

**MEETING OF THE
LAND AND BIODIVERSITY,
WASTE, HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES
AND CONTAMINATED SITES
PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE**

**TO THE CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS OF THE
COMMITTEE**

MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

Cr R I R Little (Chairperson)

Cr R A Budd
Cr T K Burke
Cr R H M Johnston
Cr M E Oldfield
Cr J F Slee
Cr J M Waters

A meeting of the Committee will be held on

Tuesday, 21 November 2006 at 9:30 a.m.

VENUE: Council Chamber
First Floor
Pegasus Building
58 Kilmore Street
CHRISTCHURCH

BUSINESS: As per Order Paper attached

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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The council committee (or the council) must formally certify that:

- (a) It is satisfied that it has sufficient information about the options and their benefits and costs, in terms of the region's social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being and the effects on community outcomes, bearing in mind the significance of the decisions.
- (b) It is satisfied that it knows enough about and has given adequate consideration to the views and preferences of affected and interested parties bearing in mind the significance of the decision.

INFORMATION CHECKLIST

(a)	A Statement of the Proposed Decision
(b)	A Statement of the Objective of the Proposed Decision and the Issue or Problem being addressed
(c)	A list of all reasonably practicable options, (including doing nothing).
(d)	For each option in (c): An evaluation of the Benefits and Costs, in terms of the region's social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being.
(e)	For each option in (c): A statement of the extent to which community outcomes would be promoted or achieved in an integrated and efficient manner.
(f)	For each option in (c): A statement of the Impact, if any, on Environment Canterbury's capacity to undertake its statutory responsibilities
(g)	If the Proposed Decision is a significant decision in relation to land or a body of water, a statement of how Maori values have been taken into account
(h)	A Statement of significant inconsistencies, if any, with any Existing Policy, Plan or Legislation arising from the Proposed Decision.
(i)	A statement how the views and preferences of affected or interested persons have been given adequate consideration during the definition of the problem or issue, the objective, the assessment of options and the development of the proposed decision, including the particular contribution of Maori to the decision-making process.

Notes:

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The policy on significance together with Section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002 set out the Council's requirements in relation to decisions. Some decisions can only be made through the Long-Term Council Community Plan, or after the Special Consultative Procedures set out in the Act have been used, (refer to the policy on significance and the Act).

All decisions of Environment Canterbury are subject to the decision-making requirements of section 76 of the Act unless inconsistent with specific requirements of other legislation.

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ORDER PAPER

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4. DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

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5. 2007/08 ANNUAL PLAN – PROPOSED LEVEL OF SERVICE AND LEVEL OF FUNDING CHANGES

(b) Land and Biodiversity

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ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY

LAND AND BIODIVERSITY, WASTE, HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES AND CONTAMINATED SITES PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LAND AND BIODIVERSITY, WASTE, HAZARDOUS
SUBSTANCES PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16 AUGUST 2006 IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, FIRST FLOOR, PEGASUS BUILDING, 58 KILMORE STREET,
CHRISTCHURCH FROM 9.30AM.

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PRESENT

Crs R I R Little (Chairperson), T K Burke, R H M Johnston, J F Slee and J M Waters

IN ATTENDANCE

Cr R A Budd

MANAGEMENT AND STAFF PRESENT

J D Talbot (Director Policy and Planning), R Phillips (Portfolio Manager Pests & Biosecurity), D Patterson (Hazardous Substances and Waste Management Officer), P McGuigan (Resource Care Manager), W Simpson (Communications & Relations Manager), M O'Donnell (Community Relations Team Leader) and L M McDonald (Administration Officer).

1. APOLOGIES

Cr M E Oldfield

2. MINUTES OF MEETING – 31 AUGUST 2005

The minutes of a meeting held 31 August 2005 as circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record, and be adopted.

Cr Waters/Cr Burke

3. MATTERS ARISING

An update was requested on the matter of using the AgriQuality database.

4. Deputations and Petitions

Nil.

MATTER FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE COMBINED PORTFOLIOS COMMITTEE

5. 2007/08 ANNUAL PLAN – Land and Biodiversity

Rob Phillips introduced this item and explained that the process of developing the 2007/08 Annual Plan was to build on the work done in 2005 on the 2006-16 Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP). Councillors were invited to identify matters to be canvassed with key stakeholders for feedback prior to further consideration at the November round of Portfolio Committee meetings.

The Committee considered the report attached to the agenda and identified the following items and issues:

- It was noted that the first results from the Biodiversity Study were encouraging and suggested that more publicity on this work may help further development.
- Identify the process required to incorporate policies of the Land and Vegetation Plans into the Natural Resources Regional Plan (NRRP).
- The need to consider rating implications of long term projects like regional parks.
- The leadership role Council should take regarding land use effects on water quality and quantity. This should involve a vision; raising awareness; research to provide robust information; then advocacy and finally regulation. Property Plans and technology to support real time information would assist in achieving this.
- Further details were requested on:
 - The process of implementing iwi management plans.
 - The demand for ecological expertise

Cr Little, referring to the Finance and Audit Committee review of the draft 2006-16 LTCCP, said that the suggestion of exploring alternative methods for compliance

monitoring needed to be debated by the whole Council. The impact of the Natural Regional Resources Plan (NRRP) also needed to be taken into consideration.

Recommended to the Combined Portfolios Committee

That the following opportunity for cost efficiencies as identified by the Finance and Audit Committee Review:

“Explore alternative methods for monitoring compliance to reduce Environment Canterbury input, i.e self monitoring with selected monitoring”

be discussed at the Combined Portfolios’ Committee and then at the Council meeting as this is a serious and important item and should be put forward as a separate issue.

Cr Slee/Cr Johnston

The cost effectiveness of satellite imagery was questioned, particularly for identifying pest plants, and a request was made for more information on the use of satellite imagery.

Resolved by the Committee

That the further information on value of using satellite imagery for investigations work be considered at a Council workshop.

Cr Johnston/Cr Waters

Referring to levels of service, it was noted that there is a lot of data and information available in the community and the Council should avoid any duplication in obtaining this information.

Recommended to the Combined Portfolios Committee

That the Portfolio Committee supports the use of existing information as the first step in developing proposed measures and targets for levels of service.

Cr Burke/Cr Waters

That the Portfolio Committee recommends the following matter be canvassed with key stakeholders:

Possible increases to fund the implementation of the Urban Development Strategy.

Cr Waters/Cr Johnston

6. COMMUNICATION STRATEGY 2006/07

Bill Simpson introduced the Land Communication Strategy for 2006/07 and invited comments from the Committee.

Concern was expressed at the increase in proposed expenditure (as described in table 5 of the previous agenda item) in the land portfolio, including the cost of communications.

Recommended to the Combined Portfolios Committee

That the Portfolio Committee note the increase between 2006/07 and 2007/08 and have some concern with components of that increase in the Land Portfolio budget.

Cr Johnston/Cr Slee
Cr Burke abstained

Cr Waters requested her vote against this motion be recorded.

Resolved by the Committee

That the committee receives the 2006/07 Land portfolio communication strategy.

Cr Waters/Cr Burke

7. 2007/08 ANNUAL PLAN – Waste, Hazardous Substances and Contaminated Sites

Darren Patterson introduced this item and explained that the proposed changing of wording to level of service No.3 was to clarify that the number of districts was being measured.

It was noted that proposed changes to legislation might provide the Council with some discretionary powers. A report on this will be presented to the Council in due course.

Recommended to the Combined Portfolios' Committee

That the Portfolio Committee recommends the following matter be canvassed with key stakeholders:

The change to the wording of the measure and target for Levels of Service 3.

