

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

This document contains a summary of the information contained in the Statement of Proposal for draft 2008 Amendments to the Christchurch City Council's Long Term Council Community Plan 2006-16. It is intended to be a fair representation of the major matters in the statement.

The Statement of Proposal has been prepared for the purpose of consulting with the community in respect of matters contained in it.

The draft 2008 Amendments to the LTCCP 2006-16:

- (a) Implement the waste minimisation strategy contained in the Council's Waste Management Plan 2006. The Council is required by the Local Government Act 2002 to make provision for the additional cost of implementation in its LTCCP 2006-16, in particular the proposed introduction of a new system for the kerbside collection of waste, organic waste and recyclable materials. This, and other relevant costs, are referred to in their amended financial overview, the income statement, the cashflow statement and the notes to the financial statements that are included in the proposed amendments.
- (b) Amend the Revenue and Financing Policy to:
 - (i) accommodate the introduction of a waste minimisation targeted rate to fund the kerbside collection and disposal of organic and other waste and recyclable materials;
 - (ii) remove reference to the rates and charges of the former Banks Peninsula District Council;
 - (iii) update the balances of the Church Bay and Governors Bay targeted rates;
 - (iv) update the relative proportions of capital value for each of the Council's business, residential and rural sectors; and
 - (v) allow the changes reflected in the draft Annual Plan 2008/09 to be implemented.

The draft 2008 Amendments to the LTCCP 2006-16 will be available for inspection during ordinary office hours at the following places:

- Civic Offices, 163-173 Tuam Street, Christchurch.
- Christchurch City Council Libraries and Service Centres.

A copy of the draft may also be viewed on the Council's website www.ccc.govt.nz/ltccp.

Submissions on the draft may be made to the Council from Monday 31 March until 5.00pm on Thursday 1 May 2008. The submissions may be made:

- Electronically at www.ccc.govt.nz/haveyoursay.
- By email to consultation@ccc.govt.nz.
- By using the submission form contained in the draft 2008 Amendments to the LTCCP 2006-16.
- Or in other written form to the Christchurch City Council, PO Box 237, Christchurch.

Any person who makes a submission will have the opportunity to be heard by the Council, but must make that request. Hearings will be held from Monday 12 May to Wednesday 14 May 2008.

The Local Government Act 2002 requires the Council to make all written submissions on this consultation available to the public. This requirement is subject to the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987. Anyone wishing to withhold any information of a private or personal nature from their submissions should first discuss this with Kevin Roche, phone 941-8112.

It is proposed to amend the LTCCP 2006-16 as follows:

- (a) By replacing the Council's Revenue and Financial Policy with the new policy contained in the draft 2008 Amendments to the Long Term Council Community Plan 2006-16.

- (b) By amending the costs of the proposed services resulting from implementation of the Waste Management Plan 2006, in particular the new system for the kerbside collection of organic and other waste and recyclable materials at page 75 and 143 of the LTCCP 2006-16.
- (c) By reflecting the amended costs in the Financial Overall (page 75), the Income Statement (page 181), the Cashflow Statement (pages 184-185) and the notes to the Financial Statements on pages 186-187 of the LTCCP 2006-16.

In November 2006 the Council adopted a Waste Management Plan. This followed consultation with the community, Council seminars and a working party established to investigate options for achieving the vision, goals and targets contained in the Plan.

The Council now proposes to implement the waste management strategy contained in the Plan. The cost of new processing plants for organic waste and recyclable materials have already been provided for in the LTCCP 2006-16. The cost of an enhanced kerbside collection service has yet to be included in the LTCCP and is subject to consultation. The result of the consultative process carried out in the period 2005-2007 was that two options for the collection service were considered to be capable of meeting the Council's criteria for its waste minimisation strategy. These were a two bin and a bag system and a three bin system.

Under the two bin and a bag system, the Council would provide a 240 litre wheelie bin for the fortnightly collection of an expanded range of recyclable materials and an 80 litre wheelie bin for the weekly collection of organic waste (food scraps and green waste). Official Council rubbish bags would continue to be collected each week, although residents would need to buy the bags from supermarkets or service centres.

The three bin system includes, in addition to the wheelie bin collection service for organic waste and recyclable materials, a 140 litre wheelie bin for the collection of household rubbish.

On 4 March 2008 the Council resolved to adopt the three bin system as its preferred option.

The Council has also resolved to approve the rate and user charge funding of its waste minimisation strategy as follows:

- A new uniform targeted rate for organic and recycling;
- A 75% part charge for outlying depot based service (predominantly in the Banks Peninsula wards);
- User charges for collections within the CBD; and
- The balance of the net cost funded by general rates.

Introduction of the new targeted rates requires changes to be made to the Revenue and Financing Policy which can only be done by an amendment to the LTCCP. Submissions are invited on both the cost of introducing the proposed three bin system for the kerbside collection of waste, organic waste and recyclable materials and the proposed targeted rates to fund the Council's waste minimisation strategy.

Further information with regard to financial and economic considerations applicable to these matters are contained in the Statement of Proposal.