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## REPORT SUMMARY

**Report to:** Corporate Services Committee  
**Meeting Date:** 10 November 2011  
**Report Author:** Mark Tregurtha  
**Subject:** **Community Outcomes and Vision for inclusion in the 2012 Long Term Plan Report RFN11-11-09**

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report seeks the Committee endorsement of amended Community Outcomes and Vision for inclusion in the draft 2012 Long Term Plan.

### RECOMMENDATION/S

Staff recommend that the report be received and that the Committee adopts the proposed Community Outcomes and Vision for inclusion in the draft 2012 Long Term Plan.

### DRAFT RESOLUTION

**THAT the Corporate Services Committee:**

- 1. Receives the Community Outcomes and Vision Report RFN11-11-09; and**
- 2. Adopts the following Community Outcomes and Vision for inclusion in the draft 2012 Long Term Plan:**

**Community Outcomes:**

- (i) Our Unique Natural Environment is Bountiful, Healthy, Clean and Protected.**
- (ii) Our Urban and Rural Environments are Functional, Pleasant, Safe and Sustainably Managed.**

- (iii) Our Infrastructure is Safe, Sufficient, Efficient and Sustainably Managed.**
  - (iv) Our Vibrant Community is Healthy, Resilient, Enjoys an Excellent Quality of Life.**
  - (v) Our Community Respects Regional History, Heritage and Culture.**
  - (vi) Our Diverse Community Enjoys Access to a Range of Spiritual, Cultural, Social, Educational and Recreational Services.**
  - (vii) Our community participates in Council's community engagement processes.**
  - (viii) Our Community, Businesses and Economy are Supported and Provide Opportunities for all.**
- 3. Adopts the following Vision for inclusion in the draft 2012 Long Term Plan:**
- Wording to be included following discussion at the Committee meeting.*
- 4. That following consultation on the 2012 Long Term Plan that the final Community Outcomes and Vision be incorporated in Council supporting policies and plans, including the Activity Management Plans.**

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**1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To consider and adopt Community Outcomes for inclusion in the draft 2012 Long Term Plan.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 This report has been brought to the Corporate Services Committee for endorsement, due to timing of Council meetings. The Corporate Services Committee has powers to develop, approve, ensure the implementation of, and monitor Council policy in relation Statutory Reports eg Annual Plan, Annual Report, LTCCP [LTP]
- 2.2 Changes made to the Local Government Act 2002 (the Act) at the end of 2010 provided Councils with the option of either continuing with Community Outcomes or replacing these with "Council Outcomes". For both options the term Community Outcomes will be used.
- 2.3 Prior to the change to the Act Local Authorities were responsible for working with the community to establish and monitor outcomes that covered the four aspects of community wellbeing: social, environmental, economic and cultural. The amendments to the Act at the end of 2010 included changing the definition of Community Outcomes to only those outcomes that Council aims to contribute to. The new definition is:
 

***Community outcomes** means the outcomes that a local authority aims to achieve in order to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of its district or region, in the present and for the future.*
- 2.4 The sections of the Act that stated how the Community Outcomes would be identified and reported on were repealed.
- 2.5 At a workshop in February 2011 Council proposed that it would continue with supporting working with the community on achieving Community Outcomes.

- 2.6 A description of Council's contribution to the Community Outcomes will be included in the Long Term Plan.
- 2.7 The current Tasman Community Outcomes are:
- (a) our unique and special natural environment is bountiful, healthy, clean and protected;
  - (b) our built urban and rural environments are functional, pleasant, safe and sustainably managed;
  - (c) our transport and essential services are sufficient, efficient and sustainably managed;
  - (d) our vibrant community is safe, well enjoys an excellent quality of life and supports those with special needs;
  - (e) our community understands regional history, heritage and culture;
  - (f) our diverse community enjoys access to a range of spiritual, cultural, social, educational and recreational services;
  - (g) our participatory community contributes to district decision-making and development;
  - (h) our growing and sustainable economy provides opportunities for us all.

