
2010 DRAFT CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN

1. Purpose of Report

To seek the Council's agreement to consult on the draft 2010 Climate Change Action Plan in conjunction with the 2010/11 Draft Annual Plan.

2. Recommendations

Officers recommend that the Council:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Note that the Strategy and Policy Committee agreed:*
 - (a) *that the Draft 2010 Climate Change Action Plan be considered by Council for consultation in conjunction with the 2010/11 Draft Annual Plan*
 - (b) *five new initiatives from the Draft Climate Change Action Plan be included in the Statement of Proposal for consultation.*
3. *Agree the Draft 2010 Climate Change Action Plan (attached as Appendix 1) for consultation alongside the 2010/11 Draft Annual Plan.*
4. *Note that officers will make the necessary publication and design changes to the Draft 2010 Climate Change Action Plan to ensure a readable and user friendly consultation document.*

3. Background

In December 2009, the Strategy and Policy Committee agreed:

- to the approach of the Draft 2010 Climate Change Action Plan
- that five climate change initiatives be included in the 2010/11 DAP deliberations for consideration
- that the Draft 2010 Climate Change Action Plan be considered by Council in March 2010 for consultation in conjunction with the 2010/11 DAP.

At the DAP deliberations from 2-3 March, the Committee agreed that the following five new climate change initiatives be included in the 2010/11 DAP statement of proposal to be presented to Council on 17 March:

	Initiative
1	Preparing for the impacts of climate change
2	Piloting electric vehicles
3	Council energy efficiency initiatives
4	Business energy saver programme - <i>eMission</i>
5	Home Energy Saver

4. Discussion

The Draft 2010 Climate Change Action Plan (attached as Appendix 1) has been developed by considering international best practice, internal options analysis and input from key external stakeholders. This paper is seeking the Council's agreement to consult on the Draft 2010 Climate Change Action Plan in conjunction with the 2010/11 DAP. The consultation will seek feedback and input from the community and key stakeholders:

- on the initiatives contained in the Draft Plan
- that the Council is focusing on the right areas and actions
- that actions in the Draft Plan are a priority when considered alongside, and in the context of, other initiatives in the 2010/11 Draft Annual Plan.

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

The actions identified in the 2010 Climate Change Action Plan represent a pragmatic approach in responding to climate change. They provide the foundation for a more ambitious programme when reviewed as part of the 2012/22 Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP).

If agreed for consultation, officers will design a user friendly consultation document based on the document text attached as Appendix 1. This will include images, graphics and other techniques to help emphasize the key messages and issues of the Draft Climate Change Action Plan. Consultation would include (amongst other approaches):

- public workshops alongside Draft Annual Plan presentations
- web based and other publication materials
- engagement with the Environmental Reference Group
- oral hearings.

Analysis of submissions and recommendations would be brought back to the Strategy and Policy Committee in early June.

4.2 LTCCP and Financial Considerations

The 2010 Climate Change Action Plan fulfils the Council's 3-year priority of taking steps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions for the city and the Council. It proposes five new funding initiatives that SPC agreed to consult on in the 2010/11 DAP. The funding implications for these initiatives are outlined in the table below.

<i>Outline project costs per year</i>										
Project Component	Expenses									
	\$000									
	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20
<i>Vulnerability assessment (OPEX)</i>	30	100								
<i>Electric Vehicles Pilot (CAPEX)</i>	50									
<i>Council Energy Management Programme (CAPEX)</i>										
<i>(OPEX)</i>	50	150								
<i>Business Energy Programme - eMission (OPEX)</i>	25	25								
<i>Home Energy Saver Programme (OPEX)</i>	50	100								
<i>Total</i>	230	400								
<i>OPEX</i>	130	250								
<i>CAPEX</i>	100	150								

4.3 Climate Change Impacts and Considerations

The 2010 Climate Change Action Plan is designed to respond to climate change issues.

5. Conclusion

This paper recommends that the Council consult on the Draft 2010 Climate Change Action Plan in conjunction with the 2010/11 DAP. Analysis of the submissions and recommendations on the 2010 Climate Change Acton Plan will be reported to Strategy and Policy Committee in early June.

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Supporting Information

1) Strategic Fit / Strategic Outcome

This report relates to several long-term outcomes from the Council's overall strategic direction, as reflected in the LTCCP, including:

More Sustainable

More Compact

Safer

Healthier

More Competitive

More Prosperous

This report also relates to several three-year priorities from the LTCCP, including:

Energy efficiency and conservation, energy security, renewable energy, and leadership in this area

'Growth spine' planning

Travel demand management

Bus priority measures

Strengthening the city's status as a centre of creativity and innovation.

2) LTCCP/Annual Plan reference and long term financial impact

Funding implications will be considered as part of the 2010/11 Draft Annual Plan.

3) Treaty of Waitangi considerations

Given the kaitiakitanga (guardianship) role of Maori, and likely climate change impacts on assets owned by Maori, there may be Treaty implications. These will be further explored through the consultation process.

4) Decision-Making

This report does not require a significant decision to be made.

5) Consultation

a) General Consultation

The summary of the consultation plan is attached as appendix 2.

b) Consultation with Maori

Consultation with Maori will be conducted as part of the consultation identified above.

6) Legal Implications

There are no legal implications from this report.

7) Consistency with existing policy

This report is consistent with the outcomes and priorities of the Environment Strategy, the Urban Development Strategy and the Transport Strategy as reflected in the LTCCP. The advice provided supports existing policy and planning work to implement the Council's strategic direction, such as compact growth, waste minimisation and energy management planning.