

TO: COUNCIL
FROM: CHIEF EXECUTIVE
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COUNCIL VISION

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SUMMARY

Council developed a vision at its Strategic Planning workshop. To enable Council staff to start incorporating the vision into their activity planning, the vision must be adopted by Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council adopt “To enhance our City and preserve its character while embracing innovation and change” as its vision.

IMPLICATIONS

1.	<i>Has this been provided for in the Long Term Plan/Annual Plan?</i> No. The vision will help shape the coming LTP and subsequent Annual Plans.
2.	<i>Is a budget amendment required?</i> No.
3.	<i>Is this matter significant in terms of Council’s Policy on Significance?</i> No, but the vision will be considered by Council staff and elected members when determining the significance of a decision.
4.	<i>Implications in terms of other Council Strategic Documents or Council Policy?</i> The vision will help shape future Council strategic documents and policy.
5.	<i>Have the views of affected or interested persons been obtained and is any further public consultation required?</i> No, this is not required.
6.	<i>Has the Child, Youth and Family Friendly Policy been considered?</i> Yes.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial implications arise from this report.

THE 2016 – 2019 COUNCIL’S VISION

The Council undertook a strategy setting workshop on the 22 and 23 January 2017. As part of this workshop, Council aimed to establish a shared vision for the 2016- 2019 council term. Having a vision for the term sets the direction for the Council’s strategy and provides a measure for testing new Council projects and the way services and activities are delivered.

Vigorous discussions at the strategy workshop highlighted that any vision needed to embrace three key components. These were:

1. The belief that Invercargill is a special place with a distinctive character;
2. The acknowledgement that Invercargill is exposed to a number of challenges such as demographic change; and
3. The job of the Council is to ensure that the City responds to the challenges while holding on to those things that give us our distinctive character.

In embracing these three components, the Council created the following vision:

To enhance our city and preserve its character while embracing innovation and change.

Council staff have begun developing the 2018-2028 Long-term Plan with this vision in mind. A preliminary workshop with elected members on 14 February, further explored the vision and what it could mean for the delivery of Council activities and services. To have the confidence that staff are heading in the appropriate direction, it is important that the Council formally adopt its vision.

CONCLUSION

To ensure a consistent approach to the development of Council’s strategic documents, plans and policies, staff recommend that Council adopt “To enhance our City and preserve its character while embracing innovation and change” as its vision for the 2016 - 2019 Council term.
