

# Heritage Policy Review

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# Background

- 2018 - demolition of buildings in Petone 🖱️ officers directed to review Heritage Policy 2008
- included engagement via survey late 2018 and kanohi ki te kanohi community engagement early 2019
- 857 people responded to survey
- kanohi ki te kanohi engagement
  - six Open Days held - 130 individuals attended
  - 41 community organisations and experts contacted

# Background

- Mana whenua engagement limited – resourcing issues
- Results of engagement reported to elected members
- Community expects the city to have a robust Heritage Policy that:
  - enjoys broad community support
  - provides Council, and where relevant heritage building owners, with a solid platform for future planning and decision making

## Background – Council decision

- April 2019, Council accepted the Policy and Regulatory Committee's recommendations that a draft Heritage Policy be developed Minute No. PRC 19205 and Council Minute No. C 19215(2)
- Recommendations included:
  - a draft definition of heritage values and
  - agreed objectives for a draft Heritage Policy as a starting point for engagement and consultation

# District Plan Review

- The Heritage chapter of the District Plan is among the first to be reviewed
- Having an agreed Heritage Policy will:
  - provide the vision, outcomes and principles needed to underpin the review of District Plan's heritage chapter
  - focus engagement, discussion and debate on the overarching policy
  - enable the review of the District Plan's heritage chapter to focus on the "how" of achieving the vision, outcomes and principles of the Heritage Policy

# Financial Implications

The draft policy proposes that \$150,000 is invested in conservation incentives for built heritage and sites of significance. This could include:

- Connecting heritage building owners/kaitiaki with specialist heritage advice and support
- Resource and building consent waivers and rates rebate – a heritage rebate already exists in the Rating Policy which is currently under review
- Fund building and sites of significance conservation related work for listed heritage buildings and sites of significance
- Further developing heritage programmes, activities and services providing access to and celebration of heritage

# Engagement

- Live webinar speaker series - the first in this series is cultural and built heritage - will socialise District Plan and Heritage Policy review

## **Objectives:**

- Focus the attention of stakeholders (private and commercial heritage property owners, developers, architects, consultants, heritage and historic community groups) with a specific interest in heritage on the District Plan and heritage policy reviews
- Increase broader awareness of the value of the history and heritage of Lower Hutt
- Increase wider community awareness of the District Plan and heritage policy reviews.

## **Target audiences**

- Private owners of heritage buildings
  - Commercial owners of heritage buildings
  - Developers with an interest in heritage
  - Architects, consultants
  - Local historic and heritage groups
- Heritage week 26 October to 1<sup>st</sup> November ideal timing for launching engagement

# Next Steps

- **Draft policy:**
  - Extraordinary Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee meeting late October (could coincide with LTP subcommittee meeting 27 October) **OR**
  - Approved for engagement Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee – 17 November
- **Engagement**
  - 28 October and all November – back for decisions in late February; timely decision making for District Plan review; coincides with Heritage Week to launch engagement; covers any LTP implications and enables further consultation on these **OR**
  - 18 November to 22 December – runs up hard on LTP work and leaves little time for assessing financial impacts prior to consultation on LTP; will delay District Plan review progress