

Chairperson and Committee Members
STRATEGY & POLICY COMMITTEE

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Purpose of Report: For Information

OUR FUTURE WAIKANAĒ BEACH

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 At the request of the Waikanae Community Board, this report presents the Waikanae Beach community's vision and action plan entitled *Our Future Waikanae Beach*. As well as helping Waikanae Beach to respond proactively and positively to response to the potential impacts of the Expressway, the document will provide strategic context for the Long Term Plan.

DELEGATION

- 2 The Strategy and Policy Committee has the delegated authority to consider this matter under 'Part B.1 Strategy and Policy Committee' of the Governance Structure:
 - Development and/or review of strategies, plans, policies and bylaws

BACKGROUND

- 3 Requests were made by the Waikanae Community Board and Waikanae Beach residents for a Community Futures process to support the community to develop its own vision and action plan. The Council agreed to support this highly collaborative process for Waikanae Beach. The process is helping the community respond proactively and positively to the potential impacts of the expressway with its nearby Te Moana Road interchange. The Waikanae Beach Community Futures Project has been a part of the wider Expressway Integration Programme of work.
- 4 Over a period of eighteen months, hundreds of residents took part in the Waikanae Beach Community Futures process at well attended drop-ins and workshops. In addition, feedback was sought from primary and secondary school children and businesses.
- 5 Last year a call was made for volunteers to form a Working Group to draft *Our Future Waikanae Beach*. A Working Group, with around 26 residents including representatives of the Waikanae Beach Residents Society Incorporated, met eight times. They also held report back sessions for residents to give feedback while the document was drafted. Marie Shroff acted as a volunteer facilitator for these sessions.
- 6 Subsequently, a smaller drafting team of Working Group members met regularly to draft the document. In tandem with the drafting process, Te Ātiawa Town Centres Working Group, mandated by Te Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai, provided expert input and guidance for the document. The process has benefited significantly from the substantial involvement of the Community Board and also the generous support of the Waikanae Beach Residents Society. All these contributions are acknowledged and have been key ingredients for its success.

- 7 As a final check back with the community prior to producing the document, residents provided feedback via a survey. The strongest themes from survey responses were support for the vision and action plan, and feedback that the community wants to see *Our Future Waikanae Beach* implemented and carefully monitored.

NEXT STEPS

- 8 The Waikanae Beach community is highly engaged and residents want to be closely involved in their future. The community is already making progress in implementing the plan and some actions are solely in their hands. However, others are dependent on involvement from other parties including the local and regional councils.
- 9 Our Future Waikanae Beach can and will be used in a number of ways:
- The vision, which reflects community aspirations, will be included in the Strategic Context, to inform the development of Activity Management Plans which are key components of the Long Term Plan outlining planned service provision.
 - Along with a character assessment, which is underway, the document will form part of the evidence base for the development of a draft district plan change. The timing of further work on a draft district plan change will be dependent on the hearing panel recommendations, the council decision, and appeals if any.
 - The Community Board, Waikanae Beach Residents Society, and individual residents will be able to use *Our Future Waikanae Beach* as a supporting document for submissions to Council processes including the Annual and Long Term Plans.
- 10 *Our Future Waikanae Beach* is the Waikanae Beach community's living document. It provides an agreed vision and high level actions to achieve the community's vision. The next stage will include the mapping out of the actions in more detail to enable progress and monitoring. The Waikanae Community Board plans to continue to support the work to achieve the vision and action plan by:
- advocating for actions within the plan and resources to achieve them. The outcome of this advocacy on the Council work programme will be dependent on available resourcing and an assessment of District-wide needs;
 - playing a facilitation role with the community, individuals, Te Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai and the Waikanae Beach Residents Society to help everyone work together to achieve the vision and action plan aims;
 - keeping a regular focus on the work with a standing item in Matters Under Action to ensure that progress is monitored, and
 - working to implement the plan via integration into their Strategic Plan.
- 11 It is recommended that the Strategy and Policy Committee note *Our Future Waikanae Beach* and acknowledge the expertise and commitment of Waikanae Beach residents, Te Ātiawa Town Centre Working Group and the Waikanae Community Board in creating this vision and action plan.

CONSIDERATIONS

Policy considerations

- 12 *Our Future Waikanae Beach* will form part of the 2018 Long Term Plan Strategic Context.

Legal considerations

- 13 There are no legal considerations.

Financial considerations

- 14 There are no financial considerations at this point. *Our Future Waikanae Beach* will provide guidance for decisions affecting Waikanae Beach made within existing budgets and made through the 2018 Long Term Plan process.

Tāngata whenua considerations

- 15 Te Ātiawa Town Centres Working Group has provided guidance and input into both the process and drafting of the *Our Future Waikanae Beach*.

SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

Degree of significance

- 16 This matter has a low level of significance under Council policy.

Consultation already undertaken

- 17 There has been extensive consultation and communication with Waikanae Beach residents and regular reporting to the Waikanae Community Board.

Publicity

- 18 As there is a high degree of interest in Waikanae Beach about this work, the Waikanae Community Board will provide regular updates to the community. *Our Future Waikanae Beach* is available on the Council website and copies of the document were shared at the Waikanae Community Board meeting, amongst networks and at the Waikanae Service Centre.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 19 That the Strategy and Policy Committee notes the Waikanae Beach community's vision and action plan entitled *Our Future Waikanae Beach*.

- 20 That the Strategy and Policy Committee notes that:

- the community is already making progress in implementing the plan and will be able to use *Our Future Waikanae Beach* as supporting material for advocacy,
- the Waikanae Community Board will continue to support the implementation of the plan by providing facilitation, advocacy and monitoring roles, and that

- *Our Future Waikanae Beach* will be included in the Strategic Context to inform the Long Term Plan and inform the development of a draft plan change.
- 21 That the Strategy and Policy Committee acknowledges the expertise and commitment of Waikanae Beach residents, Te Ātiawa Town Centre Working Group and the Waikanae Community Board in creating this vision and action plan of the Waikanae Beach community.
- 22 That the Strategy and Policy Committee thanks the many volunteers involved in the creation of *Our Future Waikanae Beach*.

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Appendix One: *Our Future Waikanae Beach*
Available on the Council Website [Our Future Waikanae Beach](#)