Cr Waters/Cr Burke

8. COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

Bill Simpson introduced this item.

Cr Burke left at 1pm.

Resolved by the Committee

That the committee receives the 2006/07 Waste, Hazardous Substances and Contaminated Sites portfolio communication strategy.

Cr Slee/Cr Waters

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

10. EXTRAORDINARY AND URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

11. QUESTIONS

Nil

12. NEXT MEETING

November 2006

The meeting closed at 1.01 pm.

CONFIRMED

DATE _____ CHAIRPERSON

AGENDA ITEM NO: 5	SUBJECT MATTER: 2007/08 ANNUAL PLAN – PROPOSED LEVEL OF SERVICE AND LEVEL OF FUNDING CHANGES
REPORT: Land, Biodiversity, Waste, Hazardous Substances and Contaminated Sites Portfolio Committee	DATE OF MEETING: 21 November 2006
FILE REFERENCES:	PORTFOLIO: Waste, Hazardous Substances and Contaminated Sites PROJECT: – OUTPUT: –
REPORT BY: Darren Patterson, Portfolio Convenor Waste, Hazardous Substances and Contaminated Sites	ENDORSED BY: George Griffiths, Director Investigations & Monitoring

PURPOSE

1. To receive stakeholder feedback on possible shifts in direction identified in August 2006.
2. To recommend priorities, tradeoffs or deferrals for the 2007/08 Annual Plan to the Combined Portfolios committee, to enable staff to undertake the necessary budget amendments.
3. To prepare responses for the Finance and Audit Committee Review of Portfolios.

ATTACHMENTS

- Appendix 1: LTCCP Budgets for 2007/08.

Please bring the following to the meeting:

- The 2006-16 LTCCP.
- Project Levels of Service and Funding for 2006/07.

BACKGROUND

Whilst the Annual Plan for 2007/08 was set as part of the long term delivery of ECan's contributions to community outcomes, it is appropriate to look at the need to fine tune the annual programme to-

- ensure we are on course,
- reflect new information about resource demand,
- respond to changes in the operating environment,
- review alternative methods of funding, and
- review alternative methods of service delivery.

The Portfolio Committee has two tasks to complete:

- 1. PROGRESSING THE 2007/08 ANNUAL PLAN PROCESS-** This will involve consideration of stakeholder feedback on possible shifts in direction identified by the Committee in August 2006, and the provisional rates estimates for 2007/08 for a range of indicator properties across Canterbury. Following this, the Committee will make decisions on the shifts in direction to the levels of service and levels of funding in the LTCCP for 2007/08, if any, to recommend to the Combined Portfolios Committee, having regard to priorities, tradeoffs or deferrals to the levels of service and levels of funding in the LTCCP for 2007/08.

2. PREPARING FOR THE FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE REVIEW OF PORTFOLIOS- This involves the review of portfolios' preparations for the 2007/08 Annual Plan to be undertaken by the Finance and Audit Committee. The review will examine the reasons behind budget decisions to ensure that proposals going forward into the 2007/08 budget have been systematically and rigorously analysed. Portfolio Committees will be asked 11 questions relating to:

- Level of service and level of funding
- Cost effectiveness and cost efficiency of service delivery
- Project priorities
- Funding alternatives

The questions are set out in Part 2 of this paper.

IS AN AMENDMENT LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED TO THE 2006-16 LTCCP?

At this stage it is considered that the proposed changes to the 2007/08 budget and work programmes identified in August are not significant enough to trigger an amendment to the LTCCP. Amending the LTCCP is to be avoided as any amendment would almost certainly involve a full financial audit. This would necessitate extra council meetings to adopt documents pre and post audit, with attendant timing constraints and costs. The intention of the Local Government Act in respect of LTCCPs is to provide a high level of certainty for ratepayers, which means not changing them more than necessary. The LTCCP concept is to provide programmes over 10 years and variations between years will occur, which do not constitute amendments to the 10 year plan. This could include variations to the levels of rates.

Annual Plans are able to accommodate variations to the LTCCP, provided they do not include the matters listed in sec 97 of the Local Government Act and they do not alter significantly intended levels of service (significantly is not defined).

The question will become clearer when the extent of changes is confirmed at the December Council meeting.

WHAT IS THE NEXT STAGE?

At the completion of Portfolio Committee meetings and the Finance and Audit Committee Review of Portfolios, the Combined Portfolios Committee will consider individual Portfolio Committees' recommendations for recommending to the Council in November. The Finance and Audit Committee will report the findings of its Review of Portfolios separately to the Council in December.

Following this, staff will undertake the detailed budgeting work required and bring back a proposed draft budget in February to be adopted as the basis for the Draft 2007/08 Annual Plan.

Councillors are reminded that this November round of Portfolio Committee meetings is the second of three opportunities to introduce further changes. **The last opportunity is at the December Council meeting.**

PART 1: 2007/08 ANNUAL PLAN

Councillors will recall that the starting point for the 2007/08 Annual Plan is the levels of service and levels of funding in the LTCCP for 2007/08 and that increases in both have already been provided in 2007/08.

Councillors are reminded of the agreed principles for developing the 2007/08 Annual Plan.

1. The overarching objective is to manage variations to the LTCCP within the 2007/08 expenditure and revenue forecasts in the LTCCP (total exp +3.8%, gen rates +7.3%).
2. If possible, avoid introducing matters requiring the LTCCP to be amended.
3. Budget may be re-allocated within and between portfolios to manage changed circumstances.
4. Options must be developed for any variations.

Background information for this portfolio can be found as follows.

Portfolio information

Portfolio information for 2007/08 can be found in the following places in the 2006-16 LTCCP:

- Levels of service: p70-71
- Level of funding: p72

Activity and parent project information

Activity and parent project level of funding for 2007/08 can be found in Appendix 1. This also includes a comparison with 2006/07 and the reasons for any significant increases. Details of the possible shifts in direction raised at the August Portfolio Committee meetings, if any, are also shown.

While parent project levels of service for 2007/08 have not yet documented, they will be generally similar to those for 2006/07, which can be found on p41 of Project Levels of Service and Funding for 2006/07.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE AUGUST PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The purpose of the August meetings was to identify, as early as possible in the budget process, any possible shifts in direction for 2007/08, over and above the LTCCP, and to consider the impact of these on the levels of service and levels of funding in the LTCCP. This early identification enables key stakeholders to be appraised of the possible shifts and their feedback taken into account at the beginning of the budget process, rather than receiving it at the formal submission stage, when it is often too late to make major changes.

Portfolio Levels of Service

The August meeting was advised that further work was needed before a recommendation could be made on whether improvements were needed or not. A review of all LTCCP levels of service has now been completed and it is recommended that the following changes be included in the 2007/08 Annual Plan, as a variation to the 2006-16 LTCCP.

TABLE 1: Recommended changes to portfolio levels of service

Reason for change	New or Revised Description	New or Revised Measure	New or Revised Target
LOS 1 Providing advice on preventing pollution from industrial and commercial sites, to protect the environment	No change	1. The number of business sites that receive a site assessment and guidance on pollution	

Reason for change	New or Revised Description	New or Revised Measure	New or Revised Target
		prevention each year.	
LoS 4: Authorising resource users to use natural and physical resources in a way that the environmental effects remain acceptable to the community. The development of additional measures and targets will be considered by the Combined Portfolios Committee.			

Portfolio Levels of Funding

At the August meeting, the committee concluded that no changes were required to the 2007/08 work programmes in the LTCCP.

The following resolution was adopted by the Council on 30 August 2006.

