



RĀRANGI TAKE AGENDA

Te Komiti Whāiti Āhuarangi me te Taiao | Climate and Environment Subcommittee Meeting

I hereby give notice that a Meeting of Te Komiti Whāiti Āhuarangi me te Taiao | Climate and Environment Subcommittee will be held on:

Te Rā | Date: Tuesday, 7 November 2023

Te Wā | Time: 9.30am

**Te Wāhi | Location: Council Chamber
Ground Floor, 175 Rimu Road
Paraparaumu**

**James Jefferson
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Kāpiti Coast District Council

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of Te Komiti Whāiti Āhuarangi me te Taiao | Climate and Environment Subcommittee will be held in the Council Chamber, Ground Floor, 175 Rimu Road, Paraparaumu, on Tuesday 7 November 2023, 9.30am.

Te Komiti Whāiti Āhuarangi me te Taiao | Climate and Environment Subcommittee Members

Cr Jocelyn Prvanov	Chair
Cr Sophie Handford	Deputy
Mayor Janet Holborow	Member
Cr Glen Cooper	Member
Cr Liz Koh	Member
Cr Shelly Warwick	Member
Ms Kim Tahiwī	Member
Mr Huriwai Paki	Member
Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai (Mr André Baker or Ms Janine Huxford)	Member
Mr Christian Judge	Member
Mr Michael Moore	Member
Mr Glen Olsen	Member
Mr Tim Sutton	Member
Mr Simon Black	Member

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1 NAU MAI | WELCOME**2 KARAKIA A TE KAUNIHERA | COUNCIL BLESSING**

I a mātou e whiriwhiri ana i ngā take kei mua i ō mātou aroaro, e pono ana mātou ka kaha tonu ki te whakapau mahara huapai mō ngā hāpori e mahi nei mātou. Me kaha hoki mātou katoa kia whaihua, kia tōtika tā mātou mahi, ā, mā te māia, te tiro whakamua me te hihiri ka taea te arahi i roto i te kotahitanga me te aroha.

“As we deliberate on the issues before us, we trust that we will reflect positively on the communities we serve. Let us all seek to be effective and just, so that with courage, vision and energy, we provide positive leadership in a spirit of harmony and compassion.”

3 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES**4 TE TAUĀKĪ O TE WHAITAKE KI NGĀ MEA O TE RĀRANGI TAKE | DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

Notification from Elected Members of:

4.1 – any interests that may create a conflict with their role as an elected member relating to the items of business for this meeting, and

4.2 – any interests in items in which they have a direct or indirect pecuniary interest as provided for in the Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968

5 HE WĀ KŌRERO KI TE MAREA MŌ NGĀ MEA E HĀNGAI ANA KI TE RĀRANGI TAKE | PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME FOR ITEMS RELATING TO THE AGENDA**6 NGĀ TAKE A NGĀ MEMA | MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

(a) Leave of Absence

(b) Matters of an Urgent Nature (advice to be provided to the Chair prior to the commencement of the meeting)

7 HE KŌRERO HOU | UPDATES

7.1 BEACH ACCESSES - ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

Kaituhi | Author: **Claire Winter, Contractor to Kāpiti Coast District Council**

Kaiwhakamana | Authoriser: **Mike Mendonça, Acting Group Manager Place and Space**

TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE

- 1 To update the Climate and Environment Subcommittee on asset management planning for beach accesses.

TAUNAKITANGA | RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. That the Climate and Environment Subcommittee note the update.
- B. That the Climate and Environment Subcommittee note that a formal asset management plan will be presented for approval to the November 2023 Strategy, Operations and Finance Committee.

TŪĀPAPA | BACKGROUND

- 2 Across Aotearoa New Zealand, beach access is a contentious and complex subject that is difficult to manage. Kāpiti District is no exception.
- 3 The Council's beach bylaw attempts to address public safety and nuisance concerns. The Police are the enforcement agency, and are realistic about their capacity to enforce the bylaw. Environmental protection is managed under Greater Wellington's Regional Council's Natural Resources Plan or the Department of Conservation for gazetted areas.
- 4 Kāpiti Coast District Council works closely with these agencies, and to manage its own resources and assets involved with access to beaches. There are around 120 beach accesses in Kāpiti. These are at the heart of many of the challenges facing the community, but currently there is no framework for prioritising or determining a level of service for each access.

