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**REPORT OF THE STRATEGY AND POLICY COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF TUESDAY 2 MARCH 2010: DRAFT  
ANNUAL PLAN 2010/11 - STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL  
FOR ADOPTION**

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**1. Purpose of Report**

This report provides for the adoption of the 2010/11 Draft Annual Plan statement of proposal. It consolidates the committee's resolutions from reports 2-4 of the meeting 2 March 2010.

**2. Executive Summary**

The adoption of the 2009-19 Long-term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) in June 2009 established the Council's activities and levels of service through to June 2012 and an outline of funding requirements through to 2019.

Each year the Council reviews the work programme for the year ahead, identifies variances from what was outlined in the LTCCP and consults the community on those variances through the annual plan process.

The special consultative procedure must be used to adopt the Annual Plan. This requires the adoption and public consultation on a statement of proposal – a draft of the Annual Plan.

Following a series of workshops and committee deliberations on 2-3 March 2010, the 2010/11 Draft Annual Plan statement of proposal has been prepared and is presented here for adoption.

**3. Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Council:

- 1. Note that the 2010/11 Draft Annual Plan statement of proposal reflects year two of the 2009-19 LTCCP and the deliberations and recommendations of the Strategy and Policy Committee meeting of 2-3 March 2010.*
- 2. Note that the 2010/11 Draft Annual Plan statement of proposal will be consulted on using the special consultative procedure.*

3. *Agree the proposed variances as set out in the 2010/11 Draft Annual Plan statement of proposal (summarised in section 4.1 below) and consult on them using the special consultative procedure.*
4. *Agree to operate the following activity funding targets in variance to the Revenue and Financing Policy and include these in the 2010/11 Draft Annual Plan as follows:*
  - (a) *Activity 7.2.5: cycle network - increase the proportion to be funded by rates from 85% to 90%*
  - (b) *Activity 2.2.1: roads open spaces – increase the proportion to be funded through rates from 90% to 95%.*
  - (c) *Activity 6.2.1: building control and facilitation - increase the proportion to be funded through rates from 35% to 40%.*
  - (d) *Activity 2.5.2: recycling, waste minimisation and disposal*
    - (i) *introduce a new activity – closed landfill aftercare – with a rates funding target of 100%.*
    - (ii) *the activity funding will operate in variance to the user-charges target of 90% to recover 100% of operating expenditure through user charges.*
5. *Agree that it is appropriate to set these target levels in variance with those of the Revenue and Financing policy and 2009-19 LTCCP and note that the Council will revisit the target levels in the Revenue and Financing Policy when the policy is reviewed as part of the 2012-22 Draft Long-term Council Community Plan.*
6. *Agree the proposed amended fees and charges as set out in the 2010/11 Draft Annual Plan statement of proposal and consult on them using the special consultative procedure<sup>1</sup>.*
7. *Note that a decision is scheduled to be made at this meeting of Council on funding for the Lyall Bay Surf Club and agree to delegate to the Chief Executive the authority to reflect any decisions in the 2010/11 Draft Annual Plan statement of proposal.*
8. *Adopt the 2010/11 Draft Annual Plan statement of proposal (as attached in appendix one) and initiate the special consultative procedure.*
9. *Delegate to the Chief Executive the authority to make any editorial changes that may arise as part of the publication process.*
10. *Delegate to the Chief Executive the authority to prepare a summary covering the major matters within the 2010/11 Draft Annual Plan statement of proposal.*

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<sup>1</sup> Note that all fees, user charges and rates include GST at 12.5%.

11. *Note that the statement of proposal and summary will form the basis of the special consultative procedure on the 2010/11 Draft Annual Plan that will run from 9 April 2010 to 10 May 2010.*

## **4. Background**

The 2010/11 Draft Annual Plan describes the second year of the LTCCP. It describes Council's activities and the services it will deliver for that year, the cost of providing them, and how the Council intends to measure progress towards delivering its activities and services.

The purpose of the 2010/11 Draft Annual Plan is to:

- identify any variances from the LTCCP for that year
- support the LTCCP in providing integrated decision-making and the coordination of the Council's resources
- extend the opportunity for public participation in the decision-making process
- contribute to the Council's accountability to the community
- detail the annual budget and funding impact statement.

### **4.1 Variances to the 2009-19 LTCCP**

The content of the 2010/11 Draft Annual Plan statement of proposal outlined in appendix one reflect variances to the 2009-19 LTCCP agreed by the Strategy and Policy meeting of 2 March 2010.

The variances are aligned to delivering on the Rugby World Cup 2011, climate change, on future focused work streams or strengthening facilities and infrastructure.