*WASTE, HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES AND CONTAMINATED SITES
The change to the wording of the measure and target for Levels of Service 3.*

STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK ON POSSIBLE SHIFTS IN DIRECTION

There has been limited feedback to date. Federated Farmers had a particular focus on Land, Water and Pest Portfolio issues and expressed concern at rate increases and were clear that any new work should be accommodated within existing budget. Further feedback will be tabled at the combined portfolio meeting.

PART 2: FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE REVIEW OF PORTFOLIOS

The Finance and Audit Committee will meet on 22 November 2006 to review Portfolio Committees' preparations for the 2007/08 Annual Plan. All Councillors are invited to attend this meeting. The Committee wishes to understand the reasons behind budget decisions to ensure that proposals going forward into the 2007/08 budget have been systematically and rigorously analysed. Portfolio Chairs have been asked to furnish a brief written summary of responses to each question before the Finance and Audit Committee meeting on 22 November. This will ensure all portfolios' views are heard and the review completed within the one day available.

The Finance and Audit Committee has compiled 11 questions relating to:

- A. Level of service and level of funding
- B. Cost effectiveness and cost efficiency of service delivery
- C. Project priorities
- D. Funding alternatives

The questions are set out in the following sections. Some of the questions will involve matters that have already been well aired by the Portfolio Committee. For these it should simply be a matter of recording the Committee’s position and moving on. Other questions may require fresh discussion.

To facilitate the process, where the Committee’s views are already known, the “response” has already been entered, but can be altered at the meeting. In other cases the response has been left blank, to be completed at the meeting.

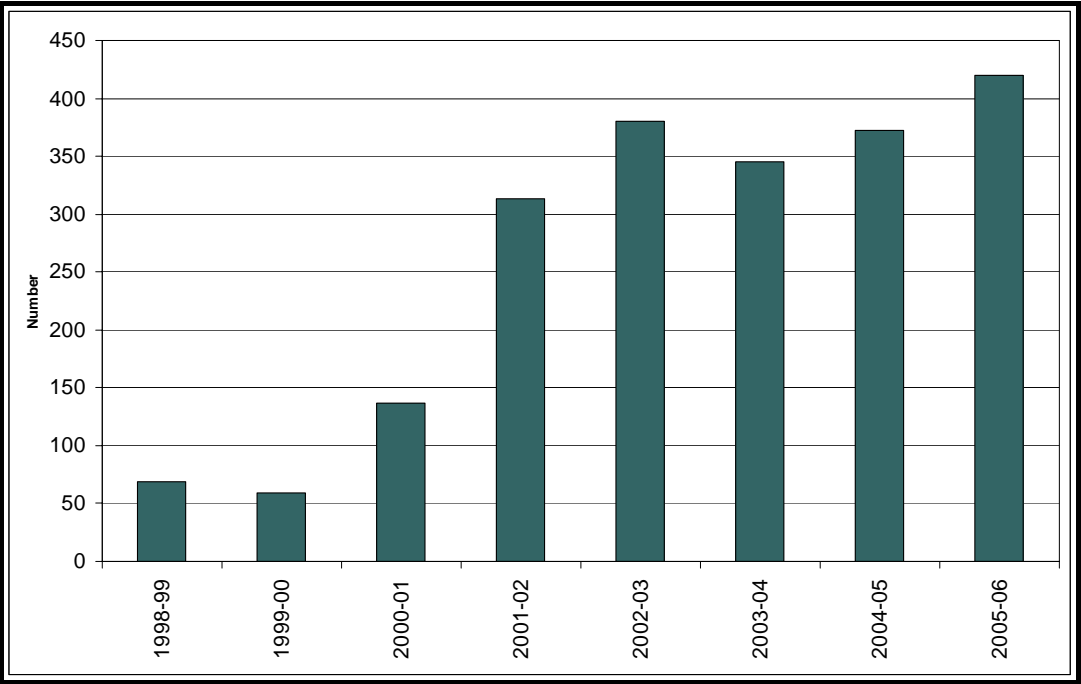
A. LEVEL OF SERVICE AND LEVEL OF FUNDING

Questions 1 to 5 are aimed at ensuring that the demand driving planned changes in levels of service and levels of funding for 2007/08 are substantiated by facts and figures and that changes to services are reflected in changes in funding (this is a requirement of Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act).

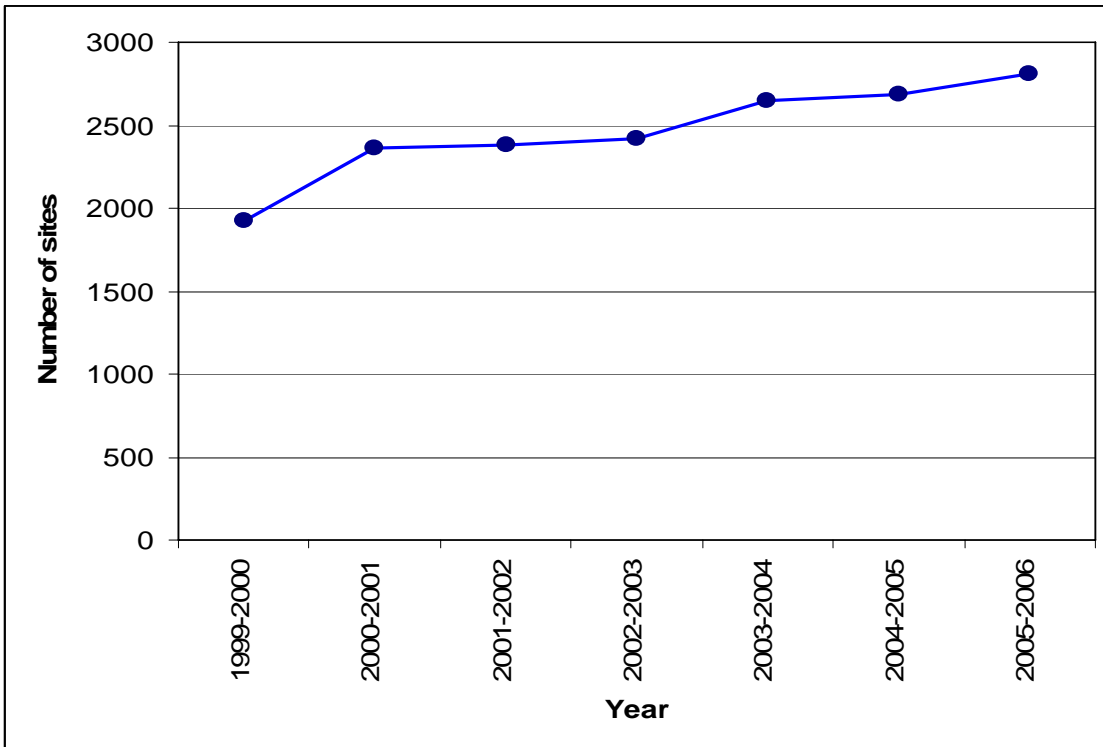
RELEVANT REFERENCE MATERIAL

- LTCCP: pp70-72
- Project Levels of Service and Funding for 2006/07: p41
- Appendix 1
- Trend information:

There is a continued increase in the level of information that needs to be managed with regards contaminated sites. It is anticipated that this increasing trend will continue due to the recent RMA amendment that has formalised the regional council function to identify and monitor contaminated land.

