

Chairperson and Community Board Members
ŌTAKI COMMUNITY BOARD

4 DECEMBER 2012

Meeting Status: **Public**

Purpose of Report: For Decision

TE HORO LOCAL OUTCOMES STATEMENT

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 This report seeks the Ōtaki Community Board's support to forward the Te Horo Local Outcomes Statement (see Appendix One) to the Council for adoption as part of the Community Outcomes under the Local Government Act 2002.

SIGNIFICANCE OF DECISION

- 2 The Council's significance policy is not triggered.

BACKGROUND

- 3 The Districtwide Community Outcomes were developed under the Local Government Act 2002 and were included in the 2003, 2006 and 2009 Long Term Council Community Plans. The Council has developed and approved eight Local Outcomes Statements for distinct centres and suburbs including:
 - Greater Ōtaki;
 - Waikanae North;
 - Paraparaumu Beach;
 - Paraparaumu Town Centre;
 - Raumati Beach;
 - Raumati South;
 - Paekākāriki;
 - Otaihanga; and
 - Peka Peka.
- 4 The purpose of a Local Outcomes Statement is to provide further detail on the collective vision that a local community has for its future. The vision then serves as a touchstone for community action and for Council activities such as coastal restoration, District Plan Review, access and transport upgrades and other projects.
- 5 A request was received in March 2012, from the then Te Horo Residents Association, Te Horo Beach Care Group and the Mangaone Stream Group, for a local outcomes process to be started in Te Horo.
- 6 Two public meetings were held, the first on Saturday 26 May 2012 at the Te Horo Hall. The second was held after the draft was developed at Te Horo Beach. These were advertised in the local media and letters were sent out to property owners and ratepayers in Te Horo including all properties from Te Hapua up to

the south side of the Ōtaki River. Approximately fifty people attended on each occasion. A number of letters and emails were received from people who wanted to participate but who were unable to attend either workshop.

- 7 A workshop was also held with Katihiku Marae on Sunday 5 August and feedback was sought from Te Horo School including several visits in July and August.
- 8 The initial feedback was analysed and information on Te Horo from other Council documents including the Coastal Strategy, the Development Management Strategy and the Greater Ōtaki Project, were included in a draft document. The draft was presented by staff at the AGM of the Friends of Te Horo Beach (formerly the Te Horo Beach Residents Association) and further amendments were made from their feedback.
- 9 The draft was released for public consultation from 15 October to 15 November 2012. Ten submissions were received (see Appendix 2). The majority of the submissions are supportive of the document and reflect the amount of community input that went into the development of the document.

CONSIDERATIONS

Issues

- 10 In the pre European times Te Horo served as the natural foodbasket for tangata whenua. Katihiku Marae was used for seasonal food gathering and some cultivation.
- 11 Te Horo today is still a productive rural area, which is known for its horticulture and farming. However the Te Horo community is divided by the State Highway and the NIMT railway line. Te Horo Beach has very different characteristics to the Te Horo settlement area to the east of the road and rail.
- 12 There was some discussion about the two areas of Te Horo being treated separately, but ultimately Te Horo has been covered as one in the outcomes document.
- 13 During the consultation process distinct concerns were raised about the need to retain productive horticultural and farm land and balance this with the increasing demands for development and lifestyle living. Many long term Te Horo residents want to keep the rural characteristics built up over decades since the clearing of the land for cultivation at the turn of the 20th century. The pressure of lifestyle blocks is subtly altering the area and the economics of farming are increasingly being squeezed by high costs and labour issues.
- 14 Te Horo Beach residents want to retain the wild unspoilt nature of the coastal environment and have encountered difficulties accommodating the pressure of visitors and people using the area for recreation.
- 15 Feedback from Te Horo School and its children highlighted that Te Horo is a great place to grow up, that it is a friendly, safe place to enjoy exploring the outdoors with a freedom not available in or built up areas.

- 16 Katihiku Marae is an important landmark and focal point for the hapu, it is going to celebrate its centenary in 2013 and has seen many changes over the years. Amongst many things discussed there is concern about flooding, better access to the Marae and the development of Papakainga housing and protection of waahi tapu.
- 17 As with other smaller settlements on the Kāpiti Coast there are transport and access issues, there is also keen interest in improving the walking, cycling and bridleways system and access to public transport is identified as a significant problem for some.
- 18 Healthy natural systems are important to many of the respondents and the restoration of waterways and wetlands was consistently mentioned as a priority throughout the process.
- 19 The Te Horo Local Outcomes Statement gathers these themes and brings them together in the community's vision for the future.

Financial Considerations

- 20 There are no financial commitments resulting from the adoption of this Local Outcomes Statement. Any upgrades or projects resulting from the Statement will be considered and developed as part of the Long Term Plan (LTP) and Annual Plan process, or through existing programme budgets such as Roading Upgrades, CWB projects or the Reserve Management Plan.

Legal Considerations

- 21 There are no legal considerations.

Delegation

- 22 The Community Board has the delegated authority to consider this matter as per clause 10.5 of Part D of the Council's Governance Structure and Delegations:

Authority to work with Council and the community to establish a Local Outcomes Statement for its community, with reference to Community Outcomes...

- 23 Section 6 of Part D of the Governance Structure and Delegations is also relevant.

"The scope of activity for the Community Boards is to...6.2 represent, and act as an advocate for, the interests of its community. The Board will establish a Local Outcome Statement for its community. These documents will articulate in the form of a detailed statement what the local community wants in respect of Community Outcomes and as such will drive the policy making of the Council within the framework of the Community Plan and the District Plan."

Consultation

- 24 The Te Horo Local Outcomes Statement has been developed through a year long consultation process. Letters went out to over 800 ratepayers and over 100 residents attended the two public consultation days. Separate consultation has

been held with Te Horo School and Katihiku Marae. Over twenty letters and emails providing feedback were received by those unable to attend the meetings and nine submissions have been received through the final submissions process.

Policy Implications

- 25 There are no policy considerations at this stage. The Local Outcomes Statement is part of a set of similar documents approved and published by Council, and it adds to the Districtwide Community Outcomes recognised and adopted under the Local Government Act 2002.

Tāngata Whenua Considerations

- 26 Tāngata Whenua have had input into the development of the document.

Publicity Considerations

- 27 Following Council approval of the Te Horo Local Outcome Statement, a media release will be prepared and the Local Outcomes Statement will be available on the Council website and made available at Council libraries and service centres.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 28 That the Ōtaki Community Board recommends to the Council that the Te Horo Local Outcomes Statement, attached as Appendix One to Report SP-12-739, with any amendments, be adopted as part of the Community Outcomes under the Local Government Act 2002.

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Appendix One: Te Horo Local Outcomes Statement

Appendix Two: Summary of submissions