

Chairperson and Committee Members
REGULATORY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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Meeting Status: **Public**

Purpose of Report: For Decision

**KAPITI COAST AIRPORT NOISE MANAGEMENT PLAN
REVIEW**

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 This report presents the updated Kapiti Coast Airport Noise Management Plan for the Committee's approval.

SIGNIFICANCE OF DECISION

- 2 The Council's Significance Policy is not triggered by this report.

BACKGROUND

- 3 Aircraft noise generated from Paraparaumu Airport (now named the Kapiti Coast Airport) has been a concern for residents. In 2005, in response to community concern a new requirement was included in the Airport Zone of the District Plan that a Noise Management Plan (NMP) would be prepared and implemented by the airport owner at that time, Paraparaumu Airport Limited (PAL).
- 4 In June 2007, the then Environment and Regulatory Committee of Council approved the first NMP, which outlined the process for managing noise generated from aircraft operations and provided a mechanism to monitor aircraft movements and to manage noise complaints. It included provision for a Community Liaison Group (CLG) to assist the process.
- 5 The NMP included a provision that it be reviewed by the Council in consultation with the Airport Manager. The first NMP review began in late January 2010, and consisted of five monthly meetings of the review group through to May 2010, along with e-mail exchanges and phone conversations as required. A chapter-by-chapter approach was taken.
- 6 The Regulatory Management Committee approved the first revision of the NMP in September 2010 (SP-10-1004 refers). As with the first NMP, the revised (2010) version includes a provision that it be reviewed by the Council in consultation with the Airport Manager one year after the NMP is approved, and thereafter at regular intervals. As "regular intervals" are not defined it was determined in September 2010 (SP-10-1004 refers) that the next review would be in the first half of 2012. The 2012 review has been completed.

CONSIDERATIONS

Outcomes of the NMP Review

- 7 The attached revised (2012) NMP was developed by Council officers and the Airport (Kapiti Coast Airport Ltd.) as a draft. The Community Liaison Group (CLG) do not have to approve the revised NMP, but as a courtesy they have been given the opportunity to offer feedback for consideration in the review process.
- 8 Only minor changes were made during the review including: (in Plan order),
 - the reference to the “Paraparaumu Airport Limited (PAL)” has been changed to “Kapiti Coast Airport Ltd”. However, where the NMP references the District Plan, *Paraparaumu Airport Limited* is still used as the District Plan text cannot be changed until the new District Plan is notified in November 2012. A footnote has been added to the relevant section of the NMP (section 2.2) to clarify this;
 - the review period (section 1.3) has been clarified from “at regular intervals” to “every 36 months” to be consistent with the monitoring timeframes (section 4.2.1);
 - the reporting of monitoring (section 4.3) has been clarified to make it explicit that the Airport Manager will provide Council (in addition to the CLG) with all regular monitoring data;
 - the requirement for a Helicopter Operator to be part of the CLG has been deleted. There are currently no helicopter training operations from the Airport; however, not requiring a Helicopter Operator to be part of the CLG does not preclude one being on the CLG;
 - the runway circuits and main aircraft approach routes diagram (Appendix C) has been amended to include the flight path of Air New Zealand flights;
 - Relevant website address references and contact details have been updated.
- 9 The revised NMP was tabled at the 20 August 2012 CLG meeting and approved with no changes

Approval Requirements

- 10 The District Plan states that: “*The NMP shall be reviewed by the Council in consultation with Paraparaumu Airport Limited within 12 months of these rules becoming operative, and at regular intervals thereafter.*” A partnership approach has been taken in the review process. The Kapiti Coast Airport has approved the 2012 revised NMP, and therefore Council’s approval is now sought.

Next Steps

- 11 The NMP will be reviewed again by the Council in consultation with the Kapiti Coast Airport within 36 months (by September 2015) as required by section 1.3 of the NMP, unless changes to the general noise provisions of the District Plan as part of the DPR necessitate an earlier review.

Reappointment of CLG members

- 12 Kapiti Coast Airport Operator representatives on the CLG are jointly appointed by Kapiti Coast Airport Ltd and KCDC for a term of two years. The term of the two current representatives has expired and the Airport has confirmed its nomination of Steve McNabb and Graeme Barrell who are willing to continue to act as the Airport Operator representatives on the CLG for another 2 year term.
- 13 Council must now give approval of the two nominated Airport Operator representatives on the CLG.

Financial Considerations

- 14 There are no financial considerations.

Legal Considerations

- 15 Kapiti Coast Airport Ltd is required by the operative District Plan to develop and implement a Noise Management Plan. Council and the Kapiti Coast Airport Ltd are required to review the NMP at regular intervals. Regulatory Management Committee approval of the revised NMP satisfies this requirement.

Delegation

- 16 The Regulatory Management Committee has the ability to consider this matter, as per the following delegations:

Resource Management (including Plan Changes, Private Plan Changes, Resource Consents and Direct Referral)

- 7.19 *Authority to exercise all of the Council's functions, powers, and duties under the Resource Management Act 1991, except under clause 17 of Schedule 1.*

Monitoring and Reporting

- 7.20 *Authority to undertake the monitoring required by section 35 of the Resource Management Act 1991.*

- 7.21 *Authority to compile the necessary review of the results of the Council's monitoring under section 35(2)(b) of the Resource Management Act 1991 at five-yearly or more frequent intervals, and to determine any matters relating to the keeping of records under section 35(3).*

- 7.22 *Authority to monitor and report to Council on the suitability of the District Plan, its policies, procedures and provisions.*

Consultation

- 17 The revised Kapiti Coast Airport Noise Management Plan was developed with input from Council Officers and the Airport (Kapiti Coast Airport Ltd.) and has been reviewed by the CLG.

Policy Implications

- 18 Although the Kapiti Coast Airport Noise Management Plan is not a Council document, it supports the Kapiti Coast Airport's efforts to comply with the noise-related requirements of the Council's District Plan, and the District Plan requires Council to review the NMP.

Tāngata Whenua Considerations

- 19 There are no issues for consideration relating to iwi and there are no Treaty of Waitangi issues.

Publicity Considerations

- 20 The revised NMP should be made available on Council's and Kapiti Coast Airport's websites, replacing the previous version.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 21 That the Committee approves the Kapiti Coast Airport Noise Management Plan (2012), attached as Appendix 1 to SP-12-627.
- 22 That the Committee agrees that the next review of the Kapiti Coast Airport Noise Management Plan will take place within 36 months (by September 2015).
- 23 That the Committee approves the reappointment of Steve McNabb and Graeme Barrell as the Airport Operator representatives on the Community Liaison Group for another 2 year term as per Appendix A of the NMP (Appendix One to SP-12-627).

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Appendix One: Revised Kapiti Coast Airport Noise Management Plan (2012)