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## **Proposed Amendment to the LTCCP and 2005/06 Annual Plan**

### **1. Purpose**

To seek approval of the proposed Amendment to the Long-term Council Council Community Plan and 2005/06 Annual Plan and associated information for consultation.

### **2. Significance of Decision**

The subject matter of this report will lead to the Council making a “significant” decision within the meaning of the Local Government Act 2002. The process of adopting the Amendment to the Long-term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) and the 2005/06 Annual Plan will include use of the special consultative process. The documentation to be considered at today’s meeting will cover the options considered and the reasons for proposing the particular direction for Transport.

### **3. Background**

Councillors are aware of the process carried out over the last few months to produce our proposed Amendment to the LTCCP and 2005/06 Annual Plan under the Local Government Act 2002. At its meeting on 31 January 2005, the Council approved the projected rates and levies to be included in the Plan. The Council also approved the various underpinning operating plans. The Committee is now being asked to recommend that Council approve the actual document, which will contain the Amendment and the Annual Plan for consultation, and the summary which will be distributed to all households (see accompanying documents). These documents will need to be printed and distributed to start the public consultation on 8 March 2005, with the consultation phase closing on 11 April 2005. Submission hearings are scheduled to be held by the Planning and Monitoring Subcommittee on 19, 20

and 21 April 2005 to allow the plans to be adopted (with any changes as a result of submissions) by Council on 17 May 2005.

#### **4. Comment**

An Amendment to the LTCCP is required under the legislation because of the Council's proposal to take an ownership interest in rolling-stock for the rail service that has not previously been provided for in its LTCCP and policy documents. There is also a scale of *expenditure* that had not been anticipated in the 2003/13 LTCCP. However, owing to the Government's enhanced contribution through the Wellington Transport Package, the impact on the *rating requirement* is little different from that which has been anticipated. The information on this expenditure and rate requirement extends beyond what would have been covered in an Annual Plan.

In addition to the Amendment to the LTCCP, the Council's documents cover the Annual Plan for 2005/06, the contents of which (apart from Transport) do not differ significantly from that which had been anticipated in the original 2003/13 LTCCP adopted in June 2003.

Councillors have received information over the last week as to the likely incidence of the rate requirements for the Annual Plan and LTCCP on the different constituencies. That information is included in the documents.

To enable officers to finalise the documents, we would appreciate receiving any changes of an editorial nature no later than the end of business on Wednesday 16 February 2005. This will allow us to meet our production deadlines and enable us to have the documents available on time for public consultation.

#### **5. Communications**

Statutory requirements for consultation will be covered by our usual public notice and the publication of the summary document and its distribution to all households. Additional initiatives to ensure that the proposals are widely publicised and understood include, for your information:

The Government's recent announcement of funding for upgrading the region's transport network, including passenger rail, have received extensive coverage in the news media. This has been supported by our own newspaper advertising. We anticipate the proposals in the LTCCP will be extensively covered by the news media, and we will work to assist the media in this regard. As a result of the widespread coverage we do not recommend additional media or communications in addition to the distribution of the proposed plan to every household.

## 6. Recommendations

*That the Committee recommend to Council that it:*

- 1) *receive the report and notes its contents;*
- 2) *approve the documents;*
- 3) *agree that any editorial changes be approved by the Chairperson on the advice of the Corporate Policy Manager and Chief Financial Officer*

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### **Accompanying Documents:**

- Proposed Amendments to the Ten-year Plan and 2005/06 Annual Plan (Summary Document)
- Proposed Amendments to the Ten-year Plan and 2005/06 Annual Plan (Detailed information)