

Planning Working Party
Wednesday 13 February 2019 at 1.00pm

AGENDA

Planning Working Party Agenda

Meeting to be held in the Council Chamber
36 Water Street, Whangārei
on Wednesday 13 February 2019, commencing at 1.00pm

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MEMBERSHIP OF THE PLANNING WORKING PARTY

Chair, Councillor Joce Yeoman
Councillor John Bain Councillor Paul Dimery Councillor Bill Shepherd (Ex-Officio)
Councillor Penny Smart Non Elected Member from
TTMAC

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<i>Michael Day will provide a verbal update to the Planning Working Party with regards to the Terms of Reference of the Working Party.</i>	

TITLE: Record of Actions – 5 December 2018
ID: A1156468
From: Evania Arani, Planning and Policy Team Admin/PA

Executive summary

The purpose of this report is to present the Record of Actions of the last meeting (attached) held on 05 December 2018 for review by the meeting.

Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga

Attachment 1: Record of Actions Sheet - 05 December 2018  

Authorised by Group Manager

Name: Jonathan Gibbard
Title: Group Manager - Strategy, Governance and Engagement
Date: 07 February 2019

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Planning Working Party Record of Actions

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Present:

Chair, Councillor Joce Yeoman
Councillor John Bain
Councillor Bill Shepherd (Ex-Officio)
Councillor Penny Smart
Non Elected Member from TTMAC

In Attendance:

Full Meeting

Ben Lee (Strategy Planning and Policy Manager)
Michael Day (Natural Resources Policy Manager)
Colin Dall (Group Manager – Regulatory Services)
Jonathan Gibbard (Group Manager Strategy Governance and
Engagement)

The meeting commenced at 1.00pm.

Apologies (Item 1.0)

Apologies from Councillor Paul Dimery

Record of actions - 8 August 2018 (Item 3.1)

Presented by: Ben Lee (Strategy Planning and Policy Manager)

Agreed action points:

- None

Far North Draft District Plan Feedback (Item 3.2)

Presented by: Ben Lee (Strategy Planning and Policy Manager)

Agreed action points:

1. Make following amendments to feedback:
 - Amend paragraphs 7 and 8 to further emphasise point that the district plan should be encouraging a more permissive approach (within appropriate areas)
 - 'Beef up' paragraph 6 to recommend that further work be done by Far North District Council (FNDC) to look at horticulture productivity potential, e.g. using the outputs from the Northland Regional Council's water storage pre-feasibility studies.

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- Emphasise that FNDC should be planning for climate change (e.g. sea level rise) for the development of new core infrastructure in response to land development. Give them a 'heads up' about potential National Policy Statement on Versatile Soils coming out shortly.
2. Send amended version to Councillor Yeoman (Chair) to review before sending to FNDC.

Any other business (Item 3.3)

Presented by: Ben Lee (Strategy Planning and Policy Manager)

Agreed action points:

- Staff will report back in the New Year with an update on the Planning Team's work programme.

Conclusion

The meeting concluded at 1.45pm.

TITLE: Natural Resources Policy Team Work Programme

ID: A1156786

From: Michael Day, Natural Resources Policy Manager

Executive summary/Whakarāpopototanga

The development of the Proposed Regional Plan for Northland has been the single biggest project for the Policy and Planning team over the past three years. As this has now gone through the Hearings process, upcoming work of the Policy and Planning team will be more diverse.

This paper provides an indicative snapshot of work that the Natural Resources Policy Team (within the Strategy Policy and Planning Team) will be focusing on over the next three years. For clarity, it only focuses on projects that fall within the existing Terms of Reference of the Planning Working Party, meaning that it is work that the Planning Working Party can expect more information on in due course.

Recommended actions

1. Planning Working Party to receive paper and provide verbal feedback on the proposed upcoming work programme.

Background/Tuhinga

The table below outlines the RMA Planning work we anticipate¹ will be the focus over the next three years. It does not outline all operational detail of the activities. The intent is to provide the Planning Working Party with a snapshot of upcoming work and a heads up of future work that the Working Party can expect to workshop in due course.

Activity	Info	Indicative timeframe
Coastal Occupation Charging (COC)	While the Proposed Regional Plan has not included a COC regime, Councillors have indicated a desire to further explore how a charging regime may work and the pros and cons of initiating such a regime.	Council decision mid-2019 whether to proceed further or not.
Wetland mapping	Will result in plan change to identify (map) wetlands that warrant further protection through the regional plan.	Notify 2021
Councils Freshwater NPS implementation programme	Suite of actions to implement the requirements of the Freshwater NPS, including plan changes – see below for further detail	Project Plan finalised May 2019 Plan Changes notified late 2021

¹ As should be expected, this is a bit of a 'crystal ball' gazing exercise, as we cannot fully anticipate what will come out of Central Government, nor be generated by external stakeholders, that we need to prioritise and respond to.

Freshwater quality management plan change	A plan change to set water quality limits and regulation to ensure the limits are met. Required to give effect to the freshwater NPS	Notify late 2021
Catchment-specific water quantity limits	Catchment specific limits to replace regional 'default' limits within highly allocated water bodies.	Same as above for efficiency.
Proposed Regional Plan Appeals (making new plan Operative)	Proposed Regional Plan decisions likely to be released May 2019. The next stage will involve resolving appeals and making the new plan Operative.	End of 2020 (hopefully)
District plan changes	The planning team provides feedback and makes submissions on changes to district plans. The main reasons are to ensure the RPS is being given effect to and to ensure council operations (e.g. flood management) are not unduly regulated.	Ongoing
District council consents (review / commentary)	See explanation for district plan changes.	Ongoing
Treaty settlement process	Planning staff provide input into Treaty settlement legislation as there are implications for council and council's RMA plans. Ngati Whatua settlement for the Kaipara Moana is a current live process staff are involved with.	Ongoing
TOAT Beach Board (90 Mile Beach)	Advice to board and potentially leading/assisting with preparation of beach management plan.	Advice to board – ongoing Beach management plan – 2019 and 2020.
NRC input into national proposals under the RMA (e.g. proposed NPS for biodiversity or NPS on Hazard Management)	The planning team lead council input into national proposals (e.g. submissions and sitting on advisory groups) that flow from the RMA. Central Government has indicated there may be substantial amendments to the RMA in 2019 as well as a raft of new National Policy Statements.	Ongoing
Regional Plan implementation/guidance material	Once the Plan is operative, the planning team may produce guidance material to assist with interpreting / implementing the Plan.	Early 2021 (or when new plan becomes Operative)
Additional sites of significance to tangata whenua – plan change	Possible plan change. Likely to piggy back on other water related plan change.	Notify 2021

Manawhakahono o rohe (MWR)	Planning team involved with the development of MWR as much of the content relates to RMA planning activities.	2019 - 2021
RPS – 5-year review	RMA requires a review of the RPS.	2021

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Nil

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