HE TAKE | ISSUES

- 5 The AMP sets out to establish a level of service for beach access in order to better identify priority areas for investment.
- 6 The AMP cannot 'solve' every issue with beach access, however it can provide a framework of what Council can do, and what it cannot do.
- 7 It is not intended to install hard barriers – for the short to medium term it is proposed to continue with soft messaging such as *Don't Be An Egg*, and a wider communications effort, along with increased enforcement and educational presence on beaches (with public planting activities for example).

NGĀ MAHI PANUKU | NEXT STEPS

- 8 The formal asset management plan will be presented to the November meeting of the Strategy, Operations and Finance Committee for approval Insert text here.

NGĀ ĀPITI HANGA | ATTACHMENTS

1. Beach Accesses - Asset Management Plan Presentation [↓](#)



Asset Management Plan Beach Accessways



Public toilets – Approved in Principle

Community Halls - Approved in Principle

Older Persons Housing - Approved in Principle

Aquatics - Approved in Principle

Cemeteries

Recreational Tracks and Trails

Beach Accesses

Destination Parks - Approved in Principle

Council Accommodation

Libraries

Cultural Facilities



OUR VISION: **THRIVING ENVIRONMENT | VIBRANT ECONOMY | STRONG COMMUNITIES**
 toitū te whenua, toitū te wai, toitū te tāngata — toitū Kāpiti: the lifestyle choice

OUR CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Liveability of our district

Rising costs and limited income

Managing growth well

Being connected and resilient

Caring for our environment

OUR CONTRIBUTION

Our core services

Delivering efficient, reliable services, facilities and infrastructure to meet the needs of our growing communities.

Infrastructure



Community



Partnerships



Planning and regulatory



Corporate



Our projects and priorities

Acting on important issues.

Our financial strategy

Managing how we pay for services and fund our community's development.



Strategic Alignment

Strong Communities

**Communities are resilient, safe,
healthy, thriving and connected**

Thriving Environment

Natural environment is restored and enhanced in transition to low carbon



7.2 TRACKS AND TRAILS - ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

Kaituhi | Author: **Claire Winter, Contractor to Kāpiti Coast District Council**

Kaiwhakamana | Authoriser: **Mike Mendonça, Acting Group Manager Place and Space**

TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE

- 1 To update the Climate and Environment Subcommittee on asset management planning for tracks and trails

TAUNAKITANGA | RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. That the Climate and Environment Subcommittee note the update.
- B. That the Climate and Environment Subcommittee note that a formal asset management plan will be presented for approval to the November 2023 Strategy, Operations and Finance Committee.

TŪĀPAPA | BACKGROUND

- 2 Kāpiti has developed an enviable network of recreational tracks and trails that sets the District apart from others. With further development, this network has the potential to unlock significant economic and recreational potential.
- 3 Most of the tracks and trails are not owned by the Council, working alongside partners is key to realising this potential.
- 4 There is currently no framework for the prioritisation of tracks and trails.

HE TAKE | ISSUES

- 5 The AMP sets out to establish a level of service for tracks and trails in order to better identify priority areas for investment.
- 6 This AMP is aspirational in nature, there is no substantial Council funding available to deliver the network. However it has been identified that the establishment of a trust may provide opportunities to seek external funding and effort to assist with the development of the network.

NGĀ MAHI PANUKU | NEXT STEPS

- 7 The formal asset management plan will be presented to the November meeting of the Strategy, Operations and Finance Committee for approval.

NGĀ ĀPITI HANGA | ATTACHMENTS

1. Tracks and Trails - Asset Management Plan Presentation [↓](#)

7.3 OTARAUA PARK - THE WAY AHEAD

Kaituhi | Author: **Gareth Eloff, Parks, Open Space and Environment Manager**

Kaiwhakamana | Authoriser: **Mike Mendonça, Acting Group Manager Place and Space**

TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE

- 1 To update the Climate and Environment Subcommittee on cost escalations related to the proposed Stage 2 Otaraua Park development, and the implications of these escalations for the development plan for the site.

