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Report to Policy and Finance Committee From John Allard Corporate Policy Manager

Submission on Local Government Act Review Consultation Document

1. Purpose

For the Committee to agree the submission on the Department of Internal Affair's Consultation Document on the Review of the Local Government Act

2. Background

The Department of Internal Affairs has sought comments by 30 August 2001, on its consultation document on the review of the Local Government Act.

This submission is one of the opportunities this Council has to influence the direction of the new Act. In addition, some officers and elected members are involved in technical working groups, which are further developing the proposals in the discussion document. The Council will of course also have the chance to make a submission on the Bill when it reaches the Select Committee stage.

3. Possible Submission

A draft submission is attached for the Committee's consideration. (See Attachment 1).

4. Recommendations

(1) That the Committee recommends to Council that it approve the submission to Department of Internal Affairs set out in Attachment One (with any agreed amendments).