### **3. CONSULTATION**

2.1 Consultation on the current Community Outcomes was undertaken through an online survey and at Ecofest. Approximately 20 submissions were received and supported Council continuing to work with the community on the outcomes.

2.2 A number of submissions were received suggesting changes to the wording of the submissions. The following changes are proposed:

1. Our Unique ~~and Special~~ Natural Environment is Bountiful, Healthy, Clean and Protected

2. Our ~~Built~~ Urban and Rural Environments are Functional, Pleasant, Safe and Sustainably Managed
3. Our ~~Transport and Essential Services~~ Infrastructure is ~~are~~ Safe, Sufficient, Efficient and Sustainably Managed
4. Our Vibrant Community is Safe ~~Healthy~~, Resilient ~~Well~~, Enjoys an Excellent Quality of Life ~~and Supports those with Special Needs~~
5. Our Community Understands ~~Respects~~ Regional History, Heritage and Culture
6. Our Diverse Community Enjoys Access to a Range of Spiritual, Cultural, Social, Educational and Recreational Services
7. ~~Our Participatory Community Contributes to District Decision-making and Development~~ Our community participates in Council's Engagement processes
8. Our Community, Businesses and Economy are Supported and Growing ~~and Sustainable Economy~~ Provides Opportunities for ~~us~~ all

### **Vision**

A number of submissions were received on the Vision, with several requesting that the word "garden" be removed. The current vision is:

An interactive community living safely in the garden that is Tasman District.

Three options Proposed wording of the vision are:

1. A community living safely in and enjoying Tasman District's urban, rural and natural areas
2. A community living sustainably in and enjoying Tasman District's urban, rural and natural areas
3. A sustainable community living in a safe and well-designed urban and rural district, surrounded by a healthy and cared for environment.

## **4. FINANCIAL/BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS**

- 4.1 There are no financial considerations arising from this report.

## 5. OPTIONS

5.1 Council's options for the policy are:

- (a) Adopt the proposed updated Community Outcomes and Vision
- (b) Amend and adopt the updated Community Outcomes and Vision
- (c) Do not adopt the updated Community Outcomes Vision, but retain the current Community Outcomes and Vision.

## 6. PROS AND CONS AND EVALUATION OF OPTIONS

- (a) Adopt the proposed updated Community Outcomes and Vision

The proposed updated Community Outcomes and Vision are similar to those included in the 2009 Ten Year Plan with some amendments reflecting comments made through the consultation process.

### *Pros*

Adopting the proposed updated Community Outcomes and Vision would enable Council to set outcomes which would more accurately its meet its long term objectives.

### *Cons*

Putting aside community views on the wording of the Community Outcomes and Vision might disappoint those members of the public who have taken the time to make a submission.

This option is recommended.

- (b) Amend and adopt and updated Community Outcomes

Council could further amend the proposed Community Outcomes and Vision. Under the Local Government Act 2002 the Council no longer needs to undertake a consultation specifically on the Community Outcomes and could adopt whatever Outcomes it wishes.

### *Pros*

Writing or rewriting the Community Outcomes would enable Council to set outcomes which would more accurately meet its long term objectives.

*Cons*

Putting aside community views on the wording of the Community Outcomes and Vision might disappoint those members of the public who have taken the time to make a submission.

This option is not recommended.

(c) Retain the existing Community Outcomes and Vision

*Pros*

Retaining the Community Outcomes and vision would provide continuity.

*Cons*

Putting aside community views on the wording of the Community Outcomes and Vision might disappoint those members of the public who have taken the time to make a submission.

This option is not recommended.

<b>6. SIGNIFICANCE</b>
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- 6.1 The strategic direction of Council is significant and accordingly the Community Outcomes and Vision are included in the LTP and form part of the special consultative procedure for this plan. Notwithstanding this most councils in New Zealand have similar Community Outcomes and deliver similar services.

<b>7. RECOMMENDATION</b>
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- 7.1 That the Community Outcomes and Vision are adopted as amended for inclusion in the draft 2012 Long Term Plan.

<b>8. DRAFT RESOLUTION</b>
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