TAUNAKITANGA | RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Climate and Environment Subcommittee:

- A. Notes the briefing around challenges with the development of Otaraua Park.
- B. Endorses the proposal to place development on hold for the time being.

TŪĀPAPA | BACKGROUND

- 2 In 2018, the Otaraua Park Development Plan was adopted. As part of the Plan, it was intended to construct a pavilion amenity block and to work alongside sports codes to develop an operating model to meet recreation outcomes. \$5.9 million was allocated in the LTP for this purpose – known as stage 2.

HE TAKE | ISSUES

- 3 As the development progressed, further information has come to light around the site. More specifically:
 - The QS estimate for the \$5.9m package of work is now \$17.15m. Unbudgeted operating costs are also likely to be significant, and consenting costs likely to be an additional \$250k.
 - As well as escalation, there are additional costs around essential landscaping, water supply and wastewater that are more significant than had been anticipated.
 - A closer focus on the carbon impact of a remote site that is not connected to public transport has raised further doubt about whether this is the right time to proceed.
 - Through reviewing asset management plans, it has been identified that the Council needs to prioritise looking after other existing assets that are in poor condition before adding new assets. It is not yet clear if the existing assets could be better utilised (a sports field demand study is currently underway).
- 4 In light of the above, officers consider that the development of Otaraua Park does not need to happen now and officers are proposing that the development be placed on hold for the time being. Key stakeholders (Waikanae Football Club, Kāpiti Cycling and Otaraua Hapu) have been kept abreast of this thinking.

NGĀ MAHI PANUKU | NEXT STEPS

- 5 Subject to Subcommittee endorsement it is intended to brief the Council as part of the Long-term Plan.

NGĀ ĀPITI HANGA | ATTACHMENTS

1. Otaraua Park - The Way Ahead Presentation [↓](#)

7.4 RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLANS - CLASSIFICATION UPDATE

Kaituhi | Author: **Yolanda Morgan, Team Leader Open Space Planning**

Kaiwhakamana | Authoriser: **Mike Mendonça, Acting Group Manager Place and Space**

TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE

- 1 To provide an update on the development of an omnibus Reserve Management Plan (RMP) process for the district's parks and reserves, particular in relation to the reserve classification process which is required to be undertaken prior to the development of an RMP for any given property.

TAUNAKITANGA | RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. That the Climate and Environment Subcommittee notes progress with the development of the Reserve Management Plan and the classification work required to be undertaken prior to notifying Council's intent to prepare a Reserve Management Plan.

TŪĀPAPA | BACKGROUND

- 2 The Reserves Act 1977 requires that Council undertake a number of functions with respect to land held as a reserve under the Act. This includes declaring land as a reserve and classifying that land for a purpose, by notice in the Gazette.
- 3 The Act also requires Council to prepare and keep up to date reserve management plans for all reserves that it administers.
- 4 Prior to preparing a legally enforceable RMP for a reserve, the site must first be classified for its primary purpose, following the processes outlined in the Act.
- 5 The classification of the land must be for one of the purposes outlined in the Act, these are;
 - Recreational Reserve
 - Historic Reserves
 - Scenic Reserve
 - Nature Reserve
 - Scientific Reserve
 - Government Purpose Reserve (not to be used for Council administered land)
 - Local Purpose Reserve (e.g. Local Purpose Reserve (stormwater))
- 6 Each of the reserve categories above have different objectives, requirements and provisions under the Act and must be managed for that specific purpose. This informs the RMP, including the objectives for managing the reserve and the policies and regulations to be included in the RMP.

HE TAKE | ISSUES

- 7 Only 13 of Councils parks and reserves are appropriately classified with the majority of reserves (more than 100 properties) having never been classified.
- 8 Prior to Council notifying its intention to prepare an RMP the reserve to which it relates must be classified. The process for classification is set out in the Act.
- 9 The Act requires that Council's intention to classify a reserve is publicly notified (with a process for hearings, if required), except under certain circumstances. We are currently seeking legal advice as to whether the majority of our reserves meet the exemption to the

public notification requirement for classification (noting that all RMPs are required to be publicly notified).

- 10 Officers have already commenced a co-design approach with our three iwi partners around the process for classification and development of the RMPs, with a second hui scheduled for February 2024. The focus of this hui will be to prioritise reserves for classification and discuss a methodology for determining the appropriate purpose of a reserve.
- 11 Once a reserve is appropriately classified by resolution of full Council and following a notice in the Gazette, a legally enforceable RMP can be prepared.
- 12 It is proposed that a staged approach to the development of RMPs be undertaken, with Council and our iwi partners embarking on the process in 2024 to prepare an RMP for the Districtwide and Destination parks, whilst concurrently prioritising properties for classification and working through the process to classify further sites. Once the next group of properties is classified, they will then enter into the RMP development phase.
- 13 Efficiencies will be gained by producing an overarching objective and policy document initially, that each subsequent RMP can reference. The practicalities of this will be enhanced using an E-RMP format, similar to the District E-Plan.

NGĀ KŌWHIRINGA | OPTIONS

- 14 There are no options for consideration within this report.

NGĀ MAHI PANUKU | NEXT STEPS

- 15 Compete review of properties currently held and/or managed as reserves, including legal title reviews and obtain legal advice for complex properties, where required.
- 16 Second hui with iwi partners in February 2024 with a focus on prioritising sites for classification, developing a methodology for determining appropriate purpose and classification of unclassified reserves.
- 17 Continue to explore and test the use of an E-RMP as a format for an omnibus RMP.
- 18 Develop a consultation and notification strategy for classification of unclassified sites, following legal advice on legislative requirements.
- 19 Liaise with the Department of Conservation, and iwi partners, around reserves held by the Crown that Council have authority to control and manage (e.g. Bluegum reserve, Paraparaumu Domain).

NGĀ ĀPITIHINGA | ATTACHMENTS

1. RMP Classification Update Slides [↓](#)

7.5 UPDATE FROM WHAITUA COMMITTEE**Author:** Rita O'Brien, Stormwater & Coastal Engineer**Authoriser:** Sean Mallon, Group Manager Infrastructure Services**TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE**

- 1 While most of the requirements under the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management fall to Regional Councils to implement, every local authority must actively involve tangata whenua in freshwater management; adopt an integrated approach [as required by Te Mana o te Wai] to catchment management; and where we share jurisdiction with Regional Council, co-operate in the integrated management of the effects of land use on freshwater.
- 2 Greater Wellington Regional Council's Whaitua programme is its response to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management. The Kāpiti Whaitua Committee are currently working on understanding the current state of freshwater across the Whaitua together with the key drivers and relationships between attributes [water quality and other key performance indicators]. This will lead to target and limit setting for each 'Freshwater Management Unit', and the identification of potential mitigation or management options.
- 3 The purpose of this item is to draw the Subcommittee's attention to key aspects of the Kāpiti Whaitua and their implications for the Kāpiti Coast District.

NGĀ ĀPITI HANGA | ATTACHMENTS

Nil

8 PŪRONGO | REPORTS

8.1 ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY - DIRECTION OF TRAVEL

Kaituhi | Author: **Simon Scott, Senior Strategic Advisor**

Kaiwhakamana | Authoriser: **Kris Pervan, Group Manager Strategy & Growth**

TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE

- 1 This paper seeks your feedback and endorsement of the remaining substantive content for drafting the Direction of Travel document (DOT) to use in public consultation for the Environment Strategy.

HE WHAKARĀPOPOTO | EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2 No executive summary is required.

TE TUKU HAEPAPA | DELEGATION

- 3 The Climate and Environment Subcommittee has delegated authority to consider this under section C.2. of the 2022-2025 Triennium Governance Structure and Delegations.

