

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Hearings Committee:

- 1. Notes the contents of this report.**

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BACKGROUND

1. These hearings and the subsequent deliberations, to be held on 19 May, conclude the formal consultation process (special consultative procedure) for the draft 2021-2031 Long Term Plan (LTP).
2. The formal LTP consultation process ran from 24 March to 23 April. The consultation consisted of: a letter sent to all ratepayers; a series of community events, drop-in sessions and community and stakeholder hui; radio and newspaper ads and interviews; and a social media campaign.
3. **Attachment 1** provides a summary of consultation engagement, including:
 - 18,000 letters mailed to all ratepayers.
 - 5 community events, 8 community hui and 3 drop-in sessions.
 - 470 radio ads across 10 stations.
 - Over 5000 visits to our dedicated LTP webpage.
 - A Facebook reach of over 16,000 unique users.
4. The key objectives for our consultation approach was to generate as many informed submissions as possible and to make sure we were hearing from voices in our community that are not always heard. This entailed a new approach where in addition to our usual townhall style meetings we held a number of community events and drop-in sessions.
5. The change in engagement style made for productive meetings where staff and councillors were able to have conversations about LTP topics as a priority. While the new format still allowed the opportunity for the community to address issues and requests for service, it also allowed for a closer focus on the bigger picture. Of the 348 submissions, 90 were submissions made at our events and meetings, where in the past LTP consultations we've received less than 10 from our meetings.
6. Another key statistic is that while we had a similar number of submissions to the last LTP process, there was a significant increase in submission points (from around 700 in 2018, to over 1700 in 2021) for Council staff to consider, which can be interpreted as our submitters providing more detailed feedback about more topics.
7. All 348 formal submissions (in full) are included as **Attachment 2**. All additional informal feedback from social media posts and community meetings are included as **Attachment 3**.
8. Of the 348 submitters, 58 requested to be heard. These hearings will take place over 12-13 May. All submissions being heard are included in chronological order as **Attachment 4**.

9. The LTP Hearings are taking place directly after the Hearings on the draft Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-2031 and the draft Regional Public Transport Plan 2021 **(see Report 21-93)**, which were consulted on concurrently with the draft LTP consultation document.
10. Councillors will be provided with officer reports and recommendations (by Council hub) in relation to all submissions received, in advance of Council deliberations to be held on 19 May.

NEXT STEPS

Date	Action/Milestone	Comments
19 May	LTP Deliberations	Officer reports and recommendations considered.
Early June	Draft LTP provided for audit	Draft will include any changes following consultation deliberations
June 30	Final LTP to Council for adoption	Includes audit opinion
July	Decision letters are sent to submitters	

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1 - Consultation Programme Summary **[21-89.1 - 1 page]**
2. Attachment 2 - Submissions ALL 1-348 **[21-89.2 - 1041 pages]**
3. Attachment 3 - Informal Community Feedback **[21-89.3 - 63 pages]**
4. Attachment 4 - Submissions Being Heard **[21-89.4 - 339 pages]**