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**Report of the Strategy and Policy Committee  
Meeting of Thursday 24 August 2006**

**MEMBERS:** Mayor Prendergast, Councillors Armstrong (Chair), Ahipene-Mercer, Cook, Foster, Gill, Goulden, McKinnon, Morrison, Pepperell, Ritchie, Ruben, Shaw, Wade-Brown and Wain.

**MATTERS CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE**

The Strategy and Policy Committee dealt with a number of issues for which it has delegated powers to act and therefore these are before the Council for noting.

The Committee hereby recommends that the information be received.

1. **ITEM 199/06P PROPOSED DISTRICT PLAN CHANGE 50 – ARO VALLEY BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENTS AND PRE-1930S DEMOLITION RULE**  
(1215/52/IM)(REPORT 3)

*THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:*

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to publicly notify Proposed District Plan Change 50 as set out in Appendix 1 of this report in accordance with Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991.*
3. *Agree to adopt the Section 32 report for Proposed District Plan Change 50 as included in Appendix 2 of this report.*

4. *Delegate to the Portfolio Spokesperson for Urban Development the authority to approve minor editorial changes to the proposed Plan Change prior to notification.*

2. **ITEM 200/06P RESPONSES TO CLIMATE CHANGE**  
(1215/52/IM)(REPORT 4)

*THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:*

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Note the range of Council's current responses for mitigating the effects of, and adapting to, climate change, detailed in this report.*
3. *Note that central government is considering its long-term policy on climate change and that the proposed national leadership will embed the Council's work programme in a national context promoting alignment with the work of other local authorities.*
4. *Note that the recommendations from the report back on the Climate Change and Governance Conference referred to officers for further report have been considered.*
5. *Agree that work to give effect to the Council's implementation of the LTCCP and any future reviews of Council's seven strategies include consideration of climate change impacts.*
6. *Agree that officers review the Council's policy responses to the threat of climate change and related energy issues.*
7. *Note that the Council policy programme is reported to the full Strategy and Policy Committee, and that the formation of a Councillor working party to consider climate change and related energy issues is not recommended.*
8. *Note that current local government sector work on the decision-making requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 should be completed in the next few months and will contribute to the Council's planned update of the Supporting Information Template and associated guidelines, including reflection of environmental considerations.*

3. **ITEM 201/06P OIL PRICES AND ‘PEAK OIL’: COUNCIL RESPONSE**  
(1215/52/IM)(REPORT 5)

*THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:*

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Note that experts predict “peak oil” will occur within 30 years or less and that fuel prices are likely to continue rising, posing a serious social and economic risk for the city and region.*
3. *Note that the Council is working to reduce Wellington’s peak oil vulnerability through energy management planning; trialling new fuel technologies; implementation of compact, transit-oriented growth through the Growth Spine concept; and development and implementation of a Travel Demand Management Plan that supports walking, cycling and passenger transport.*
4. *Agree to take into account the peak oil issue and rising fuel prices when making future transport investment decisions, by promoting and designing a transport system that encourages more efficient use of and reduced reliance on oil-based products.*
5. *Agree to engage, where possible and appropriate, with Government on this issue through (for example) the development of the government’s New Zealand Energy Strategy, National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy, and Biofuels legislation.*

**Robert Armstrong**  
**Chair**