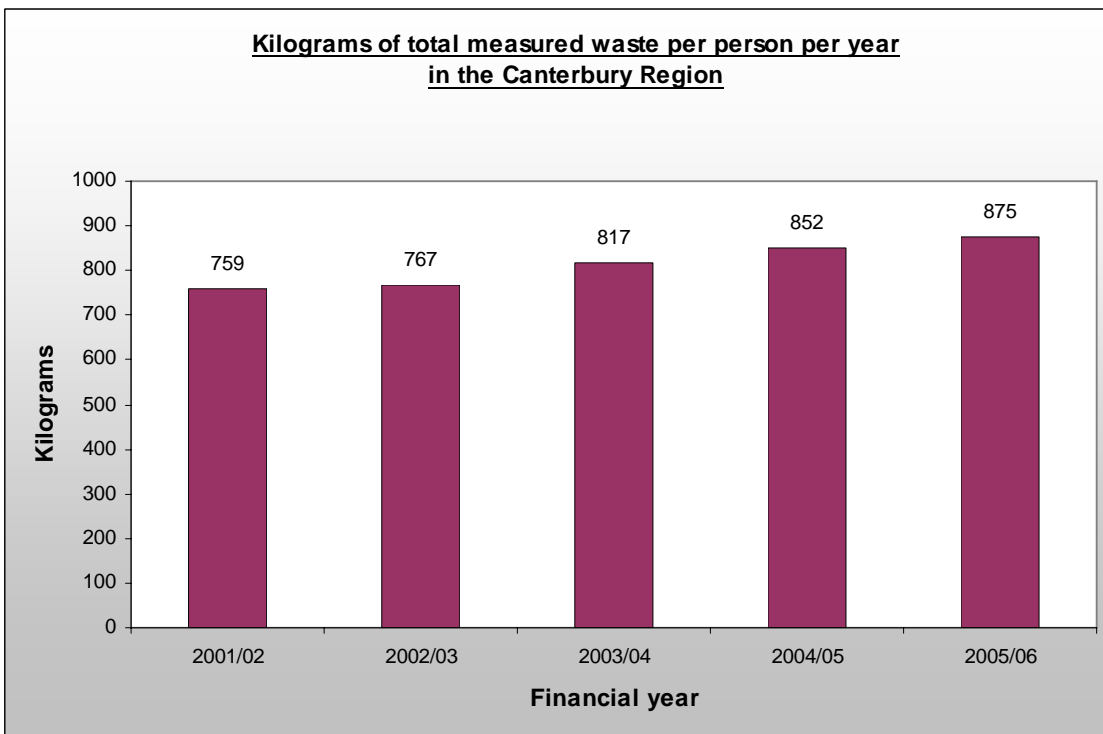


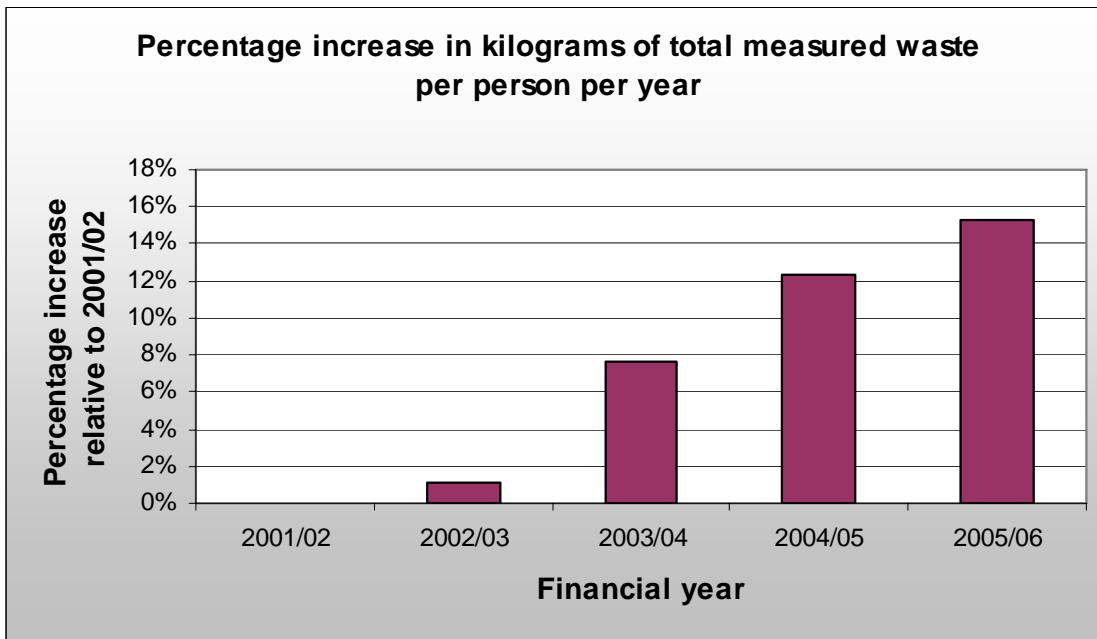
Number of property enquiries requesting contaminated site information received by Environment Canterbury each financial year.



Number of sites on the Listed Land Use Register

Waste generated within Canterbury has been steadily increasing on a per person basis over the past 5 years. Maintaining waste minimisation initiatives are important if we are to stem and address this trend.





QUESTIONS

Q1: For the underlying service requirements at group of activity and parent project level, what are trends in the demand for this service or the driver for activity?

Response

Activity	Trends in demand / Drivers
Investigating	Increasing demand for contaminated site investigations.
Policy making and planning	Increasing demand for contaminated site investigations.
Monitoring	Increasing demand for contaminated site information.
Operations	No significant change.
Communicating, educating and advocating	No significant change.
Regulating and enforcing	Increase in enforcement and HSNO (100% user pays) compliance monitoring.

Q2: Do changes in the level of service warrant adjustments in the level of funding?

Response

The proposed variations to the wording of the levels of service do not warrant adjustments to the levels of funding.

Q3. Are there any new areas of work for project input and development to address changes in level of service?

Response

N/A

Q4: What effect would deferral, amendment or deletion have on service delivery?

Response

N/A

Q5: How does the proposed total budget for the portfolio compare with the budget in the LTCCP?

Response

There is no change in budget when compared to the LTCCP.

B. COST EFFECTIVENESS AND COST EFFICIENCY OF SERVICE DELIVERY

Questions 6 and 7 are aimed at ensuring that the portfolio has considered all opportunities for improving cost effectiveness and cost efficiency of service delivery.

Category 4 in the Finance and Audit Committee Review of the Draft LTCCP identified opportunities for cost efficiencies and recommended they be referred to individual portfolio committees for consideration in August 2006. These are shown again below and along with the committee's the decisions. Questions 6 and 7 require the committee to review again that material and the action to be taken.

TABLE 2 Category 4: Finance and Audit Committee Review of the Draft LTCCP

OPPORTUNITIES FOR COST EFFICIENCIES	CONSEQUENCES	ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE IN AUGUST 2006
4. SERVICE DELIVERY		
Waste, Hazardous Substances and Contaminated Sites <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waste exchanges: Slow down rate of expanding this programme. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would result in a reduced level of service as published. (Is there duplication with TAs? Need to clarify ECan role)	There is no duplication with TAs. Expansion should continue in 05/06 as programmed

QUESTIONS

Q6: What opportunities exist for cost efficiencies in service delivery?

Response

Staff have been unable to identify any further cost efficiencies in service delivery.

Q7: Are there possible alternative methods of service delivery?

Response

A targeted rate for businesses that use and store hazardous substances is an option. However, when this was investigated previously it was determined that the costs to implement such a system for the level of funding received would too great.

