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Committee Council
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Proposed 2008/09 Annual Plan

1. Purpose

To seek approval for the Council's Proposed 2007/08 Annual Plan, which is a statement of proposal under the Local Government Act 2002, and the associated Summary document.

2. Significance of the decision

The subject matter of this report will lead to the Council making a "significant" decision within the meaning of the Local Government Act 2002. The process of adopting the Annual Plan will include use of the special consultative process.

3. Background

Over the last few months, Councillors have been working on the development of Council's 2008/09 Annual Plan. This Annual Plan comprises year three of the 2006-16 Ten Year Plan (LTCCP) and variations to that Ten Year Plan.

At its meeting on 25 February 2008, the Council approved the projected rates and levies to be included in the Proposed Plan.

4. Proposed 2007/08 Annual Plan and Summary document

The Council is now being asked to approve the Proposed 2007/08 Annual Plan document and the Summary document. The latter will be distributed to all households.

The Proposed 2008/09 Annual Plan (**Attachment 1**) and the Summary document (**Attachment 2**) are attached to this report.

As last year, both the summary and full documents specify key projects planned for the 2008/09 year to assist people in understanding the work that Council intends to carry out.

The documents need to be printed and distributed to start the consultation process on 3 April 2008 (see timetable below).

5. Additional items

The Proposed Annual Plan contains two items in addition to the proposed work programme for 2008/09.

The first proposed change must be made through the statutory consultative procedure and, for expediency, we are using the Proposed Annual Plan consultative procedure to run concurrent consultation. It relates to a change to Greater Wellington's Resource Management Charging Policy 2007. We are proposing to increase the hourly charge out rate from \$85 to \$100. This change is highlighted in the Environment section.

The second proposed change is a transfer of responsibility for managing land from Greater Wellington to Hutt City Council. This land is already informally managed by Hutt City Council. It is at the end of Hine Road, Wainuiomata and Hutt City Council wants to manage the land to develop and maintain the sealed carpark and recreation garden for use as an integral part of its Garden of Remembrance, and also as a means of access to Hine Road. This is highlighted under the Parks section. Under section 17(4) of the Local Government Act 2002, the Council must include this proposal in its Annual Plan before the transfer of responsibility can take place.

6. Proposed rates and water levy

The proposed rate increase is 6.8% and the water levy is unchanged. This makes a total increase (rates and levies) of 5.1%.

7. Timetable

The timetable for the Annual Plan is as follows:

19 March	Council approves the Proposed 2008/09 Annual Plan and summary document, to be released for public consultation.
3 April – 5 May	Submission period.
21 - 22 May	Hearings for public submissions.
10 June	Council approves the rates and levies for inclusion in the final 2008/09 Annual Plan.
30 June	Council adopts the final 2008/09 Annual Plan and sets its rates and water levy for 2008/09.

8. **Communication**

The summary document will be distributed to all households in the region. It contains a submission form to allow the public to make a short submission relatively easily. The main document will be distributed widely and available in all council offices in the region.

Where possible, we intend to hold joint public meetings with the city and district councils. Several forums on the transport issues contained in the Proposed Annual Plan are being held in March.

A press release will be prepared and available at the Council meeting.

9. **Recommendations**

That Council:

1. ***Receives the report.***
2. ***Notes the content of the report.***
3. ***Approves the Council's Proposed 2008/09 Annual Plan and summary document subject to any changes the Council may identify.***

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Attachment 1: The Proposed 2008/09 Annual Plan

Attachment 2: Summary document