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REGULATORY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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Meeting Status: **Public**

Purpose of Report: For Information

JUNE UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED DISTRICT PLAN

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 This report summarises activities carried out since the last update provided to RMC on 23 April 2015.

DELEGATION

- 2 This report is for information purposes and does not seek a decision.

BACKGROUND

- 3 On 24 July 2014, the Council chose Option 4 recommended by the Independent Review of the Proposed District Plan (PDP). This option is to continue with a modified PDP process which addresses the Plan as a whole using the 'basket of tools' available to the Council.

EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

- 4 The following table lists the external engagement activities that have taken place since the last update which recorded activities up to 1 April 2015.

Date	Who	Reason for meeting	Outcome
9 April 2015	Landlink Ltd	Discuss submitter concerns in regards to financial contributions	Will assist in evaluating and responding to the submission
16 April 2015	Tāngata Whenua Working Party	Regular meeting	Understanding of Tāngata Whenua viewpoint on key changes likely to the PDP
16 April 2015	Greater Wellington Regional Council	Plan consistency meeting	Progress on achieving greater alignment between the PDP and the Proposed Natural Resources Plan
23 April 2015	Rural submitters	To provide update on likely response in PDP to submission points about the Waikanae North Rural Eco-Hamlet Zone	Submitter understanding of likely provisions in redrafted Chapter 7: Rural Environment

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23 April 2015	Maypole Environmental Ltd	To discuss Isthmus (landscape architects) assessment of outstanding natural landscape and special amenity landscape areas on the Maypole's property at Ngarara Road, in response to Maypole submission	Better understanding between Isthmus and Maypole about the issues relating to the mapping of landscape areas on the submitter's property in the PDP
30 April 2015	Te Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai Charitable Trust	To discuss waahi tapu matters	Will assist in responding to matters raised in submissions
1 & 8 May 2015	Submitter	Discuss key submission concerns, whole of plan integration/ coordination process, and release of the PDP Submitter Engagement Version.	Will assist in evaluating and responding to the submission. Will also assist in the process for finalising the Submitter Engagement Version
5 May 2015	Paraparaumu town centre landowner (St Heliers Capital Ltd)	Update on Council's town centres project and PDP progress	Will assist in evaluating and responding to the submission, and will aid further discussions in regards to future town centre projects.
14 May 2015	Rural Issues Pilot Group	To discuss feedback on the landscape architects' review of the Tararua Outstanding Natural Landscapes notation.	Part of an ongoing process of working with these submitters.
19 & 20 May	Rural Issues Pilot Group	Site visits by ecologists to three Pilot Group properties	Will assist in preparing a technical report responding to the submissions and recommending any changes to the extent of the ecological sites.
21 May 2015	Submitter with flood hazard issue	Follow on from previous meeting - further discussion of flood hazard methodology	Will assist in preparing a technical report responding to the submissions

Date	Who	Reason for meeting	Outcome
29 May 2015	Submitters with site specific flood hazard issues	Site visits	Will assist in preparing a technical report responding to the submissions

INTERNAL ACTIVITIES

- 5 The key internal activities undertaken by staff since the last update include:
- Participation in Town Centres and Connectors meetings to ensure coordination with the PDP.
 - Continuation of internal and external review of redrafted chapters. Internal review is by the Resource Consents team. External review includes a planning review by Sylvia Allan (consultant planner) and a legal review by the Council's lawyers (Simpson Grierson).
 - Continued work with the Council's GIS team to PDP planning maps in response to submissions and also to improve the presentation of the maps for the Submitter Engagement Version.
 - Integration work to address 'whole of plan matters' and ensure consistent approach to key issues across the PDP.
 - Preparation of an engagement plan for the next phase ie release of the Submitter Engagement Version of the PDP.
 - Detailed project planning on the logistics of production and publication of the Submitter Engagement Version.

SUBMITTER ENGAGEMENT VERSION

- 6 The Council will receive a full briefing on 2 June about the Submitter Engagement Versions and the process for its release on 15 June.

CONSIDERATIONS

Policy considerations

- 7 There are no policy considerations that need to be referenced.

Legal considerations

- 8 There are no legal considerations that need to be referenced. As noted above, the Council's solicitors, Simpson Grierson, are providing legal input into the preparation of the Submitter Engagement Version of the PDP.

Financial considerations

- 9 Costs to date are within budget for the 2014/15 financial year.

Implementation plan update

- 10 The timeline has been adjusted to allow an additional two works for internal work on the Submitter Engagement Version prior to making available to submitters.

The release date is now 15 June rather than 30 May 2015. This will allow additional time to work on integration and production aspects.

- 11 An updated version of the implementation plan will be provided at the Council briefing about the release of the Submitter Engagement Version on 2 June.

Tāngata whenua considerations

- 12 There are no specific tāngata whenua considerations in this update report. A meeting with the Tāngata Whenua working party are recording in the table under External Engagement Activities. The PDP engagement plan will include a series of workshops with the Tāngata Whenua working party.

SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

Degree of significance

- 13 The PDP is now in the statutory phase between close of submissions and commencement of hearings. As the PDP process has already been adopted by Council this report has a low degree of significance.

Engagement

- 14 The PDP implementation plan (refer to Attachment 1) provides for additional submitter engagement and prehearing meetings which are not required under the RMA.
- 15 An engagement consultant has been retained and is preparing a detailed Engagement Plan for the Submitter Engagement Version of the PDP. A communications Action Plan will be prepared to align with the Engagement Plan.

Publicity and communications

- 16 The Communications Plan for the PDP is being followed. In line with this, a regular PDP Update Newsletter was given to submitters at regular intervals. The May newsletter gives submitters a brief summary of what they can expect with the roll out of the Submitter Engagement Version of the PDP on Monday 15 June. A much larger newsletter is being prepared for release with the Submitter Engagement Version, highlighting the main changes being proposed for each chapter, and outlining the next steps in the engagement process.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 17 That the update report be received.

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