The key changes are summarised below. Detailed information and funding levels are included in the statement of proposal (attached as appendix one).

### ***Rugby World Cup 2011***

- Development of the Rugby World Cup village around the Wharewaka.
- Commissioning a Rugby World Cup sculpture. The sculpture – to be located temporarily on the waterfront - will be a popular drawcard for visitors and will provide an enduring legacy for the event.
- Erecting interpretation panels for Te Ara o Nga Tupuna - the pathway of our ancestors.
- Increasing street cleaning to meet demand - including a one off increase in 2011 to cope with the additional visitors that will be in Wellington during the Rugby World Cup festival.
- Upgrading Newtown Park sports field to comply with host obligations around providing training facilities for visiting teams.

- Upgrading the Courtenay Place public conveniences. The area will be party central during the Rugby World Cup festival and current facilities are inadequate.
- Introducing electronic signs along key arterial routes to inform drivers about availability of vacant parking spaces (conditional on support from the private sector).
- Rephasing scheduled road improvements along Waterloo Quay in time for the Rugby World Cup.

### ***Climate change***

- A comprehensive assessment of Wellington's vulnerability to climate change (includes a regional coastal study, and impact of sea level rise on infrastructure).
- Development of a programme to provide incentives to households for low-cost energy retrofits.
- Expansion of the Council's Energy Management Programme out to 2011/12 (currently capital expenditure is budgeted to end after 2010/11).
- Working with private/state-owned enterprise partners on a pilot programme aimed at facilitating uptake of electric vehicles, particularly by business vehicle fleets.
- Support for the Enviroschools programme to help students and teachers as they plan and take action to move towards sustainability.

### ***Strengthening facilities and infrastructure***

- Investment in reactive maintenance/repairs to damaged hand rails in the city.
- Additional funding for maintenance and renewals at the St James Theatre and the Opera House
- Additional funding for the Basin Reserve Trust for capital works to maintain the Basin Reserve's status as New Zealand's premier test cricket venue.
- Strengthening the City to Sea Bridge. A recent structural assessment of the iconic City to Sea Bridge, which links the Civic Square to the waterfront, identified the need for remedial work and earthquake strengthening to meet higher standards.
- Repiling of Aro Valley Community Centre. The Aro Valley Community Centre's foundations have settled unevenly, causing damage to the floor structure.
- New signage for dog areas. During a 2009 review of the Council's Dog Policy, the Council received feedback that better signage was needed around the city.

- Install new bus shelters. Only 300 city-bound stops have shelters. We propose to install shelters at 50 of the highest priority sites in the next two years. After that, over the next decade we propose to keep installing new shelters in conjunction with bus priority measures on key routes (on average 10 per year).
- Alterations to the Adelaide Rd project. Alignment of government funding to roads of national significance has resulted in a reduced funding for this project. Instead of the Council funding the shortfall it is proposed to reduce on-street car parking on one side of the road and introduce a green zone in both directions that provides a shared bus and cycle lane.

### ***Looking ahead / future focused work***

- The development of a Spatial Structure Plan to guide future decisions on the design and form of buildings, public spaces and public infrastructure.
- The development of a computerised model to analyse possible future central city infrastructure changes and their likely impact on vehicle and pedestrian movement.

### ***The future of community facilities***

- Upgrade of aquatic facilities including: development of a teaching pool at Karori Pool and the development of a hydrotherapy pool at the Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre.
- Planning for the redevelopment of the Keith Spry pool in Johnsonville to incorporate a new teaching pool, a leisure and water play area, and plans to develop a joint administration area with the proposed new library.
- Development of partnerships with schools (subject to conditions) to upgrade existing school pools to meet demand.
- Replacement of Tawa pool roof in 2011/12 and installation of a retractable roof (in 2013/14) at Thorndon Pool so it can be used for 9-10 months of the year.
- Develop plans for the Johnsonville Library extension and relocation.
- Increase funding support for community centres.
- Increase annual social grants funding pool to support partnerships that increase public access to community spaces.

Note that funding for Lyall Bay Surf Club is discussed in a separate report on this agenda of Council and that any decisions will be reflected in the 2010/11 Draft Annual Plan statement of proposal.

Note that as part of the long-term plan we budgeted for the installation of five synthetic sportsfields from 2013 to provide all weather access for playing and training. It is proposed to bring forward funding for planning and consent processes for each synthetic surface to the previous year to allow for construction to occur in the year for when they are scheduled.

## **5. Conclusion**

Following an extensive process the Council is asked to adopt the 2010/11 Draft Annual Plan statement of proposal for consultation.

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