C. PROJECT PRIORITIES

Questions 8 to 10 are aimed at ensuring that relative priorities within portfolios have been considered and that any new work associated with proposed shifts in direction has been assessed against them. Finally, has the portfolio identified any work that could be deferred?

The Finance and Audit Committee Review of the Draft LTCCP identified no areas of low priority work that could be deferred or cut in 2006/07. Questions 8 to 10 require the committee to identify areas of low priority work that it could consider deferring or cutting in 2007/08.

Q8: What are the relative priorities among the projects in relation to the group of activities in the portfolio?

Response

0611 Regional Hazardous Waste Management Strategy Implementation would be the highest in the waste area.
0624 Industrial Pollution Prevention would be the highest in the hazardous substance / pollution prevention area.
0287 Contaminated Site Information Management would be the highest in the contaminated sites area.

Q9: Are there new projects (or project adjustments) that have higher priority than existing projects?

Response

There are no new projects proposed.

Q10: To accommodate new projects or project adjustments what other projects can be deferred?

Response

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FURTHER DEFERRALS	CONSEQUENCES
N/A	

D. FUNDING ALTERNATIVES

Question 11 is aimed at ensuring that funding alternatives have been considered.

Uniform Annual General Charges and other alternatives to general rates (possibly for work associated with water investigations and monitoring), will be brought to the Council for consideration in due course. In response to feedback to the Draft 2006-16 LTCCP, these issues will be taken back to the public for further consultation before they can be considered to introduction. Portfolio Committees may wish to defer discussion on them until further analysis of them has been completed..

The Finance and Audit Committee Review of the Draft LTCCP identified no alternative sources of funding. Question 11 requires the committee to consider this again.

Q11: Are there alternative funding sources to undertake the activities of the portfolio?

Response

Hazardous waste and waste minimisation projects such as the implementation of the Canterbury Hazardous Waste Management Strategy and the Agrichemical collection are funded jointly with the city and district councils.

Where appropriate applications are made to the Contaminated Sites Remediation Fund for joint investigations of contaminated land. In kind support from the TAs is sought for the identification of HAIL sites.

RECOMMENDATION TO THE COMBINED PORTFOLIOS COMMITTEE

1. *That no changes are required to the levels of funding and expenditure or levels of service in the 2006-16 LTCCP for 2007/08.*
2. *That the variation to levels of service Nos 1 and 4 be included in the draft 2007/08 Annual Plan.*

APPENDIX 1: PARENT PROJECT LEVELS OF FUNDING FOR 2006/07 AND 2007/08

TABLE 3: LTCCP Budgets 2006/07 & 2007/08

ACTIVITY	PROJECT	2006/07 \$000	2007/08 \$000	% CHANGE	PLANNED FOR THE ANNUAL PLAN FOR 2007/08 [KEY SHIFT IN DIRECTION FOR 2007/08]
Waste, hazardous substances and contaminated sites		1,722	1,869	9%	
1. Investigations		0	0	6%	Same as 2006/07
0286	Contaminated Site Investigations	179	194	8%	
0611	Regional Hazardous Waste Management Strategy Implementation	209	216	3%	
2. Policy making and planning		0	0	5%	Same as 2006/07
0264	Hazardous Waste Working Party & Canterbury Waste Joint committee	44	45	2%	
0613	Regional Contaminated Sites Management Strategy	16	19	22%	
0643	District Planning Liaison - Waste, Hazardous Substances and Contaminated Sites	69	70	2%	
3. Monitoring		303	339	12%	Same as 2006/07
0270	Waste and Hazardous Substances Monitoring	17	18	2%	
0287	Contaminated Site Information Management	151	174	15%	
0288	Contaminated Site Auditing	134	147	10%	
4. Operations		290	287	-1%	Same as 2006/07
0266	Regional Waste Exchange	100	103	2%	
0599	Regional Agrichemical Collection	190	184	-3%	Funding for five current exchanges plus the new exchanges established in 06/07 will be maintained.
5. Communicating, educating and advocating		489	506	3%	Same as 2006/07
0246	Environmental Advisory Services - Waste, and Hazardous Substances	43	45	6%	
0253	Waste Minimisation & Hazardous Substances Advocacy & Education	52	53	2%	The business outreach Pollution Prevention Guide (PPG) programme will be maintained
0257	Advisory Services - Consents - Waste, Hazardous Substances and Contam Sites	20	20	4%	
0624	Industrial Pollution Prevention	372	380	2%	
0637	State of Environment Report - Waste, Hazardous Substances and Contaminated Sites	3	7	149%	
6. Regulating and enforcing		123	194	57%	Same as 2006/07
0655	Permitted Activities Compl' Mon' - Waste, Hazardous Substances and Contam Sites	17	17	0%	
0666	Resource Consent Processing - Waste, Hazardous Substances and Contam Sites	53	55	3%	
0667	Resource Consent Compl' Mon' - Waste, Hazardous Substances and Contam Sites	23	53	128%	
0668	RMA Enforcement - Waste, Hazardous Substances and Contaminated Sites	22	60	181%	
0680	Environment Court Consent Objections and Appeals - Waste, HazSubs&Contam Sites	8	9	2%	

TABLE 4: Funding Summary

Funding source	LTCCP 2006/07	LTCCP 2007/08
Interest	6	9
User pays/Other	79	114
Grants	163	155
Targeted rates	—	—
General rates	1,474	1,592
Total income	1,722	1,870
Operating expenditure	1,722	1,870
Operating surplus/(deficit)	—	—
General Reserve	—	—
Total funding from reserves	—	—

AGENDA ITEM NO: 6	SUBJECT MATTER: 2007/08 ANNUAL PLAN - PROPOSED LEVEL OF SERVICE AND LEVEL OF FUNDING CHANGES
REPORT: Land, Biodiversity, Waste, Hazardous Substances and Contaminated Sites Portfolio Committee	DATE OF MEETING: 21 November 2006
FILE REFERENCES:	PORTFOLIO: Land PROJECT: – OUTPUT: –
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PURPOSE

1. To receive stakeholder feedback on possible shifts in direction identified in August 2006.
2. To recommend priorities, tradeoffs or deferrals for the 2007/08 Annual Plan to the Combined Portfolios committee, to enable staff to undertake the necessary budget amendments.
3. To prepare responses for the Finance and Audit Committee Review of Portfolios.

ATTACHMENTS

- Appendix 1: LTCCP Budgets for 2007/08.

Please bring the following to the meeting:

- The 2006-16 LTCCP.
- Project Levels of Service and Funding for 2006/07.

BACKGROUND

Whilst the Annual Plan for 2007/08 was set as part of the long term delivery of ECan's contributions to community outcomes, it is appropriate to look at the need to fine tune the annual programme to-

- ensure we are on course,
- reflect new information about resource demand,
- respond to changes in the operating environment,
- review alternative methods of funding, and
- review alternative methods of service delivery.

The Portfolio Committee has two tasks to complete:

1. PROGRESSING THE 2007/08 ANNUAL PLAN PROCESS- This will involve consideration of stakeholder feedback on possible shifts in direction identified by the Committee in August 2006, and the provisional rates estimates for 2007/08 for a range of indicator properties across Canterbury. Following this, the Committee will make decisions on the shifts in direction to the levels of service and levels of funding in the LTCCP for 2007/08, if any, to recommend to the Combined Portfolios Committee, having regard to priorities, tradeoffs or deferrals to the levels of service and levels of funding in the LTCCP for 2007/08.

