

Inaugural Te Kārearea Hui

June 2020

Formation of Te Kārearea

A number of hui, briefings and workshops since November highlighting a strong desire from both of the partners to be more strategic

Working Group of councillors and hapu established in February to work through options and make a recommendation to Council on ToR

Recommendations of the Working Group adopted in May (post Covid) establishing:

“Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Forum from June 2020 - September 2020 in order to bed in a new way of working, and test Terms of Reference”.

Looking back . . .

CLOSED		Item	Actions	Date logged	Date closed	Status
Rating	Rates structure review	In April 2017 Council provided Te Karearea with an overview of the Rating Structure review and agreed to discuss the rating of Maori land as a separate process from the wider engagement process. It was also agreed that Schedule 11 of the Rating Act would be a specific focus of that discussion. A suitable forum for this will be arranged in the near future.	<p>Interest in a workshop on schedule 11 was repeated.</p> <p>Te Huinga invited staff to attend a Te Huinga meeting to have a workshop on the Rating Policy. Also a report to Te Karearea was requested.</p> <p>The preferred rating policy will be included in the Consultation Document for the Long Term 2018-28 that will be provided to the members at this meeting.</p> <p>Treatment for Maori land will form part of broader Council rating review.</p> <p>Offer still stands for Rating team to visit Marae on invitation to work through options.</p>	19/04/2017	Jun-18	Closed
Papakainga Plan	Papakainga Plan Change	Updates on the Papakainga Plan Change were requested.	An update to be provided for the Papakainga Plan change appeal. A report will be on the agenda of the Te Karearea Meeting on 16 August 2017			Closed
Animal Control	Wandering Stock	Horahora River - cattle	<p>Violet Slade advised Simon Weston of ongoing problems of stock getting into the Horahora River. NRC have been advised on several occasions. Simon to follow up. CRM CS007574</p> <p>18/3/19 Email sent to NRC asking for an update. Advised that for these types of issues however you should phone the Regional Council's environmental hotline:0800 504 639.Please see also the Regional Council's 'contact us' page on their website.https://www.nrc.govt.nz/your-council/contact-us/contact-us/. CRM closed</p>	20/02/2019	19/06/2019	Closed
Infrastructure	Toilets	Rose Wellington	<p>The high volumes of holiday makers/tourists to Wellingtons Bay puts a strain on the infrastructure. Would Council consider additional/composting toilets? It was also raised that the land the toilet is located on is tapu (sacred).</p> <p>CRM created WA075497 assigned to Grant Alsop. Under review. Grant emailed Rose. Hi Rose,</p> <p>Thank you for your call regarding the need for an additional toilet at Whangaumu Bay. Sorry for the delay with replying to you. There is no plan at the moment to put another permanent toilet facility at that location.</p> <p>I appreciate that during the peak period of Dec, Jan &Feb that the bay is very popular with locals and visitors to our district. During the other 9 months of the year that toilet block copes really well with the number of visitors.</p> <p>Therefore, I will look into the possibility of putting a couple of Portaloos out there for the peak season, as well as increasing the amount of daily cleans for the facilities.</p> <p>Regarding the existing toilet block being on land regarded tapu.I was unaware of that.I will speak with the Maori Relationship staff about what are the best options, moving forward with that site. CRM to be closed</p>	20/03/2019	19/06/2019	Closed
Parks	Reserves	Signage on council land in carparks, public toilet areas etc	<p>Historically there has always been a Rahui on Rangi Tapu, placed by our Tupuna many years ago. Growing up we were always told to stay off the Maunga.</p> <p>Te Whanau O Rangiwhakaahu Hapu have made it public that a Rahui is going ahead. Our aim is to make another public statement before Easter weekend. The goal is to</p>	20/03/2019	19/06/2019	Closed

What does strategic look like?

Today is about reconnecting, updating and starting that discussion. Some prompts:

- How do we develop a strategic focus?
- What are the collective priorities?
- What is the purpose/decision making powers required to deliver on these?

Elephants in the room . . .

- The sphere of control/influence of each of the partners
- Determining what needs to change, and what we want to preserve

Plan to frame the discussion around two core processes, RMA and LTP.

