

Subject: Older Persons' Policy

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Meeting Date: 25 March 2010

Report to COUNCIL for decision

SUMMARY

This report provides Council with the Older Persons' Policy and the Officer's report to the Community Development Committee so that a decision to adopt the Policy can be made in accordance with the decision-making obligations under Section 76 of the Local Government Act.

At its meeting on 10 March 2010, the Community Development Committee agreed to recommend to Council that it adopts the Older Persons' Policy (attached). Gisborne's population aged 65 and over is projected to almost double by 2031 (5,900 to 10,100). Therefore it is important that Council has in place an Older Persons Policy that will assist Council to meet the future demands of its ageing population. This policy will also underpin planning practices that will future proof the built environment for the ageing population and provide a mechanism for effective consultation with Seniors. Of importance to note is that the policy does not entail any major financial implications for Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council

1. receives the report
2. agrees to adopt the Older Persons' Policy as recommended by the Community Development Committee.

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