

Consultations running concurrently with the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 Consultation Document



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Purpose

The purpose of this report is to approve the consultation material for the concurrent and separate consultations on the proposed policies, which are required to support the Long-term Plan (LTP) development process.

Summary

The following proposed policies are required by statute to be consulted on, but they cannot be consulted on within the LTP Consultation Document (CD) as complete policies are unable to be included in the CD:

- Rates Remissions and Postponement Policy (including for Māori Freehold Land); and
- Significance and Engagement Policy.

In addition to the policy, each must have a proposal addressing the matters in Section 82A of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA).

The above proposed policies have been reviewed as part of the LTP development process and minor changes are proposed. These documents are also supporting documents for the CD. The consultation on these matters will run concurrently with the LTP Consultation Document (CD) process and any submissions will be heard and considered at the same meetings later in the process.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Council resolve to:

- 1. pursuant to Section 102, Local Government Act 2002, adopt the proposed Rates Remission and Postponement Policy (including for Māori Freehold Land) and proposal for consultation concurrently with the LTP Consultation Document;**
- 2. pursuant to Section 76AA, Local Government Act 2002, adopt the proposed Significance and Engagement Policy and proposal for consultation concurrently with the LTP Consultation Document.**

Background

This report proposes that the following separate consultation processes run concurrently with the LTP Consultation Document (CD). As these policies are important supporting documents to the LTP consultation, hearing the views of the community on these matters alongside the LTP CD would be appropriate and easier for submitters, and will tie in well to LTP decisions and processes.

Proposed Rates Remission and Postponement Policy – including for Māori Freehold Land

This policy is required by LGA Section 102 and is to be prepared in accordance with remission and postponement requirements in Sections 108 to 110. Section 102 specifies that any amendment to the policy must be consulted on. Consultation requires a proposal which outlines the reason(s) for the proposal, an analysis of the reasonably practicable options, and a full copy of the proposed policy.

Further information on the proposed policy is outlined in the attached proposal. There is no additional supporting information.

Proposed Significance and Engagement Policy

This policy is required by LGA Section 76AA – Significance and Engagement Policy. If an existing policy is amended, the amended policy must be consulted on. Consultation requires a proposal which outlines the reason for the proposal, an analysis of the reasonably practicable options, and a full copy of the proposed policy.

Further information on the proposed policy is outlined in the attached proposal. There is no additional supporting information.

Views of affected parties

This report supports engaging with the community to hear the views and preferences of all persons.

Fit with strategic framework

OUTCOME	CONTRIBUTES	DETRACTS	NOT APPLICABLE
Managed access to quality natural resources	X		
Diverse opportunities to make a living	X		
Communities empowered and resilient	X		
Communities expressing their diversity	X		

Compliance with Significance and Engagement Policy

There are no issues within this report which trigger matters in this policy.

Considerations

Financial implications

There are minimal financial implications of the decisions in this report.

Legal implications

This report has been prepared taking into account the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002.

Attachments

Proposal for consultation <https://objective.es.inet/documents/A1063271/details>

Proposed Rates Remission and Postponement Policy (including for Māori Freehold Land) [02 Policy - Rates Remission and Postponement Policy \(incl for Maori Freehold Land\) - DRAFT \(A1017840\)](#)

Proposed Significance and Engagement Policy [02 Policy - Significance and Engagement - 2023 10 17 - DRAFT \(A992449\)](#)