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Report of the Annual Plan 2017/18 Hearing Committee

1. Purpose

This report outlines the deliberations and recommendations of the Annual Plan 2017/18 Hearing Committee (the Committee) on the Annual Plan 2017/18 arising from the consideration of written and oral submissions and other feedback to the consultation held from 16 March to 12 April 2017. The Annual Plan identifies only those changes to the 2017/18 work programme outlined in the 10 Year Plan 2015-25.

2. Background

The Committee met on 23 May 2017 to hear 19 oral submissions and consider all submissions and feedback on the Annual Plan 2017/18 consultation document and supporting information.

In total 1,819 submissions were received as follows:

Organisations (including community groups)	20
Local government	6
Individuals	24
Fairer Fares submissions	<u>1,769</u>
Total	1,819

The Fairer Fare submissions were generated by a website set up by Victoria University Wellington Students' Association and included submissions from students and the wider community.

A summary of the written submissions was prepared for consideration by the Committee, along with comments from officers (Report 17.164).

Following the hearing of submissions, the Committee deliberated and agreed recommendations to Council on the Annual Plan 2017/18.

3. Deliberations

The Committee reviewed and considered all the written submissions and feedback and the matters raised in oral submissions.

Submissions were considered on issues both within and outside of scope of the matters consulted on. There were no matters of significance raised requiring amendments to the proposed Annual Plan 2017/18.

The Committee requested some amendments to be included in the officers' comments on submissions. These have been incorporated in **Attachment 1** to this report.

4. Communication

The Annual Plan 2017/18 will be considered for adoption by Council on 28 June 2017, and will then be made publicly available. A media release will be issued once the Plan is adopted.

After the Council meeting of 28 June, all submitters who made submissions on the Annual Plan 2017/18 consultation will receive a response outlining the decisions of the Council and providing further comment where appropriate. An emailed response will also be sent to all those who provided feedback online.

5. Consideration of climate change

The matters addressed in this report are of a procedural nature, and there is no need to conduct a climate change assessment.

6. The decision-making process and significance

The matters requiring decision in this report have been considered by officers against the requirements of Part 6 of the Local Government Act 2002 (the Act).

6.1 Significance of the decision

The subject matter of this report is part of a decision-making process that will lead to the Council making a decision of medium significance within the meaning of the Act.

In accordance with section 95 of the Act, as the proposed annual plan contained material differences from the content of the long-term plan for the year to which this annual plan relates, the Council was required to consult on the proposed annual plan in a manner that gave effect to the requirements of section 82 before adopting an annual plan.

6.2 Engagement

In accordance with the Significance and Engagement Policy, officers determined that the appropriate level of engagement is 'consulting'. Further detail on consultation and engagement processes and results were provided to the Annual Plan Hearing Committee in Report 17.151.

7. Recommendations

That the Council:

- 1. Receives the report.
- 2. Notes the content of the report.
- 3. Agrees to finalise the Annual Plan 2017/18 incorporating the matters set out in the consultation document for the Annual Plan 2017/18.

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Attachment 1: Updated summary of key submission themes and officer comments