Tane Whakapiripiri

Sought to 'lift the capacity of ngā hapū o Whangārei to engage with Local Government in matters of importance relating to natural resource protection, management and any associated economic opportunity'.

1. Ngā hapū o Whangarei Technicians Pool/Roopu
2. RMA Engagement Wananga/Workshop schedule
3. Online Toolkit/Portal
4. Kahui Kaumatua/Taumata

Implementation being worked through by hapū but there is potentially strong alignment

TANE
WHAKAPIRIPIRI

LIFTING NGĀ HAPŪ O WHANGĀREI CAPACITY TO ENGAGE WITH LOCAL
GOVERNMENT IN REGARD TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT

Resource Management Act

Section 5 - Purpose of the RMA

- (1) The purpose of this Act is to promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources.
- (2) In this Act, *sustainable management* means managing the use, development, and protection of natural and physical resources in a way, or at a rate, which enables people and communities to provide for their social, economic, and cultural well-being and for their health and safety while—
 - (a) sustaining the potential of natural and physical resources (excluding minerals) to meet the reasonably foreseeable needs of future generations; and
 - (b) safeguarding the life-supporting capacity of air, water, soil, and ecosystems; and
 - (c) avoiding, remedying, or mitigating any adverse effects of activities on the environment.

Section 6 Matters of National Importance

Recognise and provide for the following matters of national importance:

- (a) the preservation of the natural character of the coastal environment (including the coastal marine area), wetlands, and lakes and rivers and their margins, and the protection of them from inappropriate subdivision, use, and development:
- (b) the protection of outstanding natural features and landscapes from inappropriate subdivision, use, and development:
- (c) the protection of areas of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna:
- (d) the maintenance and enhancement of public access to and along the coastal marine area, lakes, and rivers:
- (e) **the relationship of Maori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral lands, water, sites, waahi tapu, and other taonga:**
- (f) the protection of historic heritage from inappropriate subdivision, use, and development:
- (g) **the protection of protected customary rights:**
- (h) the management of significant risks from natural hazards.