TAUNAKITANGA | RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Climate and Environment Subcommittee:

- A. **Note** the content of the presentation attached, and summary of feedback from a recent Council briefing on this content on 24 October 2023.
- B. **Provide feedback** on any additional considerations for inclusion in the DOT document that will go to the Strategy, Operations, and Finance Committee in December 2023 for approval for public consultation planned in February 2024 particularly on:
 - B.1 Council's role in the environment ecosystem, and any gaps in the 'known challenges and levers for change' framework.
 - B.2 Gaps in the proposed Target areas, pathways, and activities to accommodate the important environmental issues.
 - B.3 Any important environmental issues that we've missed or gaps in proposed focus.
- C. **Note** that Council officers are attending Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti on 31 October 2023 to ensure collaboration with our iwi partners, in their role as Kaitiaki of the environment, on the proposed draft Climate Change and Resilience Strategy and the draft Environment Strategy.
- D. **Note** Council officers will engage with key stakeholders to inform the Direction of Travel document, with wider consultation to occur as part of the engagement process in early 2024.

TŪĀPAPA | BACKGROUND

- 4 On 9 March 2023, the Council adopted the doughnut economic model to inform its approach to assessing the needs of the people in our district. This has informed the Councillors' Priorities for 2023/24 and for the development of the 2024-25 Long-term Plan.
- 5 The environment, and the interaction of human needs with ecological limits, is a key feature of his model. The identified community needs that has been incorporated into the Strategic Priorities include '*Looking after our rivers, streams, and oceans; and ensuring supporting infrastructure is resilient and in top condition*', '*Making the most of our land so that we meet the needs of current and future residents in a sustainable way*' and '*A healthy, enhanced natural environment for us to live as a part of, so that we are resilient to climate change, as our population grows*'. The 2023/24 action notes that Council will develop an environment strategy.

- 6 Development of the Environment Strategy is now underway. As part of the development of this strategy, a 'Direction of Travel' document (DOT) will outline the key aspects to support community and stakeholder engagement on the overall direction and focus areas proposed. This will be completed by the end of 2023. Of note:
- 6.1 On 13 July 2023, the Strategy, Operations and Finance Committee (SO&F) endorsed changes to the Policy Work Programme to include the development of two new strategies: the Climate Change and Resilience Strategy, and the Environment Strategy.
 - 6.2 On 18 July 2023, an Interactive Council Briefing session was held to discuss the scope, principles, and priorities for the Environment strategy.
 - 6.3 On 19 September, the Climate and Environment Sub-Committee (CES) provided feedback and endorsed in principle the proposed scope, principles, and priorities for the Environment Strategy, informed by the 18 July Council Interactive briefing session.
 - 6.4 CES also recommended that Council officers attend Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti in October to ensure collaboration with our iwi partners, in their role as Kaitiaki of the environment, on the proposed scope, principles, and priorities for the respective strategies.
 - 6.5 On 24 October 2023, an Interactive Council Briefing session was held to seek feedback on the approach and focus areas of the draft environment strategy 'direction of travel' that is the subject of this report.

HE KŌRERORERO | DISCUSSION

- 7 A presentation is attached to this paper to confirm the final components of substantive focus for the DOT:
- 7.1 Council's role in the environment ecosystem, and a proposed framework based on 'known challenges and levers for change' (refer to Slide 5 of the presentation for details on the framework).
 - 7.2 Proposed Target areas, pathways, and activities to accommodate the important environmental issues.
 - 7.3 Timetable and next steps.
- 8 Council's role in the environment ecosystem is outlined on Slide 4 of the presentation. Of note:
- 8.1 Our natural environment is under significant and growing pressure, at local, national, and global scales. Considering this, the need to preserve our natural resources and reverse ecological decline is an important and pressing challenge, necessary to protect the wellbeing of future generations.
 - 8.2 The main pressures facing our environment include habitat loss, invasive species, the increase in impervious surfaces and runoff, excessive nutrients in our waterways and environmental contamination from a range of sources.
 - 8.3 These pressures arise in association with patterns of development, land use and resource consumption, driven by economic and population growth, exacerbated by inequality and climate change, and reinforced by prevailing mindsets.
 - 8.4 As a Territorial Authority, Council's direct statutory responsibilities for environmental management include five core areas, as signalled in Slide 4 of the presentation. In comparison to Greater Wellington Regional Council, and the array of Central Government agencies, local councils have a more modest regulatory role. Additionally, much of the environmental-focused restoration and mitigation activity undertaken is in collaboration with community-based environmental organisations, mana whenua, businesses, and other stakeholders. These activities can at times be disconnected due to different organisational capacities, focus, priorities, and a lack of centralised local coordination.

