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Report to the Environment Committee from Wayne Hastie, Manager, Resource Policy

# Further consideration of Iwi submissions on the draft Annual Plan 2000/01

## 1. **Purpose**

To provide the Committee with the opportunity to further consider the Iwi submissions on the draft Annual Plan 2000/01.

#### 2. **Background**

Ara Tahi members were given the opportunity to provide written submissions on the draft Operating Plans, and to present these submissions to the Policy and Finance Committee on 7 March 2000. Four Iwi made submissions, and one was presented to the Committee.

The Committee deferred consideration of the submissions until it received a report from officers. A report was prepared and considered at the reconvened meeting on 9 March 2000 (Report 00/153). The Committee resolved to recommend:

- (1) That the Committee note that many of the proposals made by Iwi can be accommodated within proposed work programmes; and the others can be considered for funding within the scope of the allocations in the draft Resource Policy Department Operating Plan specifically allocated to Iwi projects.
- (2) That the Committee recommend that Council now approve for inclusion into the Proposed Long Term Financial Strategy the projected rates and figures which were included in the report of the Chief Financial Officer, adopted by Council on 7 March 2000, Report 00.112.

The minute extract includes a note recommending that, where appropriate, issues in the Iwi submissions be referred to the relevant Standing Committee(s) for further consideration, and any recommendations should be made to the Policy and Finance Committee in sufficient time to enable finalisation of Council's Long Term Financial Strategy before 30 June 2000.

This current report is to give the Environment Committee the opportunity to further consider the issues raised.

#### 3. **Issues raised**

Attachments 1 and 2 to this report are the original analyses of the Iwi submissions, with a recommendation as to whether or not a change was required to the Draft Operating Plans.

A number of the requests relate to the business of the Environment Committee, and this is your opportunity to review the recommendations. From a staff perspective, we remain happy with our original assessments and the resolution of the Council to adopt these.

## 4. **Further progress**

We are currently working through the requests that we consider may be worthy of funding from within current and proposed budgets, and will be discussing these with the Iwi. We anticipate that some projects can be commenced this financial year.

### 5. **Communication**

No special communication is required in respect of this report. If the Committee is mindful to recommend changes to the Draft Annual Plan 2000/01, and the Policy and Finance Committee accept these changes, then the outcomes should be communicated to the Iwi concerned. This should be done in conjunction with any outcomes from the recommendations of other Standing Committees.

#### 6. **Recommendation**

That the Committee report to the Policy and Finance Committee that it has further considered the Iwi submissions on the Draft Annual Plan 2000/01, and that the initial recommendations relating to the business of the Environment Committee be confirmed.

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