Section 7 Other Matters

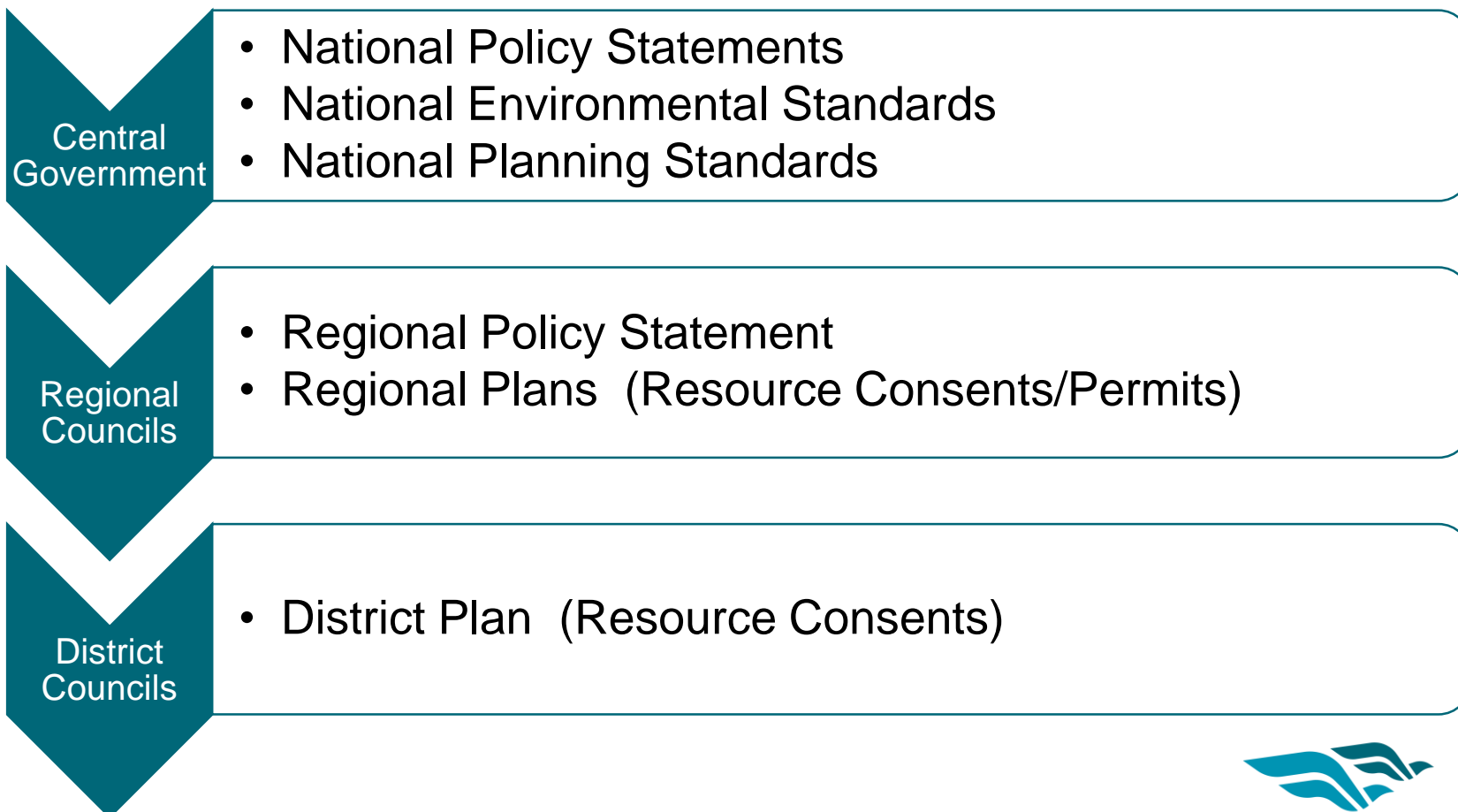
shall have particular regard to—

- (a) **kaitiakitanga:**
 - (aa) the ethic of stewardship:
 - (b) the efficient use and development of natural and physical resources:
 - (ba) the efficiency of the end use of energy:
 - (c) the maintenance and enhancement of amenity values:
 - (d) intrinsic values of ecosystems:
 - (e) [Repealed]
 - (f) maintenance and enhancement of the quality of the environment:
 - (g) any finite characteristics of natural and physical resources:
 - (h) the protection of the habitat of trout and salmon:
 - (i) the effects of climate change:
 - (j) the benefits to be derived from the use and development of renewable energy.

Section 8 Treaty of Waitangi

In achieving the purpose of this Act, all persons exercising functions and powers under it, in relation to managing the use, development, and protection of natural and physical resources, shall **take into account the principles of** the Treaty of Waitangi (Te Tiriti o Waitangi).

