

Chairperson and Community Board Members
WAIKANAE COMMUNITY BOARD

14 MARCH 2017

Meeting Status: **Public**

Purpose of Report: For Decision

OUR FUTURE WAIKANAE BEACH

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 The purpose of this report is to seek endorsement from the Waikanae Community Board for Our Future Waikanae Beach and adopt an implementation and monitoring approach. Waikanae Beach residents, with the support of the Board, have developed this vision and action plan over the last eighteen months.

DELEGATION

- 2 The Waikanae Community Board has the delegated authority to consider this matter under 'Part D Community Boards' of the Governance Structure:
 - Authority to **listen, articulate, advise, advocate** and make recommendations to Council on any matter of interest or concern to the local community
 - Working with Council and the community to establish Local Outcome Statements
 - **Providing a local perspective** on the levels of service as detailed in the LTP and on local expenditure, rate impacts and priorities

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 process has been highly collaborative and helps the community respond proactively and positively to the potential impacts of the expressway with its nearby Te Moana Road interchange. The Board has been provided with regular updates on the process.
- 4 Over the last eighteen months hundreds of residents have taken part in the 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. Subsequently a small drafting team of Working Group members have been very busy. 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 by 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.

- 6 The Waikanae Beach community is highly engaged and residents want to be closely involved in their future. Most recently, residents have been providing feedback via a survey. The strongest themes from responses to this survey are support for the vision and action plan, and feedback that the community wants to see Our Future Waikanae Beach implemented and carefully monitored.

ISSUES

Next steps

- 7 The challenges for the next stage of the process are to maintain the relationship the community has with this living document and provide a good framework to encourage and monitor progress. Our Future Waikanae Beach provides an agreed vision and high level actions to achieve the community's vision. During the next stage of this work, the actions in the document will need to be spelled out in more detail to enable progress and monitoring. Steps need to be put in place to support ongoing conversations about the plan.
- 8 The Waikanae Beach community is already making progress in implementing the plan and some actions are solely in their hands. However, others require 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 will start shortly, 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 The Waikanae Community Board can continue to support the work to achieve the vision and action plan by:
 - advocating for actions within the plan and resources to achieve them. Note, that the outcome of this advocacy on the Council work programme will be dependent on available resourcing;
 - 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 Community Board endorse Our Future Waikanae Beach to demonstrate the Board's support and commitment to the work.

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 will be available on the Council website.

RECOMMENDATIONS

19 That the Waikanae Community Board:

- a. endorses Our Future Waikanae Beach as tabled at this meeting, acknowledges the extensive community engagement, and thanks the many volunteers for their work
- b. continues to provide advocacy and facilitation to ensure the implementation and monitoring of Our Future Waikanae Beach
- c. recommends that Our Future Waikanae Beach be placed as an item on the Strategy & Policy Committee agenda for noting

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