

TE WHAKAMINENGA O KĀPITI

26th April 2010

TANGATA WHENUA DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. This report seeks support for the District Plan Review process and confirmation of funding for the Tangata Whenua District Plan Review Working Party

BACKGROUND

2. The preparation of a District Plan is mandatory and is a principle means by which Kāpiti Coast District Council seeks to ensure the sustainable management of the natural and physical resources of the district. A District Plan assists Council in carrying out its functions in order to achieve the purposes of the RMA. Councils are required to review their District Plan at least every 10 years.
3. Council is currently reviewing the plan. Although the timeframes for reviews are not legislated, a reasonable review might start 2-3 years before notification. Therefore the council foresees the end of the review (notifying the District Plan for submissions) in 2012, followed by submissions, hearing and appeals.
4. In 2009/2010, Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti signalled a clear desire to participate in the review of the District Plan. The mechanism for tangata whenua involvement to this review was identified as the establishment of a District Plan Working Party which was established and met for the first time on the 2nd of December 2010.
5. The group consists of representation from each of the three iwi groups in the district. The original intent of this group was:
 - a. to meet on a monthly basis to review each of the seven District Plan Review discussion papers released by Council in October 2010; and
 - a. inform tangata whenua values and ensure these are reflected within all aspects of the District Plan.
6. This approach has since been expanded. Iwi members to the Working Party have confirmed they would like to include a parallel process which would provide for a proactive method to ensure iwi values inform policy development early in the process. This work will take approximately 23 weeks to conclude.

CONSIDERATIONS

Issues and Options

7. It is envisaged that the work will progress in three stages. These stages will include:
 - Stage 1:** the revision and clear explanation of key Māori values and the relationship these values have within a kaupapa Māori framework;
 - Stage 2:** the development of Māori values (social, environmental, economic, cultural (hapū, iwi)) and aspirations within the context of the seven discussion documents and subsequent chapters in the District Plan; and
 - Stage 3:** the analysis of values and aspirations underpinned by kaupapa Māori as well as the evolution of tikanga Māori policy development to be incorporated and used in the district plan review process.

8. In order to determine how these three stages will progress, the following method is a suggestion from the Tangata Whenua District Plan Working Party:
 - a. confirmation of the potential processes;
 - b. defining critical aspects as determined by tangata whenua;
 - c. develop processes and resources for monthly meetings;
 - d. identification of key people to provide input into the work;
 - e. monthly meetings with iwi representatives (full day)to:
 - i. present and compile contributions from the three iwi toward the previous months work stream;
 - ii. determine the next work stream and the approach taken on the content of the next work stream. Determine within each work stream:
 - aspects most important to tangata whenua within each of the discussion documents;
 - what are the tangata whenua aspirations for these areas?
 - what are the restrictions needed for these areas?
 - management of sites and the provision of communications for the public regarding the unique nature and relationship tangata whenua have with the sites in relation to topics as identified through each of the discussion documents.
 - iii. monthly feed back to the Tangata Whenua District Plan Working Party;
 - f. This process will be followed for each of the seven discussion documents.
 - g. Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti will receive regular updates on the work and the final compilation of information will be reported in a full report with recommendations from Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti to Council.
9. This method will ensure that:
 - h. progress and continuity is maintained inside the timeframe; and
 - i. the District Plan encapsulates Māori values, perspectives, world views, philosophy, and methodology and methods for the sustainable management of the districts resources.
10. It is proposed that Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti contributes to the advancement of this important work.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

11. Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti has not yet allocated funding for the Tangata Whenua District Plan Review Working Party. The District Plan Review Budget has accommodated these costs to date. This budget has to date funded the monthly meeting for iwi to review and provide input to the current discussion topics. This current review process will continue to be funded through the District Plan Review Budget.
12. The parallel process will take approximately 23 weeks to complete. The majority of this will come from Councils existing budgets including the District Plan Review Budget. To make this work, \$15,000.00 is required from the Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti work plan for 2010/11 and 2011/12
13. The amount of \$15,000.00 can be considered as follows:
 - a. \$5,000.00 from the current 2010-2011 budget from the Capacity Building work stream;

- b. \$10,000.00 from the 2011-2012 budget.

CONCLUSION

- 14. The District Plan is an opportunity for the iwi and hapū of this district to reflect, review and make a contribution to the future of the district. Once completed and compiled along with philosophy, worldview, values and kaupapa, methods and methodology, a substantial document should be developed to support the aspirations of iwi with particular regard to the use and development of our districts natural resources.
- 15. The work has the potential to complement the advancement of Iwi Management Plans.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 16. That Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti:
 - a. supports the three stage parallel review process as identified through the Tangata Whenua District Plan Review;
 - b. confirms the amount of \$5,000.00 from the 2010/2011 budget and work plan; and
 - c. agrees in principle to allocate \$10,000.00 from the 2011/2012 work plan and budget

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ATTACHMENTS: