

Council Briefing Agenda

Date: Tuesday, 27 November, 2018

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: Council Chamber
Forum North, Rust Avenue
Whangarei

Elected Members: Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai
(Chairperson)
Cr Stu Bell
Cr Gavin Benney
Cr Crichton Christie
Cr Vince Cocurullo
Cr Tricia Cutforth
Cr Shelley Deeming
Cr Sue Glen
Cr Phil Halse
Cr Cherry Hermon
Cr Greg Innes
Cr Greg Martin
Cr Sharon Morgan
Cr Anna Murphy

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1. Apologies

2. Reports

2.1 Review of the Whangarei District Growth Strategy

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3. Closure of Meeting

Review of Whangarei District Growth Strategy

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Date of meeting: 27 November 2018
Reporting officer: Tony Horton (Manager – Strategy)

1 Purpose

To update Council on the review of the Whangarei District Growth Strategy and the requirements of the National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity.

2 Background

Through the National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity (NPS-UDC) process Whangarei's Urban Area was defined as 'High Growth'. This resulted in a requirement to develop a 'Future Development Strategy' to outline how future growth will be accommodated.

Through discussions with the Ministry for the Environment and the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment we have agreed to meet our requirement for a Future Development Strategy through a review of our existing Whangarei District Growth Strategy: Sustainable Futures 30/50.

The NPS-UDC requires the following:

*PC13: The **future development strategy** shall:*

- a) identify the broad location, timing and sequencing of future development capacity over the long term in future urban environments and intensification opportunities within existing urban environments;*
- b) balance the certainty regarding the provision of future urban development with the need to be responsive to demand for such development; and*
- c) be informed by the relevant Long Term Plans and Infrastructure Strategies required under the Local Government Act 2002, and any other relevant strategies, plans and documents.*

In essence this means that our review of Sustainable Futures 30/50 will need to do the following:

- Spatially identify locations for growth in housing and business land to meet the demand and capacity ascertained through the Housing and Business Land Capacity Assessment (reported at last the July Scoping meeting).
- Identify existing, funded and planned infrastructure to enable growth
- Identify constraints or limitations on areas for growth
- Provide for monitoring and review of the programme to ensure the plan remains relevant to the pressures of growth
- Be cognisant of projects and direction set in our LTP, City Centre Plan, District Plan and Infrastructure Strategy

The document will have a 30-year timeframe, but will be structured around short, medium and long term growth.

3 Discussion

This briefing will update Council on:

- Overview of the strategic approach and update on the work programme
- Update on latest housing data and trends
- The timeframes and deliverables for 2019
- Proposed scope for the future spatial planning programme
- Possible criteria for prioritising the future spatial planning programme

A presentation will be provided at the briefing covering the matters noted above.