

**Chairperson and Committee Members**  
REGULATORY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

28 AUGUST 2014

Meeting Status: **Public**

Purpose of Report: For Information

**UPDATE ON PROPOSED DISTRICT PLAN**

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1 This report summarises activities carried out since the 24 July 2014 Council resolutions on the Proposed District Plan (PDP). It is intended that an update be given on PDP activities at every Regulatory Management Committee meeting.

**SIGNIFICANCE OF DECISION**

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

**BACKGROUND**

- 3 On 24 July 2014 Council chose Option 4 recommended by the Independent Review of the PDP to continue with a modified PDP process which addresses the Plan as a whole using the "basket of tools" available to Council.
- 4 Option 4 allows Council to build on all the previous work done and also makes use of important input from submitters. It allows engagement with submitters while withdrawing provisions on coastal hazards, priority areas for restoration and hazardous facilities.
- 5 There will be a six month period of submitter consultation and workshops before any formal pre-hearings and hearings begin.
- 6 The Independent Planning Review prepared by Sylvia Allan and Richard Fowler QC provided further legal advice to clarify which rules have immediate legal effect which results in a substantial reduction in the rules listed as having immediate legal effect. Council staff are now preparing to make those changes.
- 7 Council has also chosen to accept the recommendations of the expert coastal panel which recommended further research needed to be done on coastal erosion hazards.
- 8 Council will now formally withdraw all the coastal hazard provisions of the PDP and will commit to a two-to-three year programme of scientific and engineering research.
- 9 Council decided to form a Coastal Advisory Group (CAG) comprised of statutory agencies and community representatives to guide Council's future work programme in consultation with the community.

**EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES**

10 The following external engagement activities have taken place since 20 July 2014.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>Reason for Meeting</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Outcome</u>
21 July	GWRC and KCDC	Coordination of coastal management responsibilities, plans and work programmes.	Regular coordination meetings to be programmed.	Guiding principles for regional and district plan approaches have been established (Appendix 1)  Regional plan coordination working party has been formed and meetings to be programmed.
31 July	Tāngata Whenua working party (TWWP)	Updates on PDP process and advancing Te Ara Whakamua (monitoring work).	Usually meet 6 weekly.  Next meeting Wednesday 6 September 2014.	Selection of a waahi tapu expert for the PDP hearings.  Updates on timing of TWWP review of amendments to PDP chapters.
2 August	Landowners of Te Hapua and Te Harakeke wetlands	Update on Draft Regional Plan wetland provisions by GWRC. KCDC officers provided update on PDP and work underway to coordinate regional plan and PDP policies and rules.	Further meetings to be scheduled as required.	Landowners appreciative of update and supportive of general approach; keen for strong coordination of regional and district plan provisions to ensure consistency and minimise duplication of controls.
11 August	Landowner and LandMatters	Discuss Paraparaumu North Rural Precinct provisions.	Further meetings to be scheduled as required.	Amendments to PDP provisions to be explored for further discussion.
19 August	GWRC	First officer working party meeting to discuss regional plan/PDP consistency issues	TBC	TBC

## INTERNAL ACTIVITIES

- 11 The key internal activities undertaken by staff since the 24 July 2014 Council meeting have included:
- Finalised the new/updated Waahi tapu brochure and distributed to:
    - Members of the tāngata whenua working party and each iwi
    - Heritage New Zealand
    - Greater Wellington Regional Council
    - Horowhenua District Council.
  - Participation in Town Centres and Connectors project team meetings.
  - Establishment of approach to ensure coordination of the Town Centres and Connectors project with the PDP.
  - Rules with immediate effect – changes to be notified to all submitters and plan holders.
  - Progressing work on the withdrawal of PDP provisions as agreed at the 24 July Council meeting.
  - Finalisation of PDP Communications Plan and supporting Implementation Plan. The Communications Plan is attached as Appendix 2.
  - Finalised a detailed Gantt chart under the PDP Project Plan.
  - General planning related policy advice for other parts of Council, including:
    - Coordinating feedback/input for the GWRC Waikanae River Environmental Strategy;
    - Planning advice to KCDC Social Wellbeing Team on the Psychoactive Substances Policy;
    - Collaborating with GWRC on the Draft Regional Plan to ensure consistency with the PDP. A KCDC/GWRC officers' working party is being set up and its first meeting is scheduled for 19 August.

## COMMUNICATIONS

- 12 Media release following the 24 July Council meeting and update of Council's PDP webpage information.
- 13 First 'PDP Update' newsletter introducing the PDP team due for release on Friday 15 August 2014.

## BUDGET UPDATE

- 14 Staff confirm that costs to date are within budget for the 2014/15 financial year.

**IMPLEMENTATION PLAN PROGRESS**

15 Attachment 3 contains the PDP Implementation Plan. Staff confirm that the Implementation Plan is on track.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

16 That the update report be received.

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

Appendix 1: Guiding Principles – Kapiti Coast District Council and Greater Wellington Regional Council, District Plan/Regional Plan – dated 31 July 2014.

Appendix 2: PDP Communications Plan.

Appendix 3: PDP Implementation Plan.