

# how to use this document

**This is the Council's first Long Term Council Community Plan prepared under the new Local Government Act. As such it is organised differently from the Annual Plans published in the past.**

This Community Plan is published in main 3 volumes and two supplementary documents.

**Volume 1 provides an overall summary of the Council's intentions. It contains**

- An introduction to the Plan from the Mayor, Chairman of the Strategy and Finance Committee and the Chief Executive
- A summary of the community outcomes that have been identified for Christchurch, and a description of how they were identified.
- Summaries of major new initiatives being proposed by the Council. These include preliminary information on a possible building programme for the Botanic Gardens to commence after July 2006, a plan to increase the recycling of organic waste, and components of the Council's proposed Christchurch Metropolitan Transport Strategy.
- Summaries of the groups of activities the Council plans to undertake, including financial projections for the next three years.
- A summary of the impact of the plan on rates and Council finances.
- Details of capital works proposed for the next 5 years.

**Volume 2 provides detailed information on the Council's plans. It contains**

- A full description of the community outcomes identified for Christchurch.
- Commentary on how the Council will continue to work with other organisations.
- Details of the new initiatives being proposed by the Council
- Details of the activities the Council intends to undertake, including performance measures, and how the Council will plan for its significant assets.
- Information about certain organisations in which the Council is a shareholder.

**Volume 3 contains detailed accounting information and copies of the Council's significant financial policies, including**

- Forecast financial statements
- Funding impact statement
- Policies on revenue and financing, liability management, investment, rates on Maori freehold land, rates remission and/ r postponement
- Policy on development contributions and financial contributions
- Policies on partnerships with the private sector
- The statement of accounting policies
- Significant forecasting assumptions
- The Council's policy on determining significance
- Schedule of changes to fees and charges
- Information on the Council's Capital Endowment Fund.

