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## REPORT SUMMARY

**Report to:** Full Council  
**Meeting Date:** 11 August 2011  
**Report Author:** Mark Tregurtha  
**Subject:** **Grouping of Activities for the Long Term Plan - Report RCN11-08-05**

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To consider and adopt the Grouping of Activities for the Tasman District Council Long Term Plan 2012-2022.

### RECOMMENDATION

That the groupings of activities be adopted.

### DRAFT RESOLUTION

**THAT the Tasman District Council:**

- 1. Receives the Report Grouping of Activities for the Long Term Plan – Report RCN11-08-05**
- 2. Adopts the Groupings of Activities contained in Appendix One of the report for the Tasman District Council Long Term Plan 2012-2022.**

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## 1. Purpose

- 1.1. To consider and adopt a proposed groupings of activities for the TDC Long Term Plan 2012-2022 (LTP).

## 2. Background

- 2.1 The Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) as amended in 2010 requires Council to report on a number of mandatory activities. The intention is to enable comparisons between councils performance for these mandatory activities. The mandatory activities are:
- water supply
  - sewerage and the treatment and disposal of sewage
  - stormwater drainage
  - flood protection and control works
  - the provision of roads and footpaths

## 3. Present Situation/Matters to be Considered

- 3.1 Apart from the requirement to report on the above activities, Council can group other activities or sub-activities in any manner that it wishes. The key principle to be considered is that there should be a rationale or logic for the groupings. There is also a balance between providing sufficient detail to the public and the costs associated with too much information. Appendix 1 provides the proposed groups of activities for the LTP.
- 3.2 In proposing this grouping staff have considered the following points:
- the list of mandatory groups of activities
  - providing transparency of reporting to the public
  - common funding mechanisms
  - common levels of service
  - demand management
  - the proposed grouping of activities for Nelson City Council

- 3.3 Overall there it is proposed to decrease the number of activities from 19 to 13. The main reductions are decreasing the number of Environmental Policy Activities from five to two and reducing the number of Community Services activities from five to two.
- 3.2 The adoption of the attached groups of activities will provide transparency to the public and Audit New Zealand on Council's management of activities, but at the same time reduces the size of the LTP.

#### **4. Financial/Budgetary Considerations**

- 4.1 There are no financial considerations required in adopting this policy

#### **5. Options**

- 5.1 The options for Council's consideration are:
- a. Adopt the attached Groups of Activities (with or without amendment)
  - b. Retain the Groups of Activities currently in the Ten Year Plan 2009 – 2019.

#### **6. Pros and Cons and Evaluation of Options**

##### **Option (a) Adopt the attached Groups of Activities (with or without amendment)**

- 6.1 The proposed groups of activities provides for reporting of the mandatory groups of activities, groups similar activities together and reduces the number of activities thereby contributing to reducing the size of the LTP and assisting with making the document more readable.
- 6.2 This option is recommended as the preferred option.

##### **(b) Retain the Groups of Activities currently in the Ten Year Plan 2009 – 2019**

- 6.3 Some minor changes would be required if this option was adopted to meet the mandatory reporting requirements, but Council could still continue to report at a more detailed level than set out in option A. This has the advantage of providing more detail to the public, for example there would be five sets of financial reports both the Environment and Planning and Community Services. However given the additional reporting that the LTP is required to have, compared to the Long Term Plan 2009-2019, the full LTP would possibly be in excess of 800 pages. This more pages the less readable the LTP will be.

6.4 This option is not recommended.

## **7. Significance**

7.1 This decision is not significant in terms of Council's Significance Policy.

## **8. Recommendation**

8.1 THAT the Tasman District Council adopt the proposed groupings of activities.

## **9. Draft Resolution**

**THAT the Tasman District Council:**

- 1. Receives the Report Policy on Grouping of Activities – RCN11-08-05**
- 2. Adopts the Groupings of Activities contained in Appendix 1 of the report for the Long Term Plan 2012-22.**

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### **Appendices:**

1. Grouping of Activities