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**2012-22 DRAFT LONG-TERM PLAN AND ECO-CITY: REPORT
ON ORAL HEARINGS HEARING**

1. Purpose of Report

This report presents a summary of the oral submissions on the 2012-22 draft long-term plan and the ECO-City proposal.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the minutes of the Strategy and Policy Committee meeting of 21, 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30 May and 5 June 2012 (attached as appendix one).*

3. Background

The Council is required to use the special consultative procedure as part of adopting the long-term plan. The procedure includes offering submitters the opportunity to speak in support of their submission. Consultation of the ECO-City proposal was run in parallel with consultation on the draft long-term plan, and the oral hearings were combined. A total of 174 submitters presented their submissions to the committee over eight days.

Hearing Format

The hearing format maintained a relatively informal approach for submitters and provided opportunities for elected members to engage with submitters and to ask follow-up questions. Timeframes allocated to submitters varied – from 5 to 10 minutes for individuals and 10 to 20 minutes for organisations.

Following on from a successful process used in Auckland, submitters were offered the opportunity to make their oral submission in a less formal workshop environment. This option was taken up by very few submitters and so the sessions were cancelled and the submitters booked in for individual submission slots.

Suggestions have been made by councillors for how the process could be improved and these will be taken into account by officers in the future.

This report provides a brief overview of the main issues that were presented and the minutes of the meeting.

The full set of written submissions has been distributed to elected members and made publicly available. A summary of the main themes from the written submissions is provided in a separate report on this agenda.

4. Conclusion

The Strategy and Policy Committee met over eight days to receive submissions on draft long-term plan and the ECO-City proposal. The minutes of these hearings is presented for consideration and record.