- 8.5 Reflecting this, the DOT identifies opportunities for Council to play a stronger role in fostering partnerships, facilitating collaboration, advocating for environmental outcomes, and encouraging the integration of disparate but aligned environmental programs. Slides 6 -8 of the briefing outlines six potential Target Areas for effort.
- 9 In combination and when aligned, these Target Areas have the potential to improve environmental outcomes including those relating to biodiversity, water quality, soil health & stability, food and water security, and human health and wellbeing.
- 10 We are seeking your feedback on these areas, levers for change and activities to support this; further detail is set out in Appendix 1. Councillor feedback on initial scoping from an interactive briefing with Councillors on 24 October is also detailed.

He take | Issues

- 11 Council officers seek feedback on:
- 11.1 Council's role in the environment ecosystem (refer to Slide 4 of the presentation), and any gaps that may need to be addressed.
- 11.2 The proposed framework based on 'known challenges and levers for change' (refer to Slide 5 of the presentation), and any gaps or missing elements.
- 11.3 Proposed Target areas, pathways, and activities to accommodate the important environmental issues (refer to Slides 6-8 of the presentation), and any gaps that may need to be addressed.

Mana whenua

- 12 We recognise mana whenua's role as kaitiaki and acknowledge that mana whenua partnership on the Environmental strategy will be critical. This includes locally focused work in localities, which are being informed by the leadership of Iwi-Māori Partnership Boards.
- 13 To date, Council officers have engaged mana whenua representatives at Council, the CES, and SO&F forums on the Environment strategy. In September 2023, SO&F agreed to seek further guidance from Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti in October 2023, on the opportunity to jointly develop the strategy with mana whenua.
- 14 On 31 October 2023 Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti provided advice on iwi involvement in the Strategy's development. Council officers will incorporate this into the process going forward.

Panonitanga Āhuarangi me te Taiao | Climate change and Environment

- 15 The DOT directly considers and gives effect to how the Kāpiti District positively responds to climate change and improving the quality of our environment.

Ahumoni me ngā rawa | Financial and resourcing

- 16 There are no financial and resourcing implications from this paper. However, initiatives to support driving change in the targeted areas will be included in the Long-term Plan.

Tūraru ā-Ture me te Whakahaere | Legal and Organisational Risk

- 17 There are no legal or organisational risks to raise in relation to this paper.

Ngā pānga ki ngā kaupapa here | Policy impact

- 18 Once adopted, the Environment Strategy will be part of a suite of five operating strategies for Council. These represent pathways and the direction of key activity to address thematic issues that will help us achieve our collective future aspirations. This means that they will be used to inform other work across Council, including in the policy space.

TE WHAKAWHITI KŌRERO ME TE TŪHONO | COMMUNICATIONS & ENGAGEMENT

Te mahere tūhono | Engagement planning

- 19 As part of Vision Kāpiti engagement, we will be seeking people's views on what they are concerned about regarding the environment, and what can be done to improve environmental outcomes. This engagement continues until June 2024, and will deliver a view of the aspirations of our community that will deliver a changed Kāpiti by 2060.
- 20 Council officers will also be engaging with key stakeholders about the Environment Strategy development, including how it will be informed by the feedback received through Vision Kāpiti. We will discuss key focus areas with key stakeholders prior to the finalisation of the direction of travel documentation in December 2023.

The intention is to engage with a greater range of stakeholders and the community in early 2024 on the direction of the Environment Strategy using the direction of travel document. This will inform the shape of the Strategy, which will be adopted by the end of June 2024.

Whakatairanga | Publicity

- 22 Publicity will be across the range of channels currently being used as part of the Vision Kāpiti work programme.