2. PREPARING FOR THE FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE REVIEW OF PORTFOLIOS- This involves the review of portfolios' preparations for the 2007/08 Annual Plan to be undertaken

by the Finance and Audit Committee. The review will examine the reasons behind budget decisions to ensure that proposals going forward into the 2007/08 budget have been systematically and rigorously analysed. Portfolio Committees will be asked 11 questions relating to:

- Level of service and level of funding
- Cost effectiveness and cost efficiency of service delivery
- Project priorities
- Funding alternatives

The questions are set out in Part 2 of this paper.

IS AN AMENDMENT LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED TO THE 2006-16 LTCCP?

At this stage it is considered that the proposed changes to the 2007/08 budget and work programmes identified in August are not significant enough to trigger an amendment to the LTCCP. Amending the LTCCP is to be avoided as any amendment would almost certainly involve a full financial audit. This would necessitate extra council meetings to adopt documents pre and post audit, with attendant timing constraints and costs. The intention of the Local Government Act in respect of LTCCPs is to provide a high level of certainty for ratepayers, which means not changing them more than necessary. The LTCCP concept is to provide programmes over 10 years and variations between years will occur, which do not constitute amendments to the 10 year plan. This could include variations to the levels of rates.

Annual Plans are able to accommodate variations to the LTCCP, provided they do not include the matters listed in sec 97 of the Local Government Act and they do not alter significantly intended levels of service (significantly is not defined).

The question will become clearer when the extent of changes is confirmed at the December Council meeting.

WHAT IS THE NEXT STAGE?

At the completion of Portfolio Committee meetings and the Finance and Audit Committee Review of Portfolios, the Combined Portfolios Committee will consider individual Portfolio Committees' recommendations for recommending to the Council in November. The Finance and Audit Committee will report the findings of its Review of Portfolios separately to the Council in December.

Following this, staff will undertake the detailed budgeting work required and bring back a proposed draft budget in February to be adopted as the basis for the Draft 2007/08 Annual Plan.

Councillors are reminded that this November round of Portfolio Committee meetings is the second of three opportunities to introduce further changes. **The last opportunity is at the December Council meeting.**

PART 1: 2007/08 ANNUAL PLAN

Councillors will recall that the starting point for the 2007/08 Annual Plan is the levels of service and levels of funding in the LTCCP for 2007/08 and that increases in both have already been provided in 2007/08.

Councillors are reminded of the agreed principles for developing the 2007/08 Annual Plan.

1. The overarching objective is to manage variations to the LTCCP within the 2007/08 expenditure and revenue forecasts in the LTCCP (total exp +3.8%, gen rates +7.3%).
2. If possible, avoid introducing matters requiring the LTCCP to be amended.
3. Budget may be re-allocated within and between portfolios to manage changed circumstances.
4. Options must be developed for any variations.

Background information for this portfolio can be found as follows.

Portfolio information

Portfolio information for 2007/08 can be found in the following places in the 2006-16 LTCCP:

- Levels of service: p46
- Level of funding: p48

Activity and parent project information

Activity and parent project level of funding for 2007/08 can be found in Appendix 1. This also includes a comparison with 2006/07 and the reasons for any significant increases. Details of the possible shifts in direction raised at the August Portfolio Committee meetings, if any, are also shown.

While parent project levels of service for 2007/08 have not yet documented, they will be generally similar to those for 2006/07, which can be found on p24 of Project Levels of Service and Funding for 2006/07.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE AUGUST PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The purpose of the August meetings was to identify, as early as possible in the budget process, any possible shifts in direction for 2007/08, over and above the LTCCP, and to consider the impact of these on the levels of service and levels of funding in the LTCCP. This early identification enables key stakeholders to be appraised of the possible shifts and their feedback taken into account at the beginning of the budget process, rather than receiving it at the formal submission stage, when it is often too late to make major changes.

Portfolio Levels of Service

The August meeting was advised that further work was needed before a recommendation could be made on whether improvements were needed or not. A review of all LTCCP levels of service has now been completed and it is recommended that the following changes be included in the 2007/08 Annual Plan, as a variation to the 2006-16 LTCCP.

TABLE 1: Recommended changes to portfolio levels of service

Reason for change	New or Revised Description	New or Revised Measure	New or Revised Target
LoS 4: Authorising resource users to use natural and physical resources in a way that the environmental effects remain acceptable to the community.			

Reason for change	New or Revised Description	New or Revised Measure	New or Revised Target
The development of additional measures and targets that are generic to all portfolios with this level of service will be considered by the Combined Portfolios Committee.			
LoS 1: Providing Information to Land Managers about the state of soil quality and quantity to enable them to improve their land management practices. The 2006-16 LTCCP states that new measures and targets for soil quality will be developed.	Maintaining and improving soil quality and quantity.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The average annual rate of soil loss from wind erosion. 2. % change in Bare Ground 3. % change in Soil Quality factors including organic carbon, aggregate stability, readily available Nitrogen and fertility. 4. The % of areas with identified soil quality and quantity issues that are being addressed by resource care , community or industry groups 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Less than .25mm per year 2. A reduction in the area of non arable farm land with more than 20% bare ground. 3. Soil quality is being maintained or improved (more detailed thresholds are being developed through the SLURI research programme.) 4. 100%
LoS 3 Providing open space leisure opportunities on council owned land . The 2006-16 LTCCP states that targets will be developed.	No change.	The level of visitor satisfaction with and support for (as shown by the use) the Waimakariri River Regional Park	Targets will be developed following an analysis of data from the first season of use and included in the final 2007/08 Annual Plan.
LoS 5 Ensuring cattle, farmed deer and pigs are excluded from specific rivers and lakes. The 2006-16 LTCCP states that measures and targets will be developed for the 2007-08 Annual Plan.	No change.	The length of riparian margin from which cattle and deer are excluded.	Targets will be developed (focussing initially on the Living Streams catchments) for inclusion in the final 2007/08 Annual Plan.

Portfolio Levels of Funding

At the August meeting, the committee considered the following changes to the 2007/08 work programmes in the LTCCP. The committee now needs to review them in light of stakeholder feedback and decide whether or not to recommend they be included in the 2007/08 budget.

TABLE 2: Possible shifts in direction

Project number and name	Brief description	Indication of work that could be traded-off or deferred	Estimated change in budget	Impact on LTCCP levels of service

Project number and name	Brief description	Indication of work that could be traded-off or deferred	Estimated change in budget	Impact on LTCCP levels of service
LAND				
0619 Urban Development Strategy	At the August Portfolio Committee meeting it was reported that additional resources may be required to implement the Urban Development Strategy. Since then more detailed work has been done on an implementation plan and ECan's contribution is less than budgeted which results in a saving to the Portfolio.	NA.	Saving of 35k	None.
0453 Industry Initiatives	Industry Initiatives e.g. developing property plan templates	To be funded from within existing projects (25k)	None	None
New items				
0283, 0352, 0353 and 0379 Land Resource Investigation and Land Resource Monitoring projects	There is provision for an additional Land Resource Scientist in the 2007/08 year. This position was to build capacity in the section and to prepare for the retirement of the existing Soil Scientist. The retirement is not occurring as early as had been planned for and it is therefore possible to defer the appointment has been The retirement deferred for a year.	N/A	Saving of 74k	None
035300 Land Use Monitoring	There is provision for the purchase of Agribase land use information. The price of purchasing this information has reduced significantly.	N/A	Saving of 19k	None

The following resolution was adopted by the Council on 30 August 2006.

