

**The Chair
Strategy & Policy Committee**

8 May 2023
10.00 am

Supplementary Report

Pursuant to Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, it is recommended that the following items be dealt with under Notification of Urgent Business

⇒ **Item 1 – 2024-2034 Long-term Plan Consultation Closing Date Extension**

The reason that this item was not included on the agenda papers is because the proposal to extend the closing date for receiving submissions was not taken until after the agenda papers had been circulated.

The reason that this item cannot be delayed is because the extended closing date will already have passed by the time the next meeting of Council is held.



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Item 1 2024-34 Long-term Plan Consultation Closing Date Extension

Objective ID: A1083288

Report by: Dave Gibbs, Strategy and Partnership Manager

Approved by: Rachael Millar, General Manager, Strategy, Science and Engagement

Purpose

For Council to formally adopt the extension of the 2024-34 Long-term Plan consultation closing date to 5.00 pm, 13 May 2024.

Summary

Council adopted the 2024-34 Long-term Plan Consultation Document on 27 March 2024 with a closing date for submissions of 6 May 2024. Following interactions with the community through a range of events and channels, Council and staff have reviewed the closing date and a revised date of 13 May 2024 has been determined.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Council resolve to:

- 1. formally approve the extension of the closing date to 5.00 pm, 13 May 2024 for the following 2024-34 Long-term Plan consultation document, supporting information and concurrent consultations:**
 - Consultation Document, *Investing in Southland Whakangao ki Murihiku*;
 - Draft Financial Strategy;
 - Draft Infrastructure Strategy 2024-2054;
 - Draft Groups of Activities/Performance Framework (including links to strategic direction and levels of service);
 - Draft Financial Information (including Prospective Financial Statements, Disclosure Statement and Funding Impact Statement)
 - Proposed Financial Reserves Policy
 - Draft Statement of Accounting Policies;
 - Draft Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives (SIPO);
 - Proposed Treasury Policy;
 - Proposed Marine Fee Reserve Allocation Policy;
 - Significant Forecasting Assumptions;
 - Draft Revenue and Financing Policy;
 - Draft Funding Needs Analysis;
 - Revenue and Financing Policy update and rating review 2024 Statement of Proposal;
 - Fees and Charges Schedule 2024-2025 and associated Statement of Proposal
 - Proposed Rates Remission and Postponement Policy (including for Māori Freehold Land) and associated Statement of Proposal
 - Proposed Significance and Engagement Policy and associated Statement of Proposal

Background

Council adopted the 2024-34 Long-term Plan Consultation Document, supporting information and concurrent consultations on 27 March 2024 with a closing date for submissions of 6 May 2024.

Public consultation commenced on Thursday, 28 March 2024 with a closing date of Monday, 6 May 2024. Following interactions with the community through a range of events and channels, Council and staff have reviewed the closing date and a revised date of 13 May 2024 has been determined.

It is important to provide the community with sufficient time to consider and provide feedback on the proposals outlined in the Consultation Document, supporting information and concurrent consultations.

Implications/risks

Consultation is an important part of the Long-term Plan process set out in the Local Government Act 2002.

Extending the closing date for submissions may impact upon the Council’s ability to adopt the final Long-term Plan by 30 June 2024, which is the statutory timeframe. However, this must be balanced with the need to ensure that consultation is fair and reasonable.

Next steps

Hearings are currently scheduled to commence on 20 May 2024.

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

This item is consistent with the Significance and Engagement Policy.

Considerations

Financial implications

This item has no direct financial implications.

Legal implications

Our LTP consultation process is in alignment with Environment Southland’s legal obligations.