



Waitakere City Council  
*Te Taiao o Waitakere*

## NOTICE OF MEETING

# LONG TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN AND ANNUAL PLAN SPECIAL COMMITTEE

I hereby give notice that a Meeting of the Long Term Council Community Plan and Annual Plan Special Committee will be held on:-

<b><u>DATE:</u></b>	<b>Friday, 16 June 2006</b>	<b><u>TIME:</u></b>	<b>9.30 am</b>
	<b>Monday, 19 June 2006</b>		<b>9.30 am</b>
	<b>Tuesday, 20 June 2006</b>		<b>9.30 am</b>
	<b>Wednesday, 21 June 2006</b>		<b>9.30 am</b>
	<b>Friday, 23 June 2006</b>		<b>9.30 am</b>

**VENUE:** Civic Centre, 6 Waipareira Avenue, Lincoln, Waitakere City

to consider the business as set out herein and to take any necessary action connected therewith.

13 June 2006

Ngareta Delamere  
**COMMITTEE SECRETARY**

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### MEMBERSHIP:

Councillor	JM	Clews, QSO, JP (Chairperson)
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	LA	Cooper
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	WW	Flaunty, QSM, JP
	DE	Gilmour
	C	Harding, JP
	PA	Hulse
	JP	Lawley
	VS	Neeson, JP

(Quorum 5 members)

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**1 APOLOGIES**



**2 URGENT BUSINESS**

Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 provides that where an item of business is not on the agenda, it may only be dealt with at the meeting if:

- (i) the Committee by resolution so decides; and
- (ii) the Chairperson has explained at the beginning of the meeting (when open to the public) that the item will be raised for discussion and decision, why the item is not on the agenda, and why it cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

The Committee may make a decision on a matter determined to be urgent.

**NOTE:** Urgent Business need not be dealt with now and may be delayed until later in the meeting.



**3 PROCESS, SUBMISSIONS, POLICIES AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS DRAFT LONG TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN 2006-2016**

**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

This report details the suggested process to be followed by the Long Term Council Community Plan and Annual Plan Special Committee in considering submissions received on the Council's draft Long Term Council Community Plan 2006-2016, any changes to be made to draft budgets and any changes to be made to draft policies.

**BACKGROUND**

The Council adopted its draft Long Term Council Community Plan 2006-2016 which incorporated the draft rate requirement and work programme for 2006/2007 on 19 April 2006. This draft was open for consultation from 20 April 2006 until 19 May 2006.

The hearings process for those submitters who wished to be heard will be completed on Wednesday, 14 June 2006. The issues raised in all of the submissions, along with any Committee and Community Board requests, requested for budget changes and any new information, now need to be considered by the Committee before recommending to the Council, the adoption of the final Long Term Council Community Plan 2006-2016. To meet the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002, the Long Term Council Community Plan must be adopted before the end of June 2006.

## ISSUES

### Process

Summaries of submissions received will be circulated under separate cover for consideration and deliberation by the Committee. These summaries will take the form of a précis of all issues contained in the submissions. These will be grouped under Unit headings to ensure that the appropriate Council officers are present when the issues are considered by the Committee.

The suggested process for the deliberations is as follows:

1. Issues from submissions are reviewed and deliberated on. During this process any additional information on these issues that may be required can be identified for reporting back to the Committee.
2. The Committee identifies any further matters such as budget changes from submissions for consideration and debate. These will be entered on a white-board during the deliberations for further discussion.
3. The Committee identifies any information from reports received that they wish to consider further.
4. The Committee considers requests from Council officers for changes to the draft budgets.

This process will ensure that all submissions are considered and that the Committee has all the information that it requires to make the necessary recommendations to the Council for the adoption of the Long Term Council Community Plan 2006-2016.

The meeting schedule for these deliberations, together with the draft timetable is as follows:

DAY	DATE	MEETING	TIME
Friday	16 June 2006	Receive process report Rating policies Capital value Wastewater charge and pan tax City Services submissions	9.30 am
Monday	19 June 2006	Public Affairs submissions City Development submissions Civic and Corporate submissions Strategy submissions	9.30 am
Tuesday	20 June 2006	Submissions on policies Performance measures Community outcomes Strategic platforms Budget adjustments	9.30 am
Wednesday	21 June 2006	Budget adjustments	9.30 am
Friday	23 June 2006	Budget adjustments The Council adopts the rate requirement and the work programme	9.30 am
Friday	30 June 2006	Council Adoption of the plan	12.00 pm

The above timetable is indicative only as the time taken to discuss each item will vary.