RMA Responsibilities

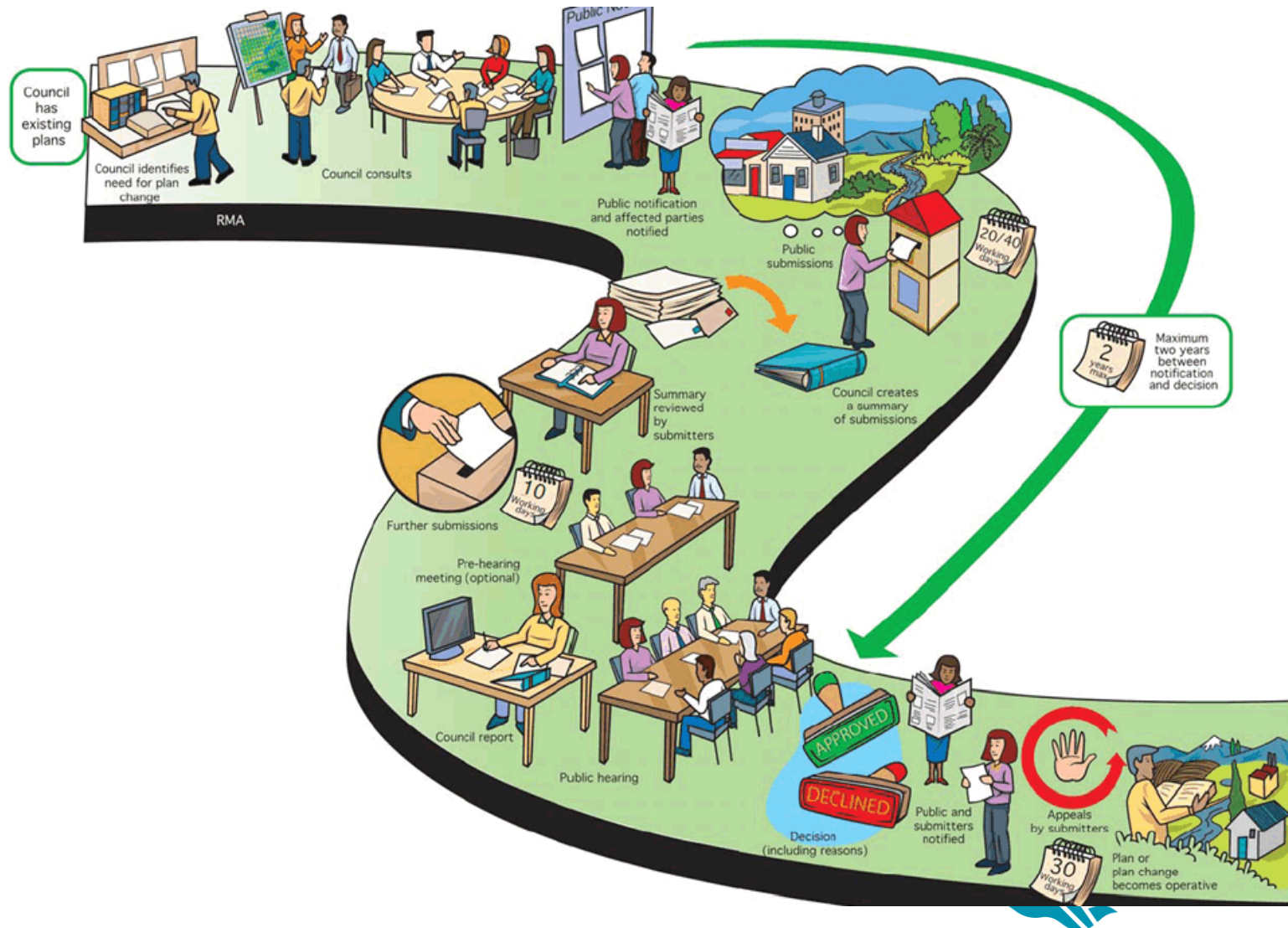


Mana Whakahono a Rohe

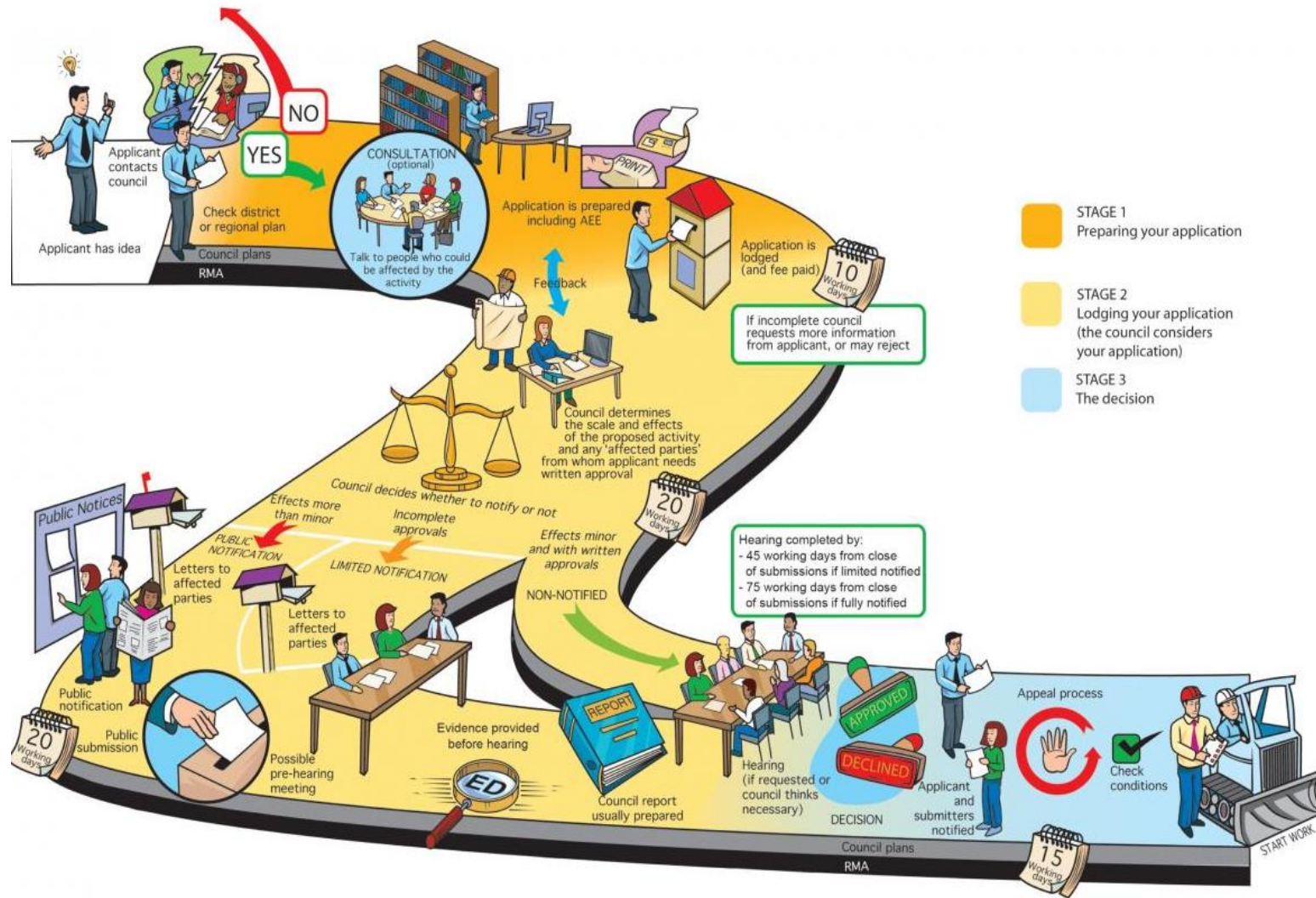
The purpose of a Mana Whakahono a Rohe is:

