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Committee Policy, Finance and Strategy
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Finalisation of the 2005/06 Annual Plan and Amendment to the 2003/13 LTCCP

1. Purpose

The Council has been through its process of developing and consulting upon its 2005/06 Annual Plan. At the same time, an amendment to the 2003/13 LTCCP was also prepared and sent out to the public for consultation. At its meeting of 9 June 2005 the Council adopted the financial content of the Plan including the proposed rates of 2005/06 along with the bulk water levy. The Council also adopted the financial content of 2003/13 LTCCP. The Council must now also formally adopt the Annual Plan and the amended LTCCP. This document has been sent out under separate cover.

2. Significance of the Decision

The content of this report is the result of the Council's consultation with the public which took the form of submissions being made on the proposed LTCCP amendment and proposed 2005/06 Annual Plan. The proposed changes to the LTCCP and proposed 2005/06 Annual Plan triggered section 76(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002 and triggered the Council's own policy on significance. Reports 05.150 and 05.151 outline the submission process and analyse the submissions the Council received. The formal submission process undertaken by the Council complied with the decision making and special consultative procedures set out in sections 76 to 79 and 83 to 85 of the Local Government Act 2002.

3. Background

The Council approved the draft Annual Plan and amendment to the 2003/13 LTCCP at their meeting on 15 February 2005. The document was then sent for public consultation and hearings on the submissions were held in April. As a result of the public consultation, some amendments were made to the Annual Plan as noted to the Council at their meeting on 9 June 2005.

The amendment to the 2003/13 LTCCP was required due to Council's proposal to own rolling stock and related rail infrastructure for the provision of urban rail services in the greater Wellington region. In addition, there were amendment in respect of the

Council's policies on Significance, the Revenue and Finance Policy and the Treasury Management Policy. The Council approved these amendments at their meeting on 9 June 2005.

4. Comment

The Plan and amended LTCCP have been changed to reflect;

- Minor edits in the wording
- Changes that have occurred since the Plan and amended LTCCP were proposed
- The Plan and amended LTCCP have been subject to consultation and that as a result some changes to the content have been made.

I have enclosed separately the edited document for Councillors' consideration and suggest that any matters of an editorial nature be referred to Officers by Monday 4 July 2005.

5. Communications

No communications are necessary.

6. Recommendations

That the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee recommend that Council:

(1) Receive the report

(2) Note its contents

(3) Adopt the Annual Plan for 2005/06, having undertaken consultation with the public and deliberated on the changes

(4) Adopt the amended 2003/13 LTCCP, having undertaken consultation with the public and deliberated on the changes.

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