

11.1. Annual Plan 2019-2020

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PURPOSE

- [1] The purpose of this report is to adopt the Otago Regional Council Annual Plan 2019-20 and enable the subsequent approval of rates and charges for the 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 financial year.
- [2] The timing of this Council decision meets a critical legislative requirement.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council:

- 1) **Receives** this report.
- 2) **Notes** the recommendation from the 12 June 2019 Finance and Corporate Committee meeting that Council adopts the proposed Otago Regional Council Annual Plan 2019-20.
- 3) **Adopts** the Otago Regional Council Annual Plan 2019-20 as circulated with this report.

BACKGROUND

- [3] The Finance and Corporate Committee at its 12 June 2019 public meeting approved the proposed Annual Plan 2019-20 (AP) for Council adoption.
- [4] The covering report to the above meeting summarised the results of the financial and funding statements contained in the proposed AP. It also provided a summary of the feedback received via the Council's community engagement.
- [5] Community feedback did not raise matters that caused the Committee to question the Council's intention to stick with the strategic direction as agreed in the Long-Term Plan. However, the rating impact that this direction has on various groups of ratepayers and individuals was acknowledged, and that issues of affordability were 'front of mind' in Council's decision making.

DISCUSSION

- [6] The AP is provided with this report for Council adoption. Other than the inclusion of the Chairs Foreword, minor editorial corrections, and formatting improvements, it is the same document as considered by the Finance and Corporate Committee at its 12 June 2019 public meeting.

CONSIDERATIONS

Policy Considerations

- [7] The 12 June 2019 Finance and Corporate Committee meeting acknowledged that while the Schedule of Fees and Charges was not changing in the AP, a review of Council's Funding Policy was planned for 2019-20. This review would result in proposals for the Council's consideration on 'who pays for services' and 'how services are funded'. The scope of that review is to be presented to Council for approval. Consent fees/charges was raised by some Councillors, at this meeting, as an example of one aspect of the funding policy that will require careful consideration.

Financial Considerations

- [8] The financial and funding statements provided in the AP circulated with this report have not changed from those presented to the 12 June 2019 Finance and Corporate Committee meeting.

Significance and Engagement

- [9] No further considerations at this final stage of the process.

Legislative Considerations

- [10] The timing of this report and its recommendations meets an important legislative requirement.

Risk Considerations

- [11] The risk of a material mis-statement within the AP has been managed via internal process. Risk associated with service delivery under this AP are reported through the 2019-20 financial year via activity quarterly reporting and corporate risk reporting to the Audit Risk Committee.

NEXT STEPS

- [12] The next steps are:
- Approval of the Council Rating Resolution at this Council meeting
 - Implementation of the AP from 1 July 2019.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Annual Plan 2019-20 [11.1.1 - 71 pages]