- To provide a mechanism for iwi authorities, hapu and local authorities to discuss, agree, and record ways in which tangata whenua may participate in resource management and decision-making process.
- To assist local authorities to comply with their statutory duties through the implementation of sections 6e, 7a and 8.

Plan Change Process



Resource Consent Process



Resource Consent Activity Status

Permitted Activity

- Undertaken without RC, sometimes with performance standards to be met.

Controlled Activity

- RC required, Council must grant consent, conditions and consideration is limited to the specific rule breach and matters of control.

Restricted Discretionary Activity

- RC required, Council must have very extreme reasons for declining, conditions and consideration is limited to the specific rule breach and matters of discretion, application may be notified.

Discretionary Activity

- RC required, activity is considered to be generally in accordance with the DP objectives and policies, Council may decline, no limit to discretion, application may be notified.

Non-Complying Activity

- RC required, can only be granted if council is satisfied that either the adverse effects of the activity on the environment will be minor or the activity will not be contrary to the objectives and policies of the plan.

Prohibited Activity

- RC will not be considered, activity is not to occur under any circumstances. Plan Change would be required to change the rule.

Notification

Public Notification

(Allows any person to lodge a submission)

Council must notify application if:

- The activity will have or is likely to have more than minor adverse effects.
- The applicant requests public notification
- A rule on National Environmental Standard requires notification.

Council may publicly notify if special circumstances exist.

Limited Notification

(Allows affected persons to lodge a submission)

- Affected persons must be notified unless a rule or National Environmental Standard precludes limited notification.
- Where affected parties have provided their written approval, they are not served notice and cannot lodge a submission.

Opportunities to be Involved with Consents

- Sites of Significance to Maori – Chapter 60
- Discretionary/Non-complying Activities must be considered against Chapter 7.
- Matters of discretion and control in Rural Area provisions.
- Policy and information requirements in Minerals provisions.

