

<b>AGENDA ITEM NO:</b>	<b>SUBJECT MATTER: REGIONAL POLICY STATEMENT REVIEW</b>
<b>REPORT:</b> Council	<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b> 28 September 2006
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## PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to:

- Update Council on the review of the Regional Policy Statement
- Obtain Council approval for the amendment to the Triennial Agreement.

## ATTACHMENTS

None.

## SCOPING REPORT

Since the last report to Council in July the draft scoping report has been finalised and circulated to a range of stakeholders for comment. Meetings have been held with staff from all territorial authorities to discuss the report. A number of comments have been received, most of which are supportive. These comments are currently being reviewed and an amended report will be presented to the Regional Planning Committee for approval in October.

## TRIENNIAL AGREEMENT

The review and the related amendment to the triennial agreement was raised with the Canterbury Mayoral Forum in August. This matter will be considered again at their next meeting in November.

The revised agreement is required to be approved by each Council. It proposed that the following clause be approved by this Council and circulated to other councils for their endorsement prior to the November meeting of the Mayoral Forum:

### ***“Regional Policy Statement Review***

This Triennial Agreement will apply to any change, variation or review of the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement.”

## **CLIMATE CHANGE REPORT**

As signalled in the scoping report, work has commenced on a report on the impacts of climate change and the policy implications this may have for the RPS. This work is progressing well but it is complex and will need to be peer reviewed before being released. It is intended that this document will provide input to a number of chapters of the RPS.

## **CONSULTATION WITH MAORI**

In September a meeting was held Dunedin to discuss Moeraki's involvement in the RPS process. Two further hui are being organising to discuss wider tangata whenua input. Cr Cunningham will chair these meetings.

## **URBAN DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (UDS)**

A separate team are responsible for preparing the draft UDS for Greater Christchurch. This will include a draft of the UDS chapter for the RPS. They intend to present this to partner Councils in early October. This shall be followed by wider public consultation.

## **NEXT STEPS**

It is proposed that working parties be established to work through the issues identified in the scoping report. The membership and process for these working parties will depend upon the issues being addressed. Territorial authorities would be invited to participate in all these. The involvement of other stakeholders will depend primarily on the relevance of the issue to each group. The first of these is expected to commence in November.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council approve the proposed amendment to the Triennial Agreement.