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Approval sought for policy on sale of psychoactive substances

Council's Strategy, Policy and Finance Committee will today [Thursday] deliberate on a proposed local policy relating to the sale of harmful psychoactive substances. Following the hearing of submissions in 2015 council staff were asked to research and report back on options the committee identified. Subsequent to this work, in August 2016 the Psychoactive Substances Regulatory Authority notified councils that it would be at least three years before any approved products would be on the market. This allowed staff more time to consider the four options and discuss these further with police. The preferred option which has resulted would restrict retail of psychoactive products to within 200 metres of Rotorua's police station, an option put forward by councillors at the end of the hearings in 2015. The Strategy,

Policy and Finance Committee will be asked to recommend to the full Council that the draft policy be approved and adopted.

The committee will also be asked to recommend that the full Council approve proposed changes to Council's Water Services and Trade Waste Bylaw and approve the reviewed bylaw for consultation.

A 30 March to 1 May submissions period is proposed. This would be followed by hearings for those who wished to be heard on their submissions. One proposed change is removal of a rule requiring water metering in new residential subdivisions in the Rotorua Urban Water Supply area. This is a rule that has never been enforced. The proposed updated policy will go out to public consultation and it is proposed this be by way of submissions and hearings.

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