause 6 (Road Network, Active Travel and Public Transport Infrastructure).

Councillors Beck, Keown and Wells were absent for part of Clause 6 (Active Travel and Public Transport Infrastructure).

2. DEPUTATIONS

Paula Smith (Chairperson) and Jeremy Agar (Deputy Chairperson) of the Lyttelton/ Mount Herbert Community Board spoke to the Committee regarding:

- the Community and Torpedo Museums at Lyttelton
- public transport infrastructure for the Diamond Harbour Ferry
- the rural road network and its relationship to water quality in the Lyttelton/ Mount Herbert area.

The Committee thanked the representatives for their deputation.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

On the motion of Councillor Corbett, seconded by Councillor Gough, it was **resolved** that the minutes of the meetings held on 8 August and 31 August 2012 be confirmed, subject to the inclusion of Councillor Gough as being present on 31 August.

4. CONFIRMATION OF ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS DISCUSSED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

On the motion of Councillor Corbett, seconded by Councillor Chen, it was **resolved** that the Activity Management Plans (AcMPs) discussed at the meetings held on 8 August and 31 August 2012 (Attachment A to the agenda) be confirmed.

5. OVERVIEW OF THE LONG TERM PLAN PROCESS

Staff updated the Committee on the timetable for, and progress in, the overall Long Term Plan process and the rates impact of the Committee's proposals to date.

6. DISCUSSION OF NEW ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

The AcMPs were discussed in the order indicated below. Staff responded to questions from the Committee on each plan and the Committee indicated whether it wanted any changes to the plans. Requested changes are noted under the **Committee direction** headings below.

Cultural and Learning Services

3.1 – Libraries

Front page

Committee direction

- Add speakers of languages other than English to the groups that will benefit.

3.1.1

The Committee questioned whether the increase and goals for the digital collection was high enough.

Committee direction

- It needs to be clear in the AcMP that every possible effort is being made to increase the digital collection.

3.1.2

The Committee noted that:

- Earthquake impacts and transitional facilities are captured in this plan.
- The Transitional Facilities Plan will be discussed at the Community Recreation and Culture Committee at the end of October.
- The level of service (LoS) for volunteer libraries may need revisiting at a later date in light of work that is currently underway.
- Storage assistance for volunteer libraries from the Council are currently resolved on a case-by-case basis by report to the Council.

Committee direction

- Remove the word "remaining" from the LoS for volunteer libraries (3.1.2.6).

Councillor Buck arrived at 9.55 am.

3.1.6

The Committee noted that:

- The current cost per transaction is \$3.40 and the intention is to try to bring this cost down.
- The cost has gone up due to earthquake effects on services and a resulting decrease in economies of scale, due to decreased numbers of transactions (25%), with a smaller decrease in overall costs (approximately 14%).

(Note, there were errors in the figures presented at the meeting, which have subsequently been amended. The correct figures will be provided for the 10 October meeting.)

Committee direction

- Provide further explanation as to why the average transaction cost has increased as this is a public document and the rationale needs to be clear.

6. Cont'd

Internal process

Committee direction

- *LTP Goals*: suggest moving the repair and rebuild goal (currently last) to the top of the list.

Councillor Keown arrived at 10.40 am.

A link to the updated AcMP is provided below:

<http://resources.ccc.govt.nz/files/ACMP-LTP2013-22Libraries.pdf>

3.0 Art Gallery and Museums

The Committee noted that community run museums, such as at Ferrymead and Okains Bay, are not covered in this LoS. The Council owns the buildings but not the collections and support for these from the Council is provided through the grants process.

Front page and order

Committee direction

- Provide a note on the front page explaining the current focus and what is expected while the rebuild is underway, i.e. online and outside exhibitions.
- Change the order that these plans are presented in the draft LTP to also reflect this current focus.

3.0.11

Committee direction

- The increase in security presence was **not** supported by the Committee at this stage, until other options have been explored.
- It was agreed that advice on other mechanisms to achieve this security outcome (with costs and options) be provided for consideration by before the end of 2012.

3.0.16

Committee direction

- The Committee supported the extra allocation requested for insurance and conservation (LoS 3.0.16.4)

A link to the updated AcMP is provided below:

<http://resources.ccc.govt.nz/files/ACMP-LTP2013-22ArtGalleryAndMuseums.pdf>

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12 pm. At this point Mayor Parker and Councillors Broughton, Chen and Gough left the meeting.

