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Establishment of Annual Plan Hearings Committee

1. Purpose

To establish a committee to hear submissions on the Proposed 2008/09 Annual Plan.

2. Significance of the decision

The matters for decision in this report **do not** trigger the significance policy of the Council or otherwise trigger section 76(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002.

3. Annual plan timeframe

The Council's Proposed 2008/09 Annual Plan is currently open to submissions. Submissions close on 5 May 2008. The hearing of submissions is scheduled for 21 and 22 May 2008. It is appropriate that the Council establish a committee to hear the submissions and report to the Council meeting on 10 June 2008 with its recommendations for amendments to the Proposed 2008/09 Annual Plan.

4. Terms of reference for committee

The proposed terms of reference for the committee are attached (**Attachment 1**).

5. Local Government Act 2002

It is consistent with best practice and the requirements of section 83(1) of the Local Government Act (special consultative procedures) that members hearing submissions must be present for the duration of the hearing and consideration of the submissions. The only constraint, therefore, is the availability to sit through the anticipated two days of hearings and be available for deliberations.

6. Communication

No communications are necessary in relation to the matters detailed in this report.

7. Recommendations

That the Council:

1. **Receives** the report.
2. **Notes** the content of the report.
3. **Resolves** to establish the Annual Plan Hearings Committee to consider the submissions on the Proposed 2008/09 Annual Plan and to report to Council with recommendations for amendments to the Proposed 2008/09 Annual Plan.
4. **Appoints** Crs Aitken, Bruce, Buchanan, Donaldson, Laidlaw, Lamason, Wilde and Wilson as members of the committee, and appoints Cr [...] as Chair.
5. **Adopts** the terms of reference for the committee as set out in Attachment 1 to this report.

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Attachment 1: Terms of Reference for the Annual Plan Hearings Committee