

SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

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AGENDA ITEM C3

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO ADOPT POLICIES TO THE POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Purpose of Report

To recommend authority be given to the Policy and Finance Committee to approve general policies.

Recommendations

Officers recommend that the Council:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Delegate to the Policy and Finance Committee authority to set and adopt policies.*

1. Executive Summary

Currently, policies are considered by the Policy and Finance Committee, with a recommendation to full Council to adopt, subject to changes if necessary.

This process takes in excess of six weeks.

The Policy and Finance Committee is made up of full Council, accordingly all members are involved in the discussions.

2. Discussion

This is a relatively straightforward change, and is recommended to assist in the preparation and consideration of policies applicable to the long term plan.

The Policy and Finance Committee can always refer any policy matters to full Council if it so wishes.

The main driver is to remove the six week delay between consideration and final adoption.

In addition to the LTP policies, there are a number of operational policies that are due for review.

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