

Chairperson and Members
REGULATORY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

23 JULY 2015

Meeting Status: **Public**

Purpose of Report: For Information

JULY 2015 UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED DISTRICT PLAN

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 This report summarises activities carried out since the last update provided to RMC on 11 June 2015.

DELEGATION

- 2 This report is for information purposes and does not seek a decision.

BACKGROUND

- 3 On 24 July 2014, the Council chose Option 4 recommended by the Independent Review of the Proposed District Plan (PDP). This option is to continue with a modified PDP process which addresses the Plan as a whole using the 'basket of tools' available to the Council.

EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

- 4 The following table lists the external engagement activities that have taken place since the last update which recorded activities up to 29 May 2015.

Date	Who	Reason for meeting	Outcome
4 June 2015	Rural submitter and planning consultant	To discuss submission on the Paraparaumu North Rural Precinct	Will assist in evaluating and responding to the submission
4 June 2014	Rural Issues Group	Initial information on proposed changes to line delineating Tararua Outstanding Natural Character. An outline of proposed changes to Ch 7 Rural Zone	Part of an ongoing process of working with these submitters. Will assist in obtaining quality feedback on the SEV
24 June 2015	Greater Wellington Regional Council	To discuss changes to Ch 9 Hazards in the SEV	Will assist in obtaining quality feedback on the SEV
26 June 2015	Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga	To discuss changes to Ch10 Heritage in the SEV	Will assist in obtaining quality feedback on the SEV

Date	Who	Reason for meeting	Outcome
2 July 2015	Paraparaumu Golf Course	To discuss submission points related to Ch 8 Open Space	Will assist in obtaining quality feedback on the SEV
2 July 2015	Individual submitter	To outstanding issues following provision of site specific technical report on flood hazard issues to the submitter	Will assist in identifying unresolved issues

- 5 The PDP team has also been working with Customer Service staff to respond to enquiries about the fieldwork for the Urban Tree Variation.

INTERNAL ACTIVITIES

- 6 The key internal activities undertaken by staff since the last update include:
- Participation in Town Centres and Connectors meetings to ensure coordination with the PDP.
 - Release of the Submitter Engagement Version on 15 June 2015.
 - Responding to requests for further information about the Submitter Engagement Version. This includes requests for electronic copies of documents, and requests to schedule meetings during Chapter Lead drop-ins between 29 June and 21 August.
 - Briefing to the Council on 25 June 2015 about the PDP approach to management of business and retail activities.
 - Review of the consultation document on a proposed National Environmental Standard on plantation forestry. This will be covered in a separate presentation to this committee.
 - Health and Safety training.

CONSIDERATIONS

Policy considerations

- 7 There are no policy considerations that need to be referenced.

Legal considerations

- 8 There are no legal considerations that need to be referenced. Simpson Grierson provided legal input into the preparation of the Submitter Engagement Version of the PDP and will continue to do so as required.

Financial considerations

- 9 Costs prior to 1 July are within budget for the 2014/15 financial year. Subsequent costs are within budget for the 2015/16 financial year.

Implementation plan update

- 10 The implementation plan is attached as Attachment 1.

Tāngata whenua considerations

- 11 There are no specific tāngata whenua considerations in this update report. The PDP engagement plan provides for workshops with the Tāngata Whenua Working Party.

SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

Degree of significance

- 12 The PDP is now in the statutory phase between the close of submissions and the commencement of hearings. As the PDP process has already been adopted by the Council this report has a low degree of significance.

Engagement

- 13 The PDP implementation plan (refer to Attachment 1) provides for additional submitter engagement and prehearing meetings which are not required under the RMA. The submitter engagement phase is specifically identified in the implementation plan and runs until March 2016. Submitters who wish to provide written feedback to the Submitter Engagement Version are being encouraged to do so by September 2015.

Publicity and communications

- 14 There is a Communications Plan for the PDP. In line with this, a comprehensive PDP Update Newsletter was provided to submitters when the Submitter Engagement Version was released on 15 June 2015. The newsletter provided information about:
- The key changes made in the SEV in response to submissions
 - Matters not changed which require further discussion with submitters
 - The updated summary of submissions which has been annotated to identify submission points affected by the withdrawal of provisions
 - The proposed urban trees variation
 - Harmonisation with the Greater Wellington Regional Council
 - The process from here and opportunities for further engagement.
- 15 The council website has been updated to include the SEV and associated explanatory material.
- 16 Individual submitters have been provided with technical reports that the Council has obtained to address site specific issues they have raised. These reports relate to flood hazards, slope stability and erosion, and existing or suggested scheduled trees.
- 17 Affected submitters have been advised by letter that the summary of submissions has been annotated to identify the effect of the withdrawal of provisions on specific submission points.

- 18 A council media release on 15 June advised of a proposed variation to the PDP to provide specific details for urban trees protected under the PDP. This is to meet new Resource Management Act requirements. The council is consulting on the proposed Urban Trees Variation during June and July with the intention of notifying it by 4 September.
- 19 A further media release on 29 June advised that 6000 letters had been sent to owners or occupants of properties in urban areas with protected trees. The release explained that field workers would be out verifying data held on the Council's tree database. It also reinforced the fact that an Urban Tree Variation was being prepared and that this would give the opportunity to improve the rules relating to the trimming of trees

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 20 That the update report be received.

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ATTACHMENTS

- 1 PDP Implementation Plan

