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## **General Manager: Proposed Business Plan 2003-2013**

### **1. Purpose**

To seek approval of the proposed Business Plan for the General Manager including any amendments approved by the Committee.

### **2. Overview**

The General Manager budget consists of staff and related costs of the General Manager and support staff. In addition, the General Manager budget includes an allocation in 2004/05 and beyond of \$350,000 for economic development initiatives. As this is an activity in which many of the Territorial Local Authorities are already involved, the Council would need to follow the process outlined in section 16 of the Local Govt Act 2002 before proceeding with any economic development initiatives.

Overall, apart from the economic development initiative noted above, the costs are relatively flat over the ten year period with a minor increase each four years relating to the planned replacement of the General Manager's car.

The General Manager's Business Plan has been previously distributed to Councillors and will be tabled at the meeting on 4 March 2003.

### **3. Changes to the proposed Operating Plan recommended by officers**

Officers are recommending that given the pressure on the Council rate line, the budget of \$350,000 p.a., commencing in 2004/05, for economic development initiatives be removed from the General Manager's Business Plan 2003-2013.

#### **4. Recommendations**

*That the Committee recommend to Council that it:*

- (1) receive the report and note its contents.*
- (2) note that officers are recommending that the proposed Business Plan for the General Manager be changed to remove the economic development budget of \$350,000 for the nine years commencing 2004/05.*
- (3) approve the proposed Business Plan for the General Manager (including any amendments approved by the Committee) for inclusion in the Council's proposed Long-term Council Community Plan 2003-2013 (incorporating the Council's 2003/04 Annual Plan).*

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