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Report of Annual Plan Hearings Committee Meeting held on 21-22 May 2008

1. Purpose

To inform Council about the Annual Plan Hearing Committee meeting that took place on 21-22 May 2008.

2. Significance of the decision

The matters for decision in this report do not trigger the significance policy of the Council or otherwise trigger section 76(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002.

3. Report

A total of 125 submissions were received on the Proposed 2008/09 Annual Plan. Committee members received copies of all submissions. Further, the component parts of each submission were summarised and a draft management response prepared for each component. Some submissions had budgetary implications whilst others related to operational issues. A summary of all submissions was provided to Committee members.

Over the two day period the Committee heard a total of 32 oral submissions. Each of these submitters was provided with an opportunity to present their submission and Committee members were able to ask questions.

The Committee went through the management responses for all the submissions and advised staff of changes they would like. These changes ranged from grammatical issues to more substantive issues relating to the direction or tenor of the draft response.

As a result of the submissions, the Committee decided that it would like the Annual Plan budget implications of the Ara Tahi submissions to be considered further at the Council meeting on 10 June 2009.

After all submissions and responses had been discussed, the Committee considered a number of other items of expenditure and other adjustments which have arisen since the Proposed Annual Plan was prepared. Also, the Chief Executive presented what he termed “the rating bow wave for 2009/10”. These were the potential increases that Council can expect to consider in 2009/10.

The Committee agreed on the items to be included in the 2008/09 numbers to be presented to Council on 10 June 2008.

4. Recommendations

That Council:

1. *Receives the report.*
2. *Notes the content of the report.*

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