

Subject: Annual Plan 2010/11 Activity Report - Wastewater Treatment Plant

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Meeting Date: 5/6 May 2010

Report to COUNCIL for decision

SUMMARY

Two submissions to the draft 2010/11 Annual Plan contained comments relating to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Detailed officer responses and recommendations to these submissions are attached. The two issues covered by these submissions were the expense of the WWTP and the extent to which Council had explored external funding opportunities.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council

- 1. receives the report**
- 2. approves the officer responses contained in Attachment 1 - Wasterwater Treatment Plant Project submission and response**
- 3. makes no changes to the draft Annual Plan 2010/11 in relation to this activity.**

Peter McConnell
Activity Manager

Peter Higgs
Department Manager

Summary and Response by Issue

For: Annual Plan 2010/11 - WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Issue	Submitter
Waste Water Treatment Plant	
26	Larkins, Darren Peter
<p>Does not like such an expensive wastewater treatment plant. Why has it taken so long?</p>	
<p><i>Officer Response: The reason why the plant took a long time to design and consent is because the original design proved to be unaffordable, council instructed staff to find a cheaper solution which involved finding and purchasing a new site, designing a reduced scope plant, applying for a variation to the discharge consent and applying to have the new site designated., The process is time consuming due to the fact that extensive consultation, investigation and design has to be undertaken to comply with the requirements of the RMA and good engineering design practice., Officer Recommendation: That there be no change to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>	
27	Tony Barnby
<p>As wastewater treatment plant was forced on us by tangata whenua, why not request contributions from their wealthy trusts or Treaty of Waitangi contributions. Or, as the benefits of the plant will be enjoyed by future generations, fund it by borrowing and let future generations pay.</p>	
<p><i>Officer Response: Council has applied to the Government and Eastland Trust for funding, the outcome of these applications is unknown. The Iwi trust have not been approached as they apply all surplus funds to assisting their members. The plant is being funded by savings contributed by ratepayers over several years via a targeted rate and borrowings with the repayments spread over 25 years which does introduce some intergenerational funding to the scheme. Officer Recommendation: That no change be made to the draft Annual Plan.</i></p>	