
REPORT 5
(1215/11/IM)

**Report of the Strategy and Policy Committee
Meeting of Thursday 17 August 2006**

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

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

1. **ITEM 188/06P FUNDING AND ACTIVITY REVIEW WORKING PARTY: AMENDED TERMS OF REFERENCE**
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 2)

THAT Council:

1. *Agree to recommend to Council that it approve the updated terms of reference for the Funding and Activity Review Working Party as follows:*

Purpose of the Working Party

The Funding and Activity Review Working Party has two distinct purposes. These are for elected members to:

- i. Guide officers in the review of the Revenue and Financing Policy as it applies to all activities and recommend any changes to the policy to the Strategy and Policy committee.*
- ii. Provide a strategic overview to officers as they undertake the detailed activity reviews.*

Membership

Up to four elected members will be members of the working party.

Portfolio Leaders

Portfolio Leaders will be invited to engage in discussions with the working party on activities under review (as part of clause 2 of these Terms of Reference) which pertain to their area of responsibility.

Chair

The chair and deputy chair shall be appointed by the Council.

Parent Committee

The working party will report to the Strategy and Policy Committee.

Terms of Reference

1. *The working party has specific responsibilities to prepare a report that recommends changes to (or occasions when the Council should make decisions that are inconsistent with) the Revenue and Financing Policy (July 2006).*

In its review the working party will give consideration to:

- *how each Council activity is funded after consideration of s101(3)(a) and (b) of the Local Government Act 2002*
 - *the appropriate level for the commercial/ residential rates differential, and if different to the present level, how and over what period should the position be corrected*
 - *the possible impact on rates following any decision to change the way Council funds activities*
 - *the application of targeted rates*
 - *how capital funding should be reflected in the policy (including Development Contributions)*
 - *the appropriate level of user charges (including the results of benchmarking exercises where applicable)*
 - *a review of performance against current Revenue and Financing Policy targets*
 - *the need for any changes to the Council's financial policies as required by s102 of the Local Government Act 2002*
 - *submissions that are received as part of the special consultative procedure.*
2. *The working party has specific responsibilities to receive and review reports from officers on their findings from the detailed activity reviews.*

In its review of officers' reports the working party will provide guidance on:

- *the strategic alignment of activities*
- *the appropriateness of alternative service delivery options*
- *the appropriateness of service level options*
- *the results of asset management plan reviews.*

Delegation

The working party has the authority to carry out its activities in line with its terms of reference.

Frequency of Meetings

A schedule of meetings will be agreed by the working party with the chair having the discretion to call additional meetings as required.

Duration/Sunset

The working party will cease at the end of 2004/07 triennium.

2. **ITEM 190/06P INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GAMBLING, 13-15 SEPTEMBER 2006, AUCKLAND**
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 4)

The Strategy and Policy Committee at its meeting on 17 August 2006 approved the recommendations in the officer's report but did not select a Councillor to attend the International Conference on Gambling. The matter has been referred to Council for a decision to be made on who will attend.

THAT Council:

1. *Approve the attendance of one elected member at the International Conference on Gambling to be held in Auckland, 13-15 September 2006 and that the costs associated with attending the meeting are met from the Elected Members Budget (GVEM01).*

3. **ITEM 191/06P LIANZA CONFERENCE 2006: NEXT GENERATION LIBRARIES, 8-11 OCTOBER 2006, WELLINGTON**
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 5)

The Strategy and Policy Committee at its meeting on 17 August 2006 approved the recommendations in the officer's report but did not select a Councillor to attend the LIANZA Conference 2006. The matter has been referred to Council for a decision to be made on who will attend.

THAT Council:

1. *Approve the attendance of up to two elected members at the LIANZA Conference 2006: Next Generation Libraries to be held in Wellington, 8-11 October 2006 and that the costs associated with attending the meeting are met from the Elected Members Budget (GVEM01).*

4. **ITEM 192/06P REZONING OF RURAL PROPERTIES ADJOINING HUNTLEIGH PARK**
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 1)

At the 17 August 2006 Strategy and Policy Committee meeting, the following amendment was moved and carried and subsequently referred to Council for final consideration.

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Lie Report 1 on the table on the basis that before advertising the proposed plan change, officers report back to Council on the outcomes of the consultation and the economic impact on the private property right of the proposed plan change.*

This amendment replaced the following recommendations:

It is recommended that the Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Agree that officers prepare a District Plan change that is proposed to include:
 - a) the rezoning of eleven properties adjoining Huntleigh Park, from Rural to Conservation Site / Outer Residential / Open Space A.
 - b) a rule that will restrict the number of dwellings permitted to be built on the parts of the properties that become Outer Residential.
3. Note that in drafting the plan change officers will undertake consultation with owners, residents of the wider neighbourhood and interested community groups.

**Robert Armstrong
Chair**