## Submissions

There were 1,459 submissions received covering 3,463 issues. This compares to 525 submissions covering 1,440 issues received on the draft Annual Plan for 2005/2006.

There were some issues that had a number of pro forma submissions. These were:

Te Atatu South Library )  
 Pay Parking in Henderson )  
 Vodanovich Road  
 Capital Value

The submission issues are analysed as follows:

### Strong Communities

Arts & Events	80
Youth Issues	11
Te Atatu South Library (Pro Forma)	221
Leisure	0
Community Safety	35
Libraries	7
Housing for Older Adults	12
Other Strong Communities Issues	63

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<b>Total</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>12.39%</b>
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### Strong Innovative Economy

GMOs	48
Business Development and Promotion	20

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<b>Total</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>1.96%</b>
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### Urban & Rural Villages

Parks	133
Town Centres	69
Resource Management	22
NORSGA	17
Heritage	20
Community Facilities	76
Waitakere Central	18
Other Urban & Rural Villages Issues	13

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<b>Total</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>10.63%</b>
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### Green Network

Waitakere Ranges	16
Animal Welfare	10
Other Green Network Issues	40

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<b>Total</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>1.91%</b>
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**Active Democracy**

Financial Management	63	
Rates Increase	367	
Development Contributions Policy	59	
Strategic Policy, Planning and Monitoring	42	
Community Outcomes	28	
Democratic Process	43	
Other Active Democracy Issues	49	
<b>Total</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>18.80%</b>

**Integrated Transport and Communication**

Slow Streets (Mainly Vodanovich Road)	220	
Pay Parking (Mainly combined with Te Atatu South Library)	210	
Passenger Transport	101	
Footpaths	34	
Road Safety	18	
Other Integrated Transport and Communication Issues	157	
<b>Total</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>21.37%</b>

**Zero Waste**

Zero Waste	35	
<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>1.01%</b>

**Three Waters**

Stormwater	20	
Wastewater	7	
Water Supply	6	
Other Three Waters Issues	6	
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>1.13%</b>

**Sustainable Energy and Clean Air**

Sustainable Energy and Clean Air	36	
<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>1.04%</b>

**Proposed Fees and Charges**

Proposed Fees and Charges	1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.03%</b>

**Cycleways**

Cycleways	48	
<b>Total</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>1.39%</b>

**Targeted Rate for New Lynn**

Targeted Rate for New Lynn	10	
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0.29%</b>

**Changes to the Rating System**

Changes to the Rating System	852	
<b>Total</b>	<b>852</b>	<b>24.60%</b>

**Transport Strategy**

Transport Strategy	120	
<b>Total</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>3.47%</b>

<b>Total Issues</b>	<b>3463</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
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**Key Issues for Consultation**

The following items were identified in the draft Long Term Council Community Plan 2006-2016 as key issues for consultation:

- Cycleways
- Targeted Rate for New Lynn
- Changes to the Rating System
- Waitakere City Transport Strategy

**Cycleways**

There were 48 issues from submissions on cycleways. Of these, 12 were negative to some degree with the remainder supporting cycleways and raising maintenance issues.

**Targeted Rate for New Lynn**

There were 10 issues from submissions on the Targeted Rate for New Lynn. 9 were against the proposal, while 1 supported it.

**Changes to the Rating System**

There were 852 issues from submissions on the proposed changes to the rating system. The breakdown of these is as follows:

Against Fixed Wastewater Charge	15
Support User Pays for Wastewater	35
Support Maximum Uniform Annual Charge	65
Support Fixed Wastewater Charge	67
Against Pan Charges	87
Support Capital Value	102
Against Capital Value	428
Other Issues	53
<b>Total</b>	<b>852</b>

The Pan Charge issue also attracted a number of petitions which were attached to submissions.