Options to Amend DP to Increase RC Involvement

- Protection rules
- Information requirement rules
- Notification rules
- Matters of control and discretion
- Policy direction

District Plan Rolling Review

Operative Plan Changes

- Noise and Vibration
- Historic Heritage
- Critical Electricity Lines and Substations
- Network Utilities
- Papakāinga
- Genetically Modified Organisms
- Marsden Primary Centre
- Ruakaka Equine Environment
- Rural Area and Rural Environments
- Minerals
- Landscapes
- Coastal Area
- Designations
- Public and Notable Trees

Future Plan Changes

- Tangata Whenua / Mana Whenua
- Biodiversity
- Natural Hazards
- Hazardous Substances
- Temporary Activities
- Esplanade Reserves and Priority Areas
- National Planning Standards Implementation

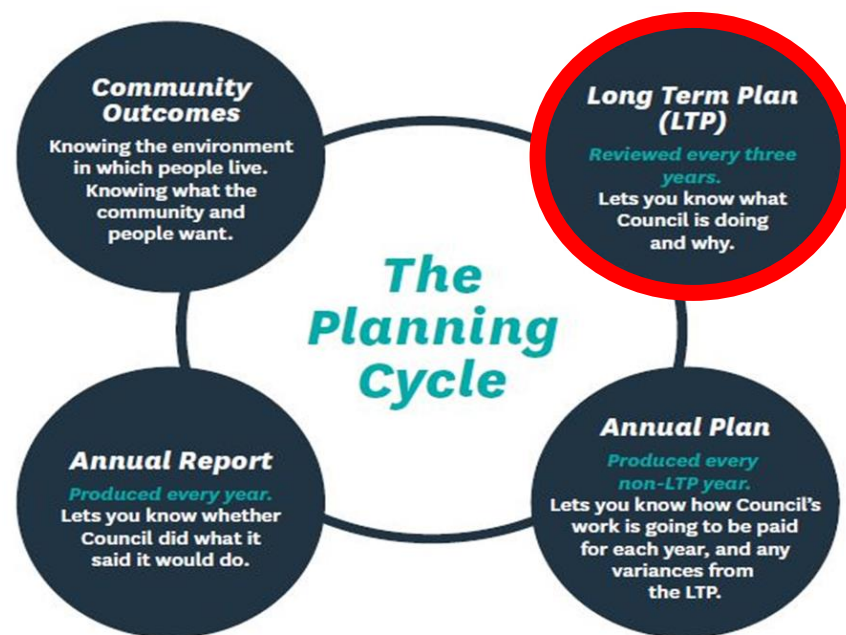
Long Term Plan

Long Term Plan overview

The LTP sets out what we will do over the next 10 years. It outlines:

- programmes and projects to be undertaken in 10 years (with more detail for the first three years)
- The levels of service and performance measures for our community across key council functions
- The financing and funding we will need to achieve what we want to do.

The Local Government Act sets out the parameters of what the LTP needs to include, as well as process we need to follow.



The Long Term Plan journey . . .

2008-2012

- Stalled with GFC, addressed urgent wastewater

2012-2015

- Significant use of property sales revenue to fund new/renewal of assets

2015-2018

- Catch-up rates increase to have annual revenues to fund both operating and capital expenditure

2018-2021

- Consolidating catchup, but balancing/managing growth and increasing community expectations

2021-2024 - ????



Process to date

While initial briefings had commenced Council has had to rework the LTP programme in response to COVID. This has involved:

- Council's priorities for discretionary spend through the LTP;
 - Transport (Roding and Public Access)
 - Revitalising the City Core
 - Potential Northport expansion/Navy relocation
 - Sustainability (including waste minimisation)
 - Housing
- Developing a COVID-19 Response Strategy
- Reviewing Strategic Drivers as a result of the Response Strategy

Strategic Drivers



LTP the building blocks

The development of the LTP is supported and directed by a number of key documents

As Council progresses through the development of the LTP challenging decisions, direction setting and trade-offs will be required.



LTP Process overview

A busy 12 months ahead, and two months behind due COVID. We have structured the process into 5 Phases:

