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PURPOSE

To update Council on progress and the next steps for the Regional Policy Statement review.

PROGRESS UPDATE

Since the last report to Council in May staff have been working to finalise the following reports:

- A review of relevant case law and legislative changes
- An analysis of the existing CRPS, including an assessment of its effectiveness
- A scoping report for the review, outlining the issues, priorities and recommended approaches.

The first two are technical reports that serve as input to the scoping report. The scoping report is intended to serve as a basis for discussion with stakeholders, particularly territorial authorities. Following these discussions it will be amended (if required) and the recommendations within it brought to the Regional Planning Committee for decision.

Since the last report to Council, staff meetings have also been held with the Lyttelton Port Company, Christchurch International Airport Limited and Transit New Zealand. A meeting with Orion is planned for 18 July.

NEXT STEPS

The scoping report will be circulated to Councillors shortly and presented to a Council workshop at the first available opportunity.

Copies of the scoping report will be provided to other key stakeholders. Meetings are being arranged with staff from territorial authorities to seek feedback on the approach and recommendations within the report. Where necessary presentations can be made to individual councils if this is sought.

A presentation to the Mayoral Forum is scheduled for the 21 August 2006. This will summarise the key issues and recommended approach for the review. It will also be an opportunity to introduce options for the consultation process, which is required to be

incorporated into the Triannual Agreement. Any changes to the Triannual Agreement will need to be ratified separately by each of the participating councils.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the report on progress with the Regional Policy Statement Review.