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## Report on feedback received on consultation document for the Annual Plan 2017/18

### 1. Purpose

This report provides an overview on the feedback received on the consultation document for the Annual Plan 2017/18, together with officers' comments on submission points and issues, to assist the Hearing Committee in making recommendations to Council on the final Plan.

Report 17.151 sets out the process for handling submissions, both at this meeting and following the consideration of submissions.

### 2. Consultation process

The consultation document for the Annual Plan 2017/18 was approved by Council for consultation on 2 March 2017 (Report 17.45 refers). The consultation period was from 16 March to 12 April 2017.

The consultation document was available at various locations across the region, and the supporting information was also made available at Council offices, major libraries and online.

A Have Your Say website was developed where the consultation document, supporting information and an online submission tool was available. The website was supported by a communications programme including advertising in local newspapers and on social media, including Facebook and Twitter. Two public meetings were also held in Wellington.

Consultation was limited to material and significant changes from the content of the 10 Year Plan 2015-25. It was provided on the basis that all other activities would be delivered as consulted on, and agreed, in the 10 Year Plan 2018-28.

### 3. Feedback Received

#### 3.1 Submission forms

The submission forms asked submitters if they would like to comment on the following changes:

- The proposed reprioritisation of the work programme of Wellington Water
- The impact of the earthquake on CentrePort operations and loss of dividend
- The proposed fast-tracking of flood protection in the Hutt - RiverLink
- The proposed delays in Public Transport
- The Masterton Building.

Submitters were also provided with the opportunity to identify if they wished to attend a hearing a present their views on these changes.

The submission form outlined that we would only consider submissions made on the specific changes proposed. However, there was an opportunity for submissions to be made on issues outside of those in the consultation document.

#### 3.2 Submissions

In total 1,819 submissions were received. The number of submissions grouped by type of organisation is as follows:

Organisations (including community groups)	20
Local government	6
Individuals	24
Fairer Fares submissions	1,769
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,819</b>

The 1,769 submissions on Fairer Fares were generated by a website set up by Victoria University Wellington Students' Association (VUWSA) to specifically request implementation of student tertiary fare discounts commencing in 2018. The remaining submissions covered issues both in and out of scope of consultation. The key themes on those issues out of scope were: climate change and resilience, and public transport issues which included the public transport system and vision, Let's Get Wellington Moving, light rail, trolley buses and aspects of the rail and bus networks. A number of submissions outlined specific issues they would like to see addressed and a few submissions were received on the proposed 5.6% rates increase.

A summary of the key points raised by submitters and officer comments for the Council to consider in their deliberations is contained in **Attachment 1**. A full set of submissions has been provided separately to Councillors.

## **4. Communication**

All submitters who made submissions on the adoption of the Annual Plan 2017/18 will, subsequent to Council adopting the final plan, receive a response outlining the decisions of the Council and any key changes.

The Annual Plan 2017/18 will be considered for approval by Council on 28 June 2017, and this will be notified by public notice and media release.

## **5. Consideration of climate change**

GWRC's Climate Change Consideration process ensures that climate change is considered in regard to the matters that are the subject of Council and Committee reports.

In regard to this report, the matters that are the subject of the report are the changes from the content of the 10 Year Plan 2015-25 listed at section 3.1.

In accordance with GWRC's Climate Change Consideration process (set out in the GWRC Climate Change Consideration guide), the requirement to conduct a climate change assessment is applied to individual initiatives as they are developed and/or pass through a Council or Committee decision making process that applies specifically to that individual initiative. This means that for each of the matters addressed in this report (the material and significant changes from the content of the 10 Year Plan 2015-25 listed at section 3.1) a climate change assessment will be conducted at the appropriate stage: i.e. of the initiative's life cycle, or as part of the paper that recommends decisions to council on the annual plan.

Therefore, it is not necessary to conduct a climate change assessment in this report (for the material and significant changes listed at section 3.1) as to do so would create duplicate processes.

As noted at section 3.2, some submitters addressed climate change (or raised issues that relate to climate change) in their submissions, these are discussed in Attachment 1.

## **6. The decision-making process and significance**

The matter requiring decision in this report has been considered by officers against the requirements of Part 6 of the Local Government Act 2002.

### **6.1 Significance of the decision**

The subject matter of this report is part of a decision-making process that will lead to the Council making a decision of medium significance within the meaning of the Local Government Act 2002. In accordance with section 95 of the Act, as the proposed annual plan contains material differences from the content of the long-term plan for the year to which this annual plan relates, the Council is required to consult on the proposed annual plan in a manner that gives effect to the requirements of section 82 before adopting an annual plan.

Section 82 sets out the principles of consultation. Section 82A sets out what must be included when consultation is required under section 82.

## 6.2 Engagement

In accordance with the Significance and Engagement Policy, officers determined that the appropriate level of engagement was 'consulting'. Engagement was carried out as set out in Section 2 above.

Consultation was carried out on the adoption of the Annual Plan 2017/18 consistent with the principles of section 95. A description of the consultation methods is provided in section 2 of this report.

## 7. Recommendations

*That the Committee:*

1. ***Receives the report.***
2. ***Notes the content of the report.***
3. ***Considers the information in this report and attachments in determining its findings and recommendations to Council.***
4. ***Recommends to the Council that its Annual Plan incorporate the differences to its 10 Year Plan as identified in the consultation document for the Annual Plan 2017/18.***
5. ***Recommends to the Council any further items to incorporate into its Annual Plan 2017/18 which have not triggered the consultation requirements set out in the Local Government Act 2002.***

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**Attachment 1:** Summary of key submission points and officer comments

**Attachment 2:** Draft hearings schedule