Phase 1: Information Building Blocks

Phase 2: Direction Setting

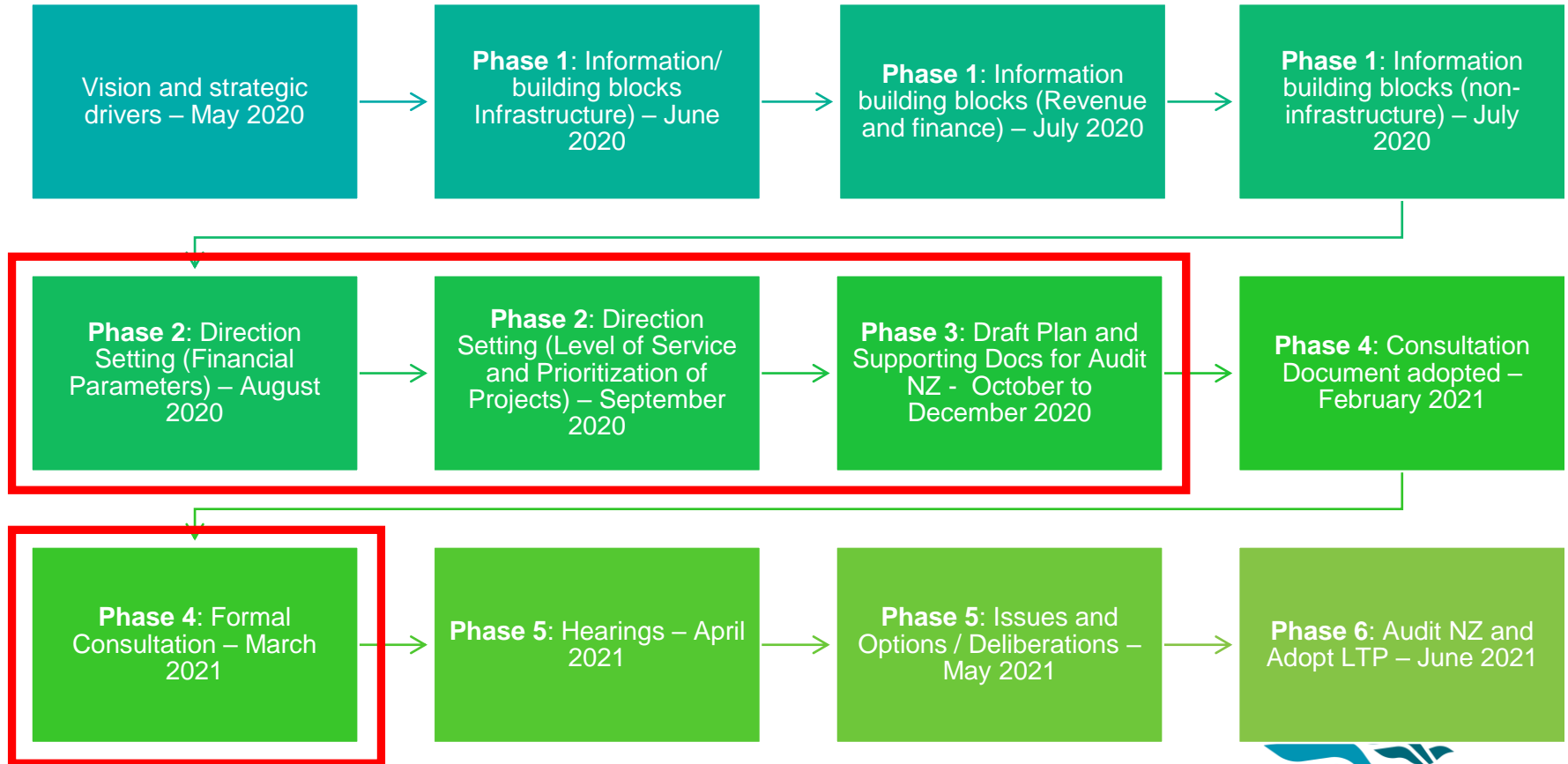
Phase 3: Draft LTP and Supporting Docs for Audit NZ

Phase 4: Consultation

Phase 5: Deliberations

Phase 6: Adopt LTP

High level timeline





1049
kilometres

Sealed roads



700
kilometres

Unsealed roads



740

Reserves and sports parks

3,549

Carparks in and around the CBD

55km

Maintained walking tracks



188,059

Items available for loan in all
of our Libraries

763
kilometres

Water distribution system



621
kilometres

Sewerage system



14km

Shared paths

Infrastructure Snapshot

Infrastructure is a key part of the process, as a Council we are well placed

However, we need to consider the sustainability of an increasing capital programme (up 70% over the six years) in the next LTP.

