

OPEN BRIEFING ON STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS SECTION OF THE NEW DISTRICT PLAN 22 JULY 2021 – 4.05PM



ATTENDEES

Elected Members: Mayor Barry, Deputy Mayor Lewis, Cr Briggs, Cr Brown, Cr Dyer, Cr Edwards, Cr Hislop, Cr Mitchell, Cr Rasheed, Cr Shaw, Ms Hanna and Mr Voutratzis

Staff: Head of District Plan Policy, Senior Policy Planner and Head of Democratic Services

APOLOGIES

Elected Members: Cr Sutton

ABSENCE

Elected Members: Cr Milne

KEY OBJECTIVES OF THE BRIEFING

This open briefing is on scoping and developing the Strategic Directions section of the new District Plan.

BACKGROUND

In the new District Plan, Council is required to include a section called 'Strategic Directions'. The current Operative District Plan does not have an equivalent section.

For this new section, Council must include a chapter on 'Urban Form and Development'. Council also has the option of including the following matters in the Strategic Directions section:

- *Key strategic or significant resource management matters for the district*
- *Issues (if any) and objectives at a strategic level to address the above matters*
- *Policies, unless those policies are better located in other more specific chapters*
- *How resource management issues of significance to iwi authorities are addressed in the plan*

COUNCIL'S STRATEGIC PRIORITIES/DIRECTION

Council sets strategic priorities or direction through a range of high-level planning or policy documents. These documents are to varying degrees relevant to the District Plan, which focuses on land use, subdivision and development in the city.

LONG TERM PLAN 2021 - 2041

In the Long Term Plan 2021 – 2041, Council identified six key priorities to focus investment in the city. These six priorities are:

- *Whakangao i ngā poupou hapori – Investing in Infrastructure*
- *Hei Āhuru Mōwai mō te Katoa – Increasing housing supply*
- *Tiaki Taiao – Caring for and protecting our environment*

- *Taunaki Ōhanga Auaha, Tāone Whakapoapoa*
- *Tūhono Hapori – Connecting communities*
- *Whakauka Ahumoni – Financial sustainability*

URBAN GROWTH STRATEGY 2012 - 2032

In the Urban Growth Strategy 2012 - 2032, Council identified five goals for urban growth, which are:

- *Capacity and demand for great living and a thriving commercial sector*
- *An economy that can compete in our world in 2040*
- *Thriving and distinctive centres that anchor Hutt City*
- *Fantastic recreational opportunities, the natural environment, and character urban environment underpin Hutt City's quality of life*
- *A city that is connected, driving opportunities for commerce, living and playing*

WELLINGTON REGIONAL GROWTH FRAMEWORK 2021

The Wellington Regional Growth Framework identifies six objectives for the Wellington-Horowhenua region:

1. *Increase housing supply, and improve housing affordability and choice*
2. *Enable growth that protects and enhances the quality of the natural environment and accounts for a transition to a low/no carbon future*
3. *Improve multi-modal access to and between housing, employment, education and services*
4. *Encourage sustainable, resilient and affordable settlement patterns/urban form that make efficient use of existing infrastructure and resources*
5. *Build climate change resilience and avoid increasing the impacts and risks from natural hazards*
6. *Create employment opportunities.*

To achieve these objectives, the Framework identifies six key moves:

1. *Harness growth to make the region's housing and urban areas more affordable and liveable and provide more housing choice – 'walkable neighbourhoods'*
2. *Make better use of the region's limited supply of well-located greenfield land*
3. *Fully unlock the urban development potential of current and future rapid transit orientated corridors particularly the Let's Get Wellington Moving corridor.*
4. *Unlock new areas for housing and urban development and deliver greater regional resilience with a major west-east multi-modal corridor*
5. *Deliver transformational housing and development outcomes for iwi/Māori*
6. *Address the urban development challenges of climate change and transitioning to a zero-carbon economy at a regional scale*

NEXT STEPS

Council is currently working on projects which would also include the strategic directions for the District Plan. For example, the Integrated Transport Strategy and the Community Climate Change Response. As these projects continue in parallel with the District Plan Review, they can potentially inform the Strategic Directions section of the District Plan.

The briefing closed at 5.15pm.

Attachment 1 – Initial Working Draft of Strategic Directions Chapter