In addition to issues from submissions on changes to the rating system, there were 367 issues from submissions on rate increases that focused on the individual ratepayer's circumstances. These made no specific mention of capital value.

### **Waitakere City Transport Strategy**

There were 120 issues from submissions on the draft Waitakere City Transport Strategy. Of these, 63 were in support of option 3, while 11 were in favour of option 1. There was little or no support for option 2. The remaining issues were concerned with specific items in the plan such as ferries, buses, trains, motorways etc.

### **Policies**

Draft policies that were consulted on in the draft Long Term Council Community Plan 2006-2016 were:

- Revenue and Financing Policy
- Rates Remission and Postponement Policy
- Policy on Remission and Postponement of Rates on Maori Freehold Land
- Policy on Partnerships with the Private Sector
- Development Contributions and Financial Contributions Policy
- Liability Management and Investment Policy

The draft Significance Policy was also consulted on at the same time.

No submissions were received on the following policies:

- Revenue and Financing Policy
- Policy on Remission and Postponement of Rates on Maori Freehold Land
- Policy on Partnerships with the Private Sector

In addition, there were no submissions received on the draft significance policy. It is therefore suggested that these be recommended to the Council for adoption without any change.

Separate reports will be prepared for the Committee on the other policies where submissions have been received.

### **Budget Adjustments**

The rates funded surplus from 2005/2006 is now expected to be between \$2.0 and \$2.5 million. This surplus is expected from several sources, the main contributors being Field Services (parking fines), Consent Services, Solid Waste and various other areas where budgets have been under-spent. In addition, it is expected that Information Management depreciation will be less than predicted as several major projects have not yet been completed and depreciation does not start until projects are complete. The amount of the predicted surplus is still being determined following a detailed examination of the results at the end of May and estimated year-end adjustments, included any requests for carry forward items.

The draft Long Term Council Community Plan 2006-2016 included a provision of \$0.7 million for a surplus from 2005/2006 which means that there is an additional \$1.3 to \$1.8 million available.

A1-A13

There are requests for some budget changes which are attached as pages A1 to A13. There are four categories of budget changes. These are:

- Budget corrections
- Officer recommended changes
- Recommendations from Committees and Community Boards
- Other items for consideration

There are some further budget changes to be considered by the Directors Group. If the Directors Group recommends that these be considered by the Committee, then further information will be provided. In addition, further recommendations may be forwarded from Council Committees.

There are also expected to be budget changes to be considered resulting from deliberations on submissions. As in previous years, an interactive overhead display will be available when the implications of these are discussed.

When the budgets were prepared, the rating base growth from capital value was included. This was \$2.4 million as opposed to \$1.4 million under the land value system. If the Council decides not to proceed with the proposed change to a capital value rating system, the immediate impact on the rate requirement for 2006/2007 will be a \$1.0 million shortfall. This will have a flow-on effect for years 2 to 10 as the base for calculating future years' rates increases will be lower.

It is suggested that any unallocated surplus be first applied to offset this. The Council then has the option to adjust the funding mix, by changing the amount of loan funded renewals to mitigate any current and future rates increase. This will increase the Council's debt.

In the draft Long Term Council Community Plan, there is also provision for repayment of debt from year 6 onwards. If there are adjustments to the funding mix, this will also change.

A schedule of requested carried forwards is being prepared and will be provided to the Committee for consideration. This will be for both operating costs and capital expenditure projects. The amount of the operating carried forwards will have been built into the predicted year end surplus. If any of these are not approved, then the available surplus will be increased.

## **CONCLUSION**

The process as detailed will enable the Council to adopt its Long Term Council Community Plan on the 30 June to meet the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That the Process, Submissions, Policies and Budget Adjustments Draft Long Term Council Community Plan 2006-2016 report be received.
2. That the Long Term Council Community Plan and Annual Plan Special Committee, consider all submissions received and any other information and advice and make appropriate recommendations to the Council to enable the final Long Term Council Community Plan to be adopted.

Report prepared by: Andrew Pollock, Director: Finance.



4 **SUBMISSIONS - REVIEW OF RATING SYSTEM**

This report will be circulated separately at the conclusion of the Hearings.