NGĀ ĀPITI HANGA | ATTACHMENTS

1. Environment Strategy DOT overview [↓](#)

8.2 CLIMATE CHANGE AND RESILIENCE STRATEGY - DIRECTION OF TRAVELKaituhi | Author: **Doug Simpson, Principal Advisor, Strategy**Kaiwhakamana | Authoriser: **Kris Pervan, Group Manager Strategy & Growth****TE PŪTAKE | PURPOSE**

- 1 This paper seeks your feedback and endorsement of:
 - 1.1 The remaining substantive content for drafting the Direction of Travel document (DOT) to use in public consultation for the Climate Change and Resilience Strategy.
 - 1.2 The aspiration level for setting a districtwide greenhouse gas emissions reduction target, aligning with, or going further than meeting the national net zero emissions target by 2050; and the accompanying messages that should set alongside this.

HE WHAKARĀPOPOTO | EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2 No executive summary is required.

TE TUKU HAEPAPA | DELEGATION

- 3 The Climate and Environment Subcommittee (CES) has the authority to consider the DOT and accompanying recommendations, provide feedback, and make recommendations to the Strategy, Operations and Finance Committee for consideration and approval.

TAUNAKITANGA | RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Climate and Environment Subcommittee:

- A. **Note** the content of the presentation attached, and summary of feedback from a recent Council briefing on this content on 24 October 2023.
- B. **Provide feedback** on any additional considerations for inclusion in the DOT document that will go to the Strategy, Operations, and Finance Committee in December 2023 for approval for public consultation planned in February 2024 particularly on:
 - B.1 Council's role in reducing the impacts of climate change.
 - B.2 Any gaps in the proposed Target areas, pathways, and activities.
 - B.3 Additional dependencies with other stakeholders that you'd like us to include.
- C. **Provide feedback** and **endorse** setting a district wide emissions target:
 - C.1 At least aligning with or going further than the national net zero emissions target by 2040.
 - C.2 At least aligning with or going further than the national net zero emissions target by 2050.
- D. **Note** the Climate Change and Resilience Community Think Tank will provide further advice and insights on the draft DOT from a community perspective in November 2023.

TŪĀPAPA | BACKGROUND

- 4 The Kapiti Coast District Council has been progressing work to reduce, and respond to, the impacts of climate change since around 2012. As outlined in the recap section of the attached presentation, activity has progressively increased since around 2019.
- 5 This year, Council agreed to develop a Climate Change and Resilience Strategy to set out Council's proposed vision and strategic direction for Kāpiti Coast's response to climate change over the next 10-20 years. As a first step to progress this, Council will draft a Direction of Travel (DOT) document to seek people's views on what our climate response

should look like and what Council and community's role should be. Work is underway to progress this through to December 2023.

- 6 More recently, on 19 September 2023, You provided feedback and endorsed in principle the proposed scope, principles, and priorities for including in the Climate Change and Resilience DOT. This was informed by discussion from an Interactive briefing session with Elected Members on the 18 July 2023. You recommended that Council officers attend Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti in October to ensure collaboration with our iwi partners, in their role as Kaitiaki of the environment, on the proposed scope, principles, and priorities for the respective strategies. This occurred on 31 October 2023, and Council officers will incorporate this into the process going forward.
- 7 In late September, following your recommendation, the Strategy Operations and Finance Committee (SO&F) agreed to the scope, principles, and priorities that you had endorsed for the Climate Change and Resilience DOT. They also approved the Terms of Reference for the new Climate Change and Resilience Think Tank. Nominations for the Think Tank have now closed, and we are notifying applicants of the outcome of their interest.

HE KŌRERORERO | DISCUSSION

- 8 A presentation is attached to this paper to confirm the final components of substantive focus for the DOT:
 - 8.1 Council's role in the 'climate ecosystem' (slide 6)
 - 8.2 Establishing our aspirational targets, with consideration of what it would take (slides 7, and 9)
 - 8.3 Focus areas and pathways: big shifts and levers for change (slides 8, 10, 11)
 - 8.4 Timetable and next steps.
- 9 On 24 October 2023, council officers took this proposed content to an interactive briefing with Councillors to seek their feedback, which is summarised on slide 12 of the presentation. The overall feedback indicated that Council should:
 - 9.1 Be ambitious in developing its climate change and resilience strategy,
 - 9.2 Recognise that any targets set should be stretching but achievable, and
 - 9.3 Build understanding with the community on the indicative costs, benefits, and roles that need to be played for achieving them.

