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Amendment to Terms of Reference for Environmental and Economic Wellbeing Committees

1. Purpose

To amend the Terms of Reference for the Environmental Wellbeing Committee and Economic Wellbeing Committee to better reflect the functions of the Committees.

2. The decision-making process and significance

The matter requiring decision in this report has been considered by officers against the requirements of Part 6 of the Local Government Act 2002 (the Act). Part 6 sets out the obligations of local authorities in relation to the making of decisions.

2.1 Significance of the decision

Officers have considered the significance of the matter, taking the Council's significance policy and decision-making guidelines into account. Officers recommend that the matter be considered to have low significance.

Officers do not consider that a formal record outlining consideration of the decision-making process is required in this instance.

3. Background

Following discussion with Councillors it is proposed to amend the Terms of Reference for the Economic Wellbeing Committee and the Environmental Wellbeing Committee to better reflect the primary responsibilities of the Committees.

It is proposed to remove from the Economic Wellbeing Committee Terms of Reference the following responsibility:

“Review current approaches to urban form, the built environment (including heritage protection), regional form and spatial planning and other key

elements of sustainability in the region, and identify opportunities for new initiatives in areas of Council delivery or where regional leadership is required on issues that are not part of Council's core responsibilities"

This responsibility is to be transferred to the Environmental Wellbeing Committee.

4. Comment

Given the Environmental Wellbeing Committee's responsibilities for the promotion of policies and programmes that will ensure environmentally sustainable management of the region's resources, it is appropriate for that Committee's Terms of Reference to allow for the review of current approaches to urban form and spatial planning as they are key elements of regional sustainability.

As the Committee is already responsible for working with other organisations to enhance the environmental wellbeing of the region it is well placed to provide leadership in the area of regional form and developing initiatives to promote sustainability.

5. Communication

No external communication is required on any decisions made in relation to this report.

6. Recommendations

That the Council:

- 1. **Receives** the report.*
- 2. **Notes** the content of the report.*
- 3. **Amends** the Terms of Reference of the Economic Wellbeing Committee and Environmental Wellbeing Committee as set out in section 3 of this report.*

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