

Mayor and Councillors
COUNCIL

11 JUNE 2015

Meeting Status: **Public**

Purpose of Report: For Decision

LOCAL APPROVED PRODUCTS (PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES) POLICY

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 This report accompanies the re-presentation of the Local Approved Products (Psychoactive Substances) Policy Report (SP-15-1526) for a final decision on the adoption of the draft policy.

DELEGATION

- 2 Council may make a decision in this matter.

BACKGROUND

- 3 A report recommending that the Regulatory Management Committee endorse a Local Approved Products (Psychoactive Substances) Policy for approval by the Council was considered at the Regulatory Management Committee meeting on 23 April 2015. The policy had been amended in response to feedback provided by the community during the Special Consultative Procedure.
- 4 The attached report includes:
 - Background on the policy
 - A summary of the actions that the Council has taken to call for a ban of psychoactive substances
 - A summary of the consultation undertaken and community feedback
 - Changes made to the policy in response to this feedback
- 5 A decision was made at that Regulatory Management Committee meeting that the matter be left on the table until the Council meeting on 4 June 2015.

‘That this matter be left on the table until the Council meeting on 4 June 2015.’
(23 April 2015)
- 6 The Committee also resolved at that meeting that the Council will continue to lobby Central Government to ban the sale of psychoactive substances.
- 7 The decision to delay consideration of the Local Approved Products (Psychoactive Substances) Policy to a meeting in June was made in order to ensure that all possible avenues to ban psychoactive substances in the district are explored and that the harm to the community from these drugs is minimised. An update will be provided at meeting.

- 8 Due to the high level of public interest in the Local Approved Products (Psychoactive Substances) Policy, it was decided that there was insufficient time on the agenda of the 4 June 2015 meeting, which is dedicated to the Long Term Plan. The decision on the Local Approved Products (Psychoactive Substances) Policy has been deferred to the 11 June 2015 Council meeting to allow for thorough and robust consideration.

CONSIDERATIONS

- 9 Policy, legal, financial, and Tāngata Whenua considerations are outlined in the attached report (SP-15-1526).

SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

- 10 The degree of significance, consultation already undertaken and publicity are covered in the attached report (SP-15-1526).

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 11 That Council adopts the Local Approved Products (Psychoactive Substances) Policy 2015 (attached to this report SP-15-1574 as Appendix 6 of SP-15-1526) providing a 100 metre buffer for the proposed St Patrick's School.

OR

- 12 That Council adopts the Local Approved Products (Psychoactive Substances) Policy 2015 (attached to this report SP-15-1574 as Appendix 6 of SP-15-1526) providing a 200 metre buffer for the proposed St Patrick's School.

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ATTACHMENT

Appendix 1: Report SP-15-1526 – presented to Regulatory Management

Committee - 23 April 2015