Targets

- 10 Slide 7 of the presentation sets out indicative modelling of Kāpiti District's current emission trajectory, including projected population growth; and what it would take to reduce emissions to net zero. Key takeaways include:
 - 10.1 Council's main levers for change will be in advocating for effort at regional and central government levels.
 - 10.2 Significant emission reductions and forestry planting (carbon sequestration) would be needed to achieve a net zero emissions reduction target by 2050.
 - 10.3 More ambitious targets would reasonably depend heavily on extensive growth in forests to offset gross emissions. Regional and central government efforts may not be quick enough to have impact before then.
- 11 We propose that setting a meaningful and ambitious target will require:
 - 11.1 A step change across the proposed DOT target areas and pathways over and above Council's planned corporate emission reduction projects.
 - 11.2 Central government leadership and funding to be delivered through an effective national policy framework (which is not in place today).

Next steps

- 12 Following incorporation of feedback from today, the DOT is planned to be presented to SO&F on 7 December 2023 for approval to take to public consultation in February 2024. A final Climate Change and Resilience Strategy is due to be published in May/June 2024. The final strategy will be supported by a separate action plan.

He take | Issues

- 13 Council officers seek feedback on:
- 13.1 The level of aspiration for a district wide emission target, and the key messaging which should sit alongside it:
 - 13.1.1 At least aligning with or going further than the national net zero emissions target by 2040.
 - 13.1.2 At least aligning with or going further than the national net zero emissions target by 2050.
 - 13.2 The proposed Target areas, pathways, and activities, and any gaps that may need to be addressed.
 - 13.3 Any additional dependencies with other stakeholders that should be included as a priority.

Ngā kōwhiringa | Options

- 14 No options are presented for this report.

Mana whenua

- 15 To date, Council officers have engaged mana whenua representatives at Council, the CES, and SO&F forums on the Climate Change and Resilience strategy. In September 2023, SO&F agreed to seek further guidance from Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti in October 2023, on the opportunity to jointly develop the strategy with mana whenua.
- 16 We will update the CES on the outcome of this meeting on 7 November 2023.

Panonitanga Āhuarangi me te Taiao | Climate change and Environment

- 17 The DOT directly considers and gives effect to how the Kāpiti District positively responds to climate change and improving the quality of our environment.

Ahumoni me ngā rawa | Financial and resourcing

- 18 There are no financial and resourcing implications from this paper. However, initiatives to support driving change in the targeted areas will be included in the Long-term Plan.

Tūraru ā-Ture me te Whakahaere | Legal and Organisational Risk

- 19 There are no legal or organisational risks.

Ngā pānga ki ngā kaupapa here | Policy impact

- 20 There are no specific policy impacts from this paper.

TE WHAKAWHITI KŌRERO ME TE TŪHONO | COMMUNICATIONS & ENGAGEMENT**Te mahere tūhono | Engagement planning**

- 21 A communications and engagement plan to raise awareness of the work underway is in-track, and targeted communications will be released around setting an aspirational emissions

reduction goal. Public consultation on the DOT is set to take place in February and will include a combination of in-person engagement opportunities through Vision Kāpiti, and digital engagement through Council's 'Have your say' programme.

Whakatairanga | Publicity

- 22 Appropriate media channels including the climate and environment pages on the Council's website will be used to raise awareness and flag key dates and activities for public consultation on both strategies.

NGĀ ĀPITI HANGA | ATTACHMENTS

1. Climate Change and Resilience Strategy DOT overview presentation [↓](#)

9 TE WHAKAŪ I NGĀ ĀMIKI | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

9.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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Taunakitanga | Recommendations

That the minutes of the Climate and Environment Subcommittee meeting of 19 September 2023 be accepted as a true and correct record.

NGĀ ĀPITI HANGA | ATTACHMENTS

1. Climate and Environment Subcommittee Meeting Minutes - 19 September 2023 [↓](#)

**10 TE WHAKAŪNGA O NGĀ ĀMIKI KĀORE E WĀTEA KI TE MAREA |
CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC EXCLUDED MINUTES**

Nil

11 CLOSING KARAKIA