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## Proposed 10-Year Plan 2009-19 and Proposed 2009/10 Annual Plan

### 1. Purpose

To seek approval for Greater Wellington's proposed Long-term Council Community Plan 2009-19 (LTCCP), incorporating the proposed 2009/10 Annual Plan, to be released for public consultation. Both are statements of proposal under the Local Government Act 2002 (the Act).

### 2. Significance of the 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 an LTCCP and Annual Plan will involve the special consultative process.

### 3. Background

Since June 2008, Councillors and staff have been working to prepare Greater Wellington's 2009-19 LTCCP. Councillors went through a comprehensive process of identifying key strategic issues and fleshing out options. They also reviewed service levels of all activities and reviewed all key policies. Councillors were presented with resulting detailed financial numbers on 9 December 2008 and proposed business plans were completed and distributed to all Councillors before the holiday break.

On 10 February 2009, Council approved the rate and water levy numbers for inclusion in the proposed LTCCP.

### 4. Statutory Requirement

Section 93 (6) of the Act states that the "*purpose of a long-term council community plan is to:*

- a) *Describe the activities of the local authority; and*

- b) Describe the community outcomes of the local authority's district or region; and
- c) Provide integrated decision-making and co-ordination of the resources of the local authority; and
- d) Provide a long-term focus for the decisions and activities of the local authority; and
- e) Provide a basis for accountability of the local authority to the community; and
- f) Provide an opportunity for participation by the public in decision-making processes on activities to be undertaken by the local authority."

## 5. Documents

Greater Wellington's proposed LTCCP (incorporating the proposed 2009/10 Annual Plan) comprises two documents – *Detailed Information* and *Policies*.

The *Detailed Information Document (Attachment 1* - provided to Councillors separately) looks at our contribution to community outcomes and discusses the key issues facing Greater Wellington. It includes a performance management framework for our activities with both long-term and short-term targets.

The *Policies Document (Attachment 2* - provided to Councillors separately) contains the following policies:

- Policy on significance
- Policy on partnerships with the private sector
- Rates remission and postponement policies
  - Remission of penalties
  - Rates postponement policy
  - Remission and postponement of rates on Māori freehold land
  - Remission of rates in special circumstances
- Policy on development contributions or financial contributions
- Treasury management policy
- Revenue and financing policy.

We are also required to prepare a *Summary Document* (s.89 of the Act) which must be a fair representation of major matters in the proposed document (*Attachment 3 – to come*). This must be distributed as widely as reasonably practicable as a basis for general consultation.

Finally, section 92(1) of the Act requires Greater Wellington to monitor, and not less than every 3 years, report on progress made by the community of its region in achieving the community outcomes for the region. A report, *Progress with Community Outcomes 2009*, has been produced to be read in conjunction with the proposed 10-Year Plan (*Attachment 4* - provided to Councillors

separately). It identifies and reports on a set of indicators for each outcome and states Greater Wellington's response in its proposed 10-Year Plan.

Please note that although the Councillors' version for this meeting is black and white, the proposed *Detailed Information* and *Policies* documents and the *Progress on Community Outcomes 2009* document will be publicly available in duotone. The final approved versions will be produced in full colour.

## 6. **Audit opinion**

Following the Council's approval and adoption of the proposed LTCCP, the Audit Office will give its opinion on the LTCCP documents. The auditors will be present at the meeting.

## 7. **Comment**

The documents have yet to go through a thorough checking process. That process should pick-up the typographical errors that remain in the current versions. Further, it is possible that more changes will arise following the Office of the Auditor General (OAG) review this week.

## 8. **Communication**

The summary document will be distributed to all households in the region. It contains a submission form to allow the public to make a short submission relatively easily. The form refers to the key issues and asks submitters to indicate whether they think our proposed approach is "too much", "about right" or "not enough". Submitters will also be able to make their submissions directly via Greater Wellington's website.

A consultation/community engagement strategy for the proposed LTCCP is attached to this report (*Attachment 5*).

## 9. **Recommendations**

*That the Council:*

- 1) *Receives the report*
- 2) *Notes its content*
- 3) *Approves the proposed Long-term Council Community Plan 2009-19, incorporating the 2009/10 Annual Plan*
- 4) *Upon receipt of the Audit opinion, **adopts** the Council's proposed Long-term Council Community Plan 2009-19, incorporating the 2009/10 Annual Plan.*

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- Attachment 1: Detailed Information document**
- Attachment 2: Policies document**
- Attachment 3: Summary document**
- Attachment 4: Progress with Community Outcomes 2009**
- Attachment 5: Consultation/community engagement strategy**