If we do want to change the focus of the discussion we will need to understand priorities going into the process. This could result in a discussion centred around:

- The programmes and large/strategic projects within the LTP
- The balance/tradeoffs of funding between them
- The criteria to allocate funding within a programme once a budget is set (this would be outside of the LTP)

Some examples . . .

CLOSED		Item	Actions	Date logged	Date closed	Status
Infrastructure	Project Management	Raurimu Avenue	<p>Janelle Beazley queried the schedule and consultation of a slow roads project in Raurimu Avenue and the effects in relation to the school and kohanga in the area. CRM RDG061747</p> <p>Thank you for your request regarding installation of speed bumps in Raurimu Avenue.</p> <p>We get a number of requests for speed bump installation every year and we have a prioritisation process in place to assess such requests. Priority is determined by assessing every request against a number of factors including speed limit, speed related crash history, road geometry, cut through traffic and school routes. We have added your request to our list of pending requests, assessed it based on the aforementioned factors and it is currently a low priority on our list.</p> <p>Working to our annual budgets, we usually install speed bumps in 1-2 streets every year based on length of the street and number of speed bumps required. In year 18-19, we implemented traffic calming in Keyte St and Churchill St in Otangarei catchment. Our next highest priority which we are currently working on is the Avenues catchment (First Ave, Second Ave, Third Ave and Kauika Rd), which is likely to take 2 to 3 years to complete, working to our current annual budgets for traffic calming.</p> <p>When we are close to completing the avenues area, we will be assessing and prioritising all the pending requests again to determine our forward working programme for the following years. Raurimu Avenue will be automatically included in this prioritisation.</p>	19/06/2019		Closed
Infrastructure	Toilets		<p>Request from Sharon Kaipo for toilets to be installed at Twin Bridges.</p> <p>Simon Weston advised at the meeting that this is not on the schedule at present but toilets have been constructed at Parakao and Poroti. Council are putting in an application for funding through the Tourism Infrastructure Fund (TIF) for further toilets but he doubted that an application would be successful for Twin Bridges. There were comments made that this area is seeing more tourist and trucking traffic and it is an alternative arterial route North. Simon advised that we are always willing to reconsider but at the moment there are higher priority areas such as Ruakaka beach due to higher tourist numbers.</p> <p>17/7/19 Sharon Kaipo advised TK that since her meeting with Deputy Mayor Sharon Morgan portaloos have been delivered onsite and bollards around driveway. She thanked all those concerned.</p>	19/06/2019		Closed

Some examples . . .

CLOSED		Item	Actions	Date logged	Date closed	Status
Community Developm	Community Halls	Kris McDonald	<p>Support for marae with infrastructure possibly utilising a community facilities/hall funding from Council?</p> <p>CRM created CD000480 assigned to Cindy Velthuisen. Cindy emailed Sandra with funding details."I am responding to two questions you raised via the Te Karearea forum, about a volunteer coordinator and marae support.Our community funding is available for applications for a broad range of projects, amenities and services. Applicants need to be a not-for-profit incorporated society or charitable trust and be up to date with the required filing for those registers.An application can be made for wages for a volunteer coordinator on a 50% shared basis via our Community Fund, up to \$10,000. Facility development/maintenance can be applied for through either the Community Fund (up to \$10,000) or on a shared contributions basis through the Partnership Fund (up to \$150,000). The new funding round dates for the year starting July 2019 will be finalised this week, so from next week you can check on www.wdc.govt.nz/funding for closing dates and application forms.I also recommend marae look into the Oranga Marae fund, which is best placed to support Marae projects:</p> <p>https://www.communitymatters.govt.nz/httpswww-communitymatters-govt-nzoranga-marae/.</p> <p>At the April TK meeting Sandra Boardman advised the Community Hall Strategy will be reviewed towards the end of 2019. This review process will be decided by full Council. Once details are confirmed we can update Te Huinga.</p> <p>CRM closed.</p>	20/03/2019	19/06/2019	Closed

Bringing it all together

There are unique opportunities facing the District, the Partnership provides a platform to work together on these.

However, we need to be clear on what we control, what we can influence and how priorities can be progressed in each sphere.

So

- How do we develop a strategic focus?
- What are the collective priorities?
- What is the purpose/decision making powers required to deliver on these?



Discussion

Updates and General Business