
REPORT 6
(1215/11/IM)

Report of the Strategy and Policy Committee
Meeting of Thursday 21 August 2008

Members: Mayor Prendergast, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Coughlan, Foster, Gill, Goulden, McKinnon (Chair), Morrison, Pannett, Pepperell, Ritchie, Wade-Brown and Wain.

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

1. **ITEM 226/08P CENTRES POLICY**
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 1)

THAT Council:

1. *Agrees to the adoption of the final version of the Centres Policy as amended (attached as Appendix One of this report).*
2. *Agrees to the revocation of the Council's Retail Strategy.*

2. **ITEM 228/08P ACCESS PATHS ON ROAD RESERVE TO PRIVATE PROPERTY POLICY**
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 3)

THAT Council:

1. (a) *Confirms that where a private access path on unformed legal road serves three or more properties, Council will assist to the extent of half the cost of the maintenance of the access path. These paths are deemed to be Half Cost access paths. (Refer to Appendix two of this report).*
- (b) *Confirms that responsibility for access paths to private properties on unformed legal road reserve remains with the affected property owners.*

- (c) *Confirms that where access paths on unformed legal road are considered unsafe by the Council, the Council will contact the property owners in the first instance and request that the access path be repaired and made safe within a specified time frame. If the property owners fail to do so, the Council will take any steps that it considers appropriate and reasonable to make the access path safe in the manner it sees fit. This will apply to all access paths found on road reserve.*
- (d) *Confirms that it will:*
- *Seek to recover the cost of making safe access paths serving less than three properties and will have no ongoing responsibility for their maintenance.*
 - *Contribute up to half the cost of making Half Cost access paths serving three or more properties safe.*
 - *Continue to pay for the full cost of public access paths.*
- (e) *Confirms that it will remove the ability of property owners to provide a private quote for their labour only to complete the construction work for Half Cost access paths themselves. Council will no longer provide the required materials for this work. Instead, Council will provide residents with the option of carrying out such works through Council's contractors or a contractor of their choice provided their work meets Council's standard and the cost is reasonable to Council.*
- (f) *Confirms that for all new applications for access paths on unformed legal road reserve (regardless of the number of properties), the property owner's ongoing maintenance responsibilities will now be documented in an encumbrance on the title and noted in the Land Information Memorandum Report at the applicant's expense.*

Ian McKinnon
Chair