

STAFF REPORT

TO: Mayor and Councillors
FROM: David Ward
DATE: 25 January 2007
SUBJECT: **Development Contributions Amendments**

Purpose

This report has been prepared to effect some changes to Council's Development Contributions Policy which is contained within Volume 2 of our LTCCP.

Introduction

Subsequent to 1 July 2006 there have been a number of occasions where reference has been made to areas within our Development Contributions Policy which may benefit from clarity of wording or presentation.

Attached to this report is a copy of the current Development Contributions Policy with those areas of proposed change marked in red. These amendments have been identified by a collective of staff representing all departments of Council and they are considered to be minor in nature. In some instances the proposed changes are additions and in other instances the proposals are for removal or re-wording.

It is acknowledged that there may be other areas where variation to the Development Contribution Policy could be considered, however we are mindful of the LTCCP amendments legislative responsibilities whereby any changes of significance will be subjected to the amendments process. Any proposed changes falling into this category will be included for consultation in Council's 2009 draft LTCCP.

Discussion

Staff will be present at today's meeting to discuss these proposed changes to the Development Contributions Policy. These changes will be identified in Council's draft Annual Plan and will be subject to the consultative process.

Recommendation

That the proposed minor amendments to Council's Development Contributions Policy be incorporated in Council's draft 2007/2008 Annual Plan for public consultation.

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