

Chairperson and Committee Members
REGULATORY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

20 NOVEMBER 2014

Meeting Status: **Public**

Purpose of Report: For Information

UPDATE 3 ON PROPOSED DISTRICT PLAN

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 This report summarises activities carried out since the last update report on the Proposed District Plan ('PDP'). The last update was at the 2 October meeting of this committee.

SIGNIFICANCE OF DECISION

- 2 This report does not trigger the Council's Significance Policy.

BACKGROUND

- 3 On 24 July 2014 the Council chose Option 4 recommended by the Independent Review of the 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.
- 4 The following table lists the external engagement activities that have taken place since the last update which recorded activities up to 15 September 2014.

Date	Who	Reason for meeting	Status	Outcome
7 Oct 2014	Rural landowner / submitter	To discuss PDP ecological areas and landscape provisions, and provide an update on the PDP process		Submitters invited to contact PDP staff for further clarification if required
16 Oct 2014	GWRC - Regional Consistency Working Party	Officer working party meeting to discuss alignment of regional plan / PDP - with respect to forestry and earthworks	Regular co-ordination meetings have been programmed	Officers will continue work to identify opportunities to ensure consistency and reduce duplication between the plans.

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.

- Submitters and plan holders advised of the revised list of rules with immediate effect adopted by this committee on 2 October and the council website updated.
- Completing the withdrawal of the Plan provisions relating to coastal hazards, hazardous substances and hazardous facilities, and priority areas for restoration. This is as resolved at the 2 October meeting of this committee. Public notice of the withdrawal was on 30 October.
- Receiving registrations of interest from potential commissioners for the PDP hearings
- Continuing to identify and retain appropriately qualified and experienced experts to assist with specific issues eg archaeology, waahi tapu, urban design, flood hazards.
- Continuing to review chapters in preparation for an internal officer workshop held on 28 to 30 October. The review of chapters included a review of matters raised in submissions, and 'benchmarking' with other District Plans where relevant.
- Hearing logistics eg preparing information on hearing costs and potential locations.

COMMUNICATIONS

- 6 A third PDP Update newsletter was sent to submitters following the 2 October meeting of this committee. Topics covered in the newsletter were: consistency with the regional plan, internal work being undertaken, the withdrawal of provisions and identifying rules with immediate legal effect.

BUDGET UPDATE

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

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN UPDATE

- 8 Appendix 1 contains the PDP Implementation Plan. The timeline is being met.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9 That the update report be received.

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Appendix 1: PDP Implementation Plan. Edocs 498489