LAND AND BIODIVERSITY

1. *That the following opportunity for cost efficiencies as identified by the Finance and Audit Committee Review: "Explore alternative methods for monitoring compliance to reduce Environment Canterbury input, i.e. self monitoring with selected monitoring" be discussed at the Combined Portfolios Committee and then at the Council meeting as this is a serious and important item and should be put forward as a separate issue.*
2. *That the Portfolio Committee supports the use of existing information as the first step in developing proposed measures and targets for levels of service.*
3. *The possible increases to fund the implementation of the Urban Development Strategy*
4. *That the Portfolio Committee note the increase between 2006/07 and 2007/08 and have some concern with components of that increase in the Land Portfolio budget.*

Note: Recommendation No. 1 above is to be addressed by the Combined Portfolios Committee.

STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK ON POSSIBLE SHIFTS IN DIRECTION

There has been limited feedback to date. Federated Farmers had a particular focus on Land, Water and Pest Portfolio issues and expressed concern at rate increases and were clear that any new work should be accommodated within existing budget. Further feedback will be tabled at the combined portfolio meeting.

PART 2: FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE REVIEW OF PORTFOLIOS

The Finance and Audit Committee will meet on 22 November 2006 to review Portfolio Committees' preparations for the 2007/08 Annual Plan. All Councillors are invited to attend this meeting. The Committee wishes to understand the reasons behind budget decisions to ensure that proposals going forward into the 2007/08 budget have been systematically and rigorously analysed. Portfolio Chairs have been asked to furnish a brief written summary of responses to each question before the Finance and Audit Committee meeting on 22 November. This will ensure all portfolios' views are heard and the review completed within the one day available.

The Finance and Audit Committee has compiled 11 questions relating to:

- A. Level of service and level of funding
- B. Cost effectiveness and cost efficiency of service delivery
- C. Project priorities
- D. Funding alternatives

The questions are set out in the following sections. Some of the questions will involve matters that have already been well aired by the Portfolio Committee. For these it should simply be a matter of recording the Committee's position and moving on. Other questions may require fresh discussion.

To facilitate the process, where the Committee's views are already known, the "response" has already been entered, but can be altered at the meeting. In other cases the response has been left blank, to be completed at the meeting.

A. LEVEL OF SERVICE AND LEVEL OF FUNDING

Questions 1 to 5 are aimed at ensuring that the demand driving planned changes in levels of service and levels of funding for 2007/08 are substantiated by facts and figures and that changes to services are reflected in changes in funding (this is a requirement of Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act).

RELEVANT REFERENCE MATERIAL

- LTCCP: p46 and p48.
- Project Levels of Service and Funding for 2006/07: p24
- Appendix 1
- The following trend information:
Trend information about land use change will be tabled at the meeting.

QUESTIONS

Q1: For the underlying service requirements at group of activity and parent project level, what are trends in the demand for this service or the driver for activity?

Response

Activity	Trends in demand / Drivers
Investigating	Constant demand/investigating soil quality and quantity issues for the preparation and implementation of regional plans.
Policy making and planning	Increasing demand/progressing NRRP chapters, developing Biodiversity strategy, Urban Development Strategy, Riparian Strategy.
Monitoring	Constant demand/provision of information for regional plans.
Operations	Increasing demand/development of regional park and the need to maximise the return on council owned land.

Communicating, educating and advocating	Increase demand/increasing community awareness of the importance of sustainability and biodiversity issues.
Regulating and enforcing	Increasing demand/regulatory requirements of the proposed NRRP.

Q2: Do changes in the level of service warrant adjustments in the level of funding?

Response

No increase over and above that identified in the LTCCP.

Q3. Are there any new areas of work for project input and development to address changes in level of service?

Response

No there are no new areas of work.

Q4: What effect would deferral, amendment or deletion have on service delivery?

Response

Any deferral, amendment or deletion (over and above those already identified) would mean outcomes would be less likely to be achieve, for example a lower budget for implementing the biodiversity strategy would mean less incentives would be available to encourage land owners to protect areas such as remnant bush areas.

Q5: How does the proposed total budget for the portfolio compare with the budget in the LTCCP?

Response

There are savings of 128k.

B. COST EFFECTIVENESS AND COST EFFICIENCY OF SERVICE DELIVERY

Questions 6 and 7 are aimed at ensuring that the portfolio has considered all opportunities for improving cost effectiveness and cost efficiency of service delivery.

Category 4 in the Finance and Audit Committee Review of the Draft LTCCP identified opportunities for cost efficiencies and recommended they be referred to individual portfolio committees for consideration in August 2006. These are shown again below and along with the committee's the decisions. Questions 6 and 7 require the committee to review again that material and the action to be taken.

TABLE 3 Category 4: Finance and Audit Committee Review of the Draft LTCCP

OPPORTUNITIES FOR COST EFFICIENCIES	CONSEQUENCES	ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE IN AUGUST 2006
4. SERVICE DELIVERY		
<p>Land</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to find ways to remove impediments to ECan achieving its outcomes, e.g., other funding sources, incentives to landowners. • Explore “confidential agreements” with landowners, e.g. QEII Trust type mechanisms. • Explore alternative methods for monitoring compliance to reduce ECan input, i.e., self monitoring with selected monitoring. <p>This matter is being addressed by the Combined Portfolio Committee.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced effort by ECan to persuade people to do the right thing. Staff would be freed-up for other work. • Would enable progress to be accelerated in some areas. Could deliver higher level of service for same cost. • Reduced staff involvement. Reduced regulatory cost to consent holders. Increased monitoring cost to consent holders. Improved public relations with consent holders. 	<p>Importance of removing barriers was recognised.</p> <p>Agreed that this was important</p> <p>Agreed and resolved that this be discussed at the combined portfolio meeting.</p>

QUESTIONS

Q6: What opportunities exist for cost efficiencies in service delivery?

Response

The opportunities identified above would provide significant cost efficiencies. The Provision of incentives to land occupiers (accessing funding from outside sources) would assist in meeting outcomes eg in fencing off riparian margins
The use of confidentiality agreements has the potential to accelerate progress on land management issues such as Biodiversity.

Q7: Are there possible alternative methods of service delivery?

Response

Yes – refer to RMA compliance which is being addressed by the Combined Portfolio Committee.

C. PROJECT PRIORITIES

Questions 8 to 10 are aimed at ensuring that relative priorities within portfolios have been considered and that any new work associated with proposed shifts in direction has been assessed against them. Finally, has the portfolio identified any work that could be deferred?

Category 7 in the Finance and Audit Committee Review of the Draft LTCCP identified areas of low priority work and recommended specific project deferrals and cuts to the value of \$302,124 for 2006/07, as shown in the following table. The deferrals and cuts were actioned as agreed. Questions 8 to 10 require the Committee to identify further areas of low priority work and consider opportunities for further deferrals or cuts in 2007/08.

TABLE 4 Category 7: Finance and Audit Committee Review of the Draft LTCCP

OPPORTUNITIES FOR COST EFFICIENCIES	CONSEQUENCES	ACTION TAKEN
7. SPECIFIC PROJECT DEFERRALS		
<p><u>Land</u> <u>0379 Land Resource Investigations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delay purchase of satellite imagery. \$50,000. <p><u>0353 Land Use Monitoring</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defer purchase of agribase landuse information database. \$30,000. <p><u>0283 Landscape, Ecology and Heritage Monitoring</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delay appointing ecologist. \$25,000. <p><u>0630 Biodiversity Strategy</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced goods and services budget. \$15,000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This would halt the development of new tools for monitoring land use change, plant pests, and groundwater quality (nitrates) issues. There will also be missed opportunities for collaboration with Landcare Research with consequent reductions in level of service. • ECan will not have the necessary information on land use. This will adversely affect levels of service in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - monitoring changes in land use, - preparing regional plans, - input into water quality and quantity (forestry in sensitive catchments) studies, - arable soil quality monitoring and - supporting other initiatives such as Living Streams. • A lower level of service related to biodiversity monitoring and assessments. • Reduction would result in deferring the implementation of the Biodiversity Strategy and less opportunity to develop partnerships with other agencies 	<p>Deferred</p> <p>Deferred</p> <p>Deferred</p> <p>Deferred</p>

Q8: What are the relative priorities among the projects in relation to the group of activities in the portfolio?