The meeting resumed at 1 pm and Councillor Button assumed the Chair in the Mayor's absence.

3.2 Transport and Environmental Education

Front page

The Committee noted that while this is a new activity grouping, the levels of service in this activity are not and were previously contained in other AcMPs.

Committee direction

- Make it clear on the front page that this is not new work, but just a new way of grouping the activities.

3.2.1

It was noted that reports on road safety initiatives in relation to earthquake and rebuild issues will go to the Environment and Infrastructure Committee as appropriate.

6. Cont'd

Committee direction

- Add the LoS for 2012/13 (i.e. 6) to the Current LoS column.
- Clarify the links between programmes and budgets (on p.45).

3.2.4

It was noted that as well as establishing programmes in a minimum of four new schools each year, staff in this area also work to maintain approximately 30 existing programmes and are involved in other transport related initiatives.

Committee direction

- In the rationale, clarify that four schools have registered for travel plans over **each** of the last four years.

3.2.8

Further information was requested on how this programme fits into the overall Civil Defence Programme.

It was noted that overall civil defence activity and budget will be presented in a separate AcMP.

Committee direction

- Clarify in the rationale that the Government requirement is for the Council to prepare and educate citizens, it does not apply to these programmes specifically.

A link to the updated AcMP is provided below:

<http://resources.ccc.govt.nz/files/ACMP-LTP2013-22TransportAndEnvironmentalEducation.pdf>

Councillors Carter and Livingstone left at 1.45 pm.

10.0 Road Network

10.0.1

Committee direction

- Need to explain more clearly in the rationale why the LoS is less than the actual recorded in November 2011.
- Benchmarks to be included, although it was noted that these would not be comparable.

10.0.2

It was noted that:

- the cycling percentage for 2008/09 should be 3.1% rather than 2.1%
- cycle lanes are covered in this plan, while footpaths and shared paths are covered in the Active Travel plan.

Committee direction

- Investigate whether data is available on (and how this data could be usefully included):
 - "kids on scooters," e.g. "cycling and other". (note, this makes up the total but is recorded in Active Travel figures.)
 - the numbers of people in each motor vehicle (i.e. carpooling).

10.0.3

It was noted that, as agreed in the Annual Plan, resident satisfaction will be re-baselined for 2012/13 and the level going forward will be determined from the new baseline.

Committee direction

- Remove "excluding red zoned areas" from the LoS.

6. Cont'd

Councillor Wells left the meeting at 2.55 pm.

10.0.11

The Committee noted that:

- The current level of service is not appropriate for all trees and the frequency which with trees require maintenance depends on how mature they are.
- There are no quick fixes with respect to street trees' compliance with electricity regulations (LoS 10.0.11.4). Undergrounding wires is a betterment issue so is not covered in this AcMP. Staff indicated that they would raise the issue with the Stronger Christchurch Infrastructure Rebuild Team (SCIRT) where it was relevant in streets where major works are underway. In addition, the issue will be dealt with on a individual street basis through a report to the Council, not through a change in the LoS.

Concerns were raised concerning damage and destruction of trees in the central city as a result of demolitions.

Committee direction

- Consider carefully how the frequency of tree maintenance is communicated to the public so that the Council policy can be easily understood and it is made clear that this is not a reduction in the LoS.

A link to the updated AcMP is provided below:

<http://resources.ccc.govt.nz/files/ACMP-LTP2013-22RoadNetwork.pdf>

Councillors Beck and Keown left the meeting at 3.30 pm.

10.1 Active Travel

Councillors Button, Corbett and Johanson were present for the remainder of the meeting.

Front page

Committee direction

- Reflect active transport forms other than walking and cycling, e.g. Skateboarding, scootering, etc.

10.1.5

A question was asked about an assessment of walking amenity - Councillor Johanson to follow up with staff.

10.1.6

It was noted that this LoS will be re-baselined in 2013/14.

10.1.7

Committee direction

- Rephrase the LoS in the positive so it reads as a certain percentage "rated as good or better".

A link to the updated AcMP is provided below:

<http://resources.ccc.govt.nz/files/ACMP-LTP2013-22ActiveTravel.pdf>

10.4 Public Transport Infrastructure

No changes were proposed to this plan.

A link to the AcMP is provided below:

<http://resources.ccc.govt.nz/files/ACMP-LTP2013-22PublicTransportInfrastructure.pdf>

The meeting closed at 4.05 pm.