

Chairperson and Committee Members
ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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Meeting Status: **Public**

Purpose of Report: For Decision

DRAFT PUBLIC ART POLICY

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 This report seeks the Committee's approval to release the Draft Public Arts Policy (Appendix One) for consultation.

SIGNIFICANCE OF DECISION

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

BACKGROUND

- 3 The Environment and Community Development Committee approved the Kāpiti Coast District Council *Strategy for Supporting the Arts* on 26 April 2012 (report SP-12-527).
- 4 The Strategy identified the need to manage Council investment and the nature and location of public art in the District. A public art policy was to be developed after approval of the Strategy.
- 5 This report outlines how the Public Art Policy takes this focus and priorities from the Strategy and makes sure they are implemented through the work of the Council.

CONSIDERATIONS

- 6 The policy sets out a framework to establish a coherent, public art programme and a process for the acquisition and management of public art on Council land and in Council facilities. Key components of the policy are:
 - establishing what the Council wants to achieve through public art
 - the role of a Public Art Panel in overseeing the policy - including making recommendations on priority sites, commissioning, acquisition and relocation or removal of public art
 - setting criteria for the assessment of public art proposals
- 7 Provision for public art in all town centre upgrade programmes and in major civic and community facilities is included in Priority 6.3 of the *Strategy for Supporting the Arts*. The policy proposes how this will be achieved in a structured fashion.
- 8 The policy also provides for the management and maintenance of the Council's public art assets, ownership of art works, a process for managing gifts and bequests of public art to the Council, and procedures for the relocation and removal of public art work if needed. This is likely to be seldom used but is a necessary component of a public art policy.

Financial Considerations

- 9 There is funding available for public art through the Council's Public Art Acquisition fund. This policy provides a process to administer that funding.

Legal Considerations

- 10 The policy outlines issues of ownership, gifts and bequests and de-accessioning of Public Art.

Delegation

- 11 The Environment and Community Development Committee has delegated authority to consider this matter under section 7.1 of the Council's *Governance Structure and Delegations*:

7.1 Authority to develop (within any wider existing strategic framework) policies and work programmes that support the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of the community. This authority encompasses the power to:

- *have oversight of all cultural, arts and heritage matters.*

Consultation

- 12 Consultation to date has been undertaken with Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti. If approved this draft policy will be released for public consultation for the period 5 April to 10 May 2013. Feedback will be specifically sought from tāngata whenua, young people, arts funders, and existing arts groups and organisations.

Tāngata Whenua Considerations

- 13 Feedback from Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti has been included in the draft policy. They will have the opportunity to provide additional feedback during the consultation period. Feedback will also be specifically sought from tāngata whenua and mātāwaka.

Publicity Considerations

- 14 There is potential for good publicity from the release of this draft strategy, as it has been long-awaited by the community. A media release will be prepared at the time the draft strategy is released for consultation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 15 That the Environment and Community Development Committee approves the release of the draft Kāpiti Coast District Council Public Arts Policy (Appendix One of report SP-13-842) for consultation, subject to any amendments.

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Appendix One: Draft Kāpiti Coast District Council Public Art Policy