Response

For the Portfolio Committee to determine.

Q9: Are there new projects (or project adjustments) that have higher priority than existing projects?

Response

No new projects.

Q10: To accommodate new projects or project adjustments what other projects can be deferred?

Response

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FURTHER DEFERRALS	CONSEQUENCES
N/A	

D. FUNDING ALTERNATIVES

Question 11 is aimed at ensuring that funding alternatives have been considered.

Uniform Annual General Charges and other alternatives to general rates (possibly for work associated with water investigations and monitoring), will be brought to the Council for consideration in due course. In response to feedback to the Draft 2006-16 LTCCP, these issues will be taken back to the public for further consultation before they can be considered to introduction. Portfolio Committees may wish to defer discussion on them until further analysis of them has been completed.

Category 2 in the Finance and Audit Committee Review of the Draft LTCCP identified a list of funding alternatives, with priority for action, as shown in the following table. While this information was considered by the Portfolio Committee in August, the action intended to be taken was not recorded. Question 11 requires the committee to review that material again and record the action it recommends be taken.

TABLE 5 Category 2: Finance and Audit Committee Review of the Draft LTCCP

OPPORTUNITIES FOR COST EFFICIENCIES	CONSEQUENCES	PRIORITY	DUE DATE	COMMENTS	ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE IN AUGUST 2006
2. SOURCES OF FUNDING					
Land <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete the review of return being received on ECan land. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to increase the return will be identified. 	High	Ongoing	This has been actioned	

Q11: Are there alternative funding sources to undertake the activities of the portfolio?

Response

Opportunities to develop new streams of funding through the commercial development of ECan land are being investigated.

RECOMMENDATION TO THE COMBINED PORTFOLIOS COMMITTEE

1. *That variations to levels of service Nos.1, 3 and 5 be included in the draft 2007/08 Annual Plan.*
2. *That the reduced expenditure of 128k required for Projects 0379, 0352, 0353; and 0283 be included in the draft 2007/08 Annual Plan.*

APPENDIX 1: PARENT PROJECT LEVELS OF FUNDING FOR 2006/07 AND 2007/08

TABLE 6: LTCCP Budgets 2006/07 & 2007/08

ACTIVITY	PROJECT	2006/07 \$000	2007/08 \$000	% CHANGE	PLANNED FOR THE ANNUAL PLAN FOR 2007/08 <i>[KEY SHIFT IN DIRECTION FOR 2007/08]</i>
Land		7,866	8,665	10%	Savings of 128k are proposed
1. Investigations		97	172	78%	Same as 2006/07
0379	Land Resource Investigations	97	172	78%	It is proposed to defer the s provision for an additional staff resource in Environmental Quality and Hazards area to work in the land portfolio. This will result in a saving of 74k to in the investigation and monitoring projects
2. Policy making and planning		1,002	1,222	22%	Same as 2006/07
0343	Natural Resources RP - Land	136	146	7%	There is increased provision for implementation of the biodiversity strategy. The Urban Development Strategy (UDS) will also be at the implementation stage using the RPS and the RLTS as well as other joint programmes and initiatives. <i>[It is proposed to reduce the budgets for the UDS by 35k.]</i>
0348	Riparian Management Strategy	0	79	new	
0615	Landscape & Heritage Planning	0	27	new	
0619	Urban Development Strategy	322	330	2%	
0626	Tenure Review	63	58	-9%	
0627	Ngai Tahu Sites of Significance	47	50	8%	
0630	Biodiversity Strategy	296	392	32%	
0650	District Planning Liaison - Land	138	140	2%	
3. Monitoring		521	679	30%	As for the 2006/07 year but the focus of the soils monitoring programme will be on the plains. Funding for satellite imagery resumes in the 2007/08 year. <i>[It is proposed to defer the s provision for an additional staff resource in Environmental Quality and Hazards area to work in the land portfolio. This will result in a saving of 74k to in the investigation and monitoring projects]</i> <i>It is also proposed to reduce the budget for the purchase of Agribase land use information by 19k.]</i>
0283	Landscape, Ecology & Heritage Monitoring	226	284	26%	
0352	Soil Resources Monitoring	150	172	15%	
0353	Land Use and Land Cover Monitoring	146	223	53%	
4. Operations		1,816	1,884	4%	Same as 2006/07 year except as below:
0705	ECan Land Management	455	545	20%	The Regional Park work programme will focus on opening stage two of the Park (North Side of the Waimakariri) and there is provision to investigate the concept of a regional park for the Ashley and, subject to consultation, development of a regional park for the Tekapo Reserve land. Development of the land zoned Business 6 in the Chaney's/Bridgend area (subject to commercial viability and risk mitigation of the development)
0706	ECan Forest Management	222	235	6%	
0707	Regional Parks	1,139	1,104	-3%	

ACTIVITY	PROJECT	2006/07 \$000	2007/08 \$000	% CHANGE	PLANNED FOR THE ANNUAL PLAN FOR 2007/08 [KEY SHIFT IN DIRECTION FOR 2007/08]
5. Communicating, educating and advocating		1,463	1,539	5%	Same as 2006/07 plus the following: There is increasing emphasis placed on working with Industry. An example includes working with Meat and Wool New Zealand monitor farms on integrated environmental management including the development of a 'tool kit' for use by farmers in preparing farm plans.
0244	Environmental Advisory Services - Land	18	23	26%	
0251	Advisory Services - Consents - Land	108	132	22%	
0393	Sustainable Land Use Practices Promotion	354	358	1%	
0397	Wetlands Communications	72	74	3%	
0398	Living Streams Communications	79	82	4%	
0450	Landcare Groups	167	168	0%	
0451	Environment Enhancement Fund	210	241	15%	
0452	Ballance Farm Environment Awards	76	77	1%	
0453	Industry Initiatives	277	280	1%	
0641	State of Environment Report - Land	74	77	3%	
0713	Compliance & Enforcement Special Projects - Land	27	28	2%	
6. Regulating and enforcing		2,966	3,170	7%	Same as 2006/07.
0652	Resource Consent Processing - Land	1,460	1,511	3%	
0654	Land Improvement Agreement Management	51	51	0%	
0656	Resource Consent Compliance Monitoring - Land	802	966	20%	
0657	RMA Enforcement - Land	431	425	-1%	
0671	Environment Court Consent Objections and Appeals - Land	46	47	2%	
0684	Compliance Monitoring & Enforcement Reports - Land	82	83	0%	
0685	Consent Reviews - Land	39	33	-16%	
0689	Permitted Activities Compliance Monitoring - Land	55	55	-1%	

LTCCP FUNDING SUMMARY 2006/07 AND 2007/08

TABLE 7: Funding Summary

Funding source	LTCCP 2006/07	LTCCP 2007/08
Interest	16	24
User pays/Other	3,001	3,311
Grants	-	-
Targeted rates	953	856
General rates	3,992	4,518
Total income	7,932	8,709
Operating expenditure	7,866	8,665
Operating surplus/(deficit)	36	44
General Reserve	-	-
Catchment Reserve	(36)	(44)
Total funding from reserves	(36)	(44)