STAFF REPORT

TO: Mayor and Councillors

FROM: Susan Edwards, Strategic Development Manager

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DATE: 11 February 2009

SUBJECT: Asset and Activity Management Plans

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purposes of the report are to ask the Council to receive the Asset and Activity Management Plans and seek Council's agreement to the documents being released to the public.

INTRODUCTION

The Asset and Activity Management Plans prepared by Council departments underpin the work programmes and financial modelling that has gone into the preparation of the draft Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP). Therefore, what is in the Asset and Activity Management Plans is reflected in the draft LTCCP Proposed Council Activities section, which you have already seen in draft form. Copies of the 17 Asset and Activity Management Plans are being sent to Councillors on a CD, due to the large size of the documents. A hard copy of each one is available for Councillors viewing in the Councillors Lounge. If Councillors have any questions about the Plans, please discuss them with the relevant Council officer.

COMMENT

Some members of the public have indicated that they would like further detail than is available in the draft LTCCP on the Council work programmes and costs of various projects that Council is proposing to do over the next ten years. Most of the detail sought is contained in the Asset and Activity Management Plans. Therefore, making the Plans available to the public at the same time as the draft LTCCP goes out for public consultation, should help inform the comments and submissions we receive from the public.

The draft LTCCP is the document that is available for public consultation and comment. The Asset and Activity Management Plans will not in themselves be out for public consultation. Any changes that the Council makes to the work programmes and projects at the time of adopting the final LTCCP in June will need to be reflected back through to the Asset and Activity Management Plans.

If the Council agrees to make the Plans available, they would only be supplementary information to support the LTCCP. The Plans could be made available on the Council

website or on CD. Hard copies could also be put in the Council service centres where the public could view them.

Officers consider that there are advantages in making the Plans available to the public. They should help inform the discussion and the submissions on the draft LTCCP. A further advantage of making the Plans available is that they provide the public with an indication of the projects the Council has planned over the next 20 years, compared to the ten years covered in the LTCCP.

SIGNIFICANCE

This matter is not relevant to the Council's Significance Policy.

OPTIONS

The Council can either make the Asset or Activity Management Plans available to the public for their information or not make them available. However should the Council decide not to make the Plans available, anyone wishing to gain access to them could make an official information request under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Tasman District Council receives the following Asset and Activity Management Plans and agrees to them being made available to the public, as supplementary information, when the draft Long Term Council Community Plan is available for public consultation:

- Environmental Education, Advocacy and Operations Activity Management Plan
- Regulatory Services Activity Management Plan
- Environmental Information Activity Management Plan
- Resource Policy Activity Management Plan
- Resource Consents and Compliance Activity Management Plan
- Community Recreation Activity Management Plan
- Library Services Activity Management Plan
- Property Asset Management Plan
- Community Facilities and Parks and Reserves Asset Management Plan
- Aerodromes Activity Management Plan
- Wastewater Activity Management Plan
- Stormwater Activity Management Plan
- Solid Waste Activity Management Plan
- Rivers Activity Management Plan
- Coastal Structures Activity Management Plan
- Transport Activity Management Plan
- Water Activity Management Plan

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