

9.4 2020 VISION FOR TASMAN - LONG TERM PLAN EARLY ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY**Decision Required**

Report To:	Strategy and Policy Committee
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1 Summary

- 1.1 This report outlines the results received from the Long Term Plan (LTP) Early Engagement: 2020 Vision for Tasman, Whakakitenga Ruamano Rua Tekau. The purpose of the report is to make decisions on the matters Councillors provided indications on at the 15 July 2020 Council LTP workshop (the workshop). This information will be used to help prepare preliminary budgets, activity management plans (AMPs), and the LTP 2021-2031 consultation document.
- 1.2 In total, 221 individuals and groups provided us with feedback on the 2020 Vision document. The majority of respondents were supportive of the proposed vision, purpose, community outcome and strategic priorities. Attachment 1 provides a summary of the responses received to those targeted questions.

2 Draft Resolution**That the Strategy and Policy Committee:**

- 1 receives the 2020 Vision for Tasman - Long Term Plan Early Engagement Summary report RSPC20-08-7;**
 - 2 acknowledges the community's effort to provide feedback on the Long Term Plan early engagement document;**
 - 3 agrees to include the following into the Long Term Plan 2021–2031 formal consultation document and/or supporting information:**
 - 3.1 Proposed Vision: “Thriving and resilient Tasman communities”;**
 - 3.2 Proposed Purpose: “Working together for a Tasman District that has a healthy environment, strong economy and a vibrant community”;**
- Strategic Priorities:**
- 3.3 A healthy and sustainable natural environment;**

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- 3.4 Strong, resilient, and inclusive communities;**
- 3.5 Enabling positive and sustainable development; and**
- 3.6 A high standard of service.**

Community Outcomes:

- 3.7 Our unique natural environment is healthy, protected and sustainably managed;**
 - 3.8 Our infrastructure is efficient, resilient, cost effective and meets current and future needs;**
 - 3.9 Our communities have opportunities to celebrate and explore their heritage, identity and creativity;**
 - 3.10 Our Council provides leadership and fosters partnerships including with iwi, fosters a regional perspective, and encourages community engagement;**
 - 3.11 Our urban and rural environments are people-friendly, well planned, accessible and sustainably managed;**
 - 3.12 Our communities are healthy, safe, inclusive and resilient;**
 - 3.13 Our communities have access to a range of social, cultural, educational and recreational facilities and activities; and**
 - 3.14 Our Region is supported by an innovative and sustainable economy.**
- 4 notes that specific reference to climate change and Tasman’s libraries will be included in the descriptions of the relevant Community Outcomes;**
- 5 notes that the decision in 6 below relates to funding in the preliminary Long Term Plan budget, and is not a commitment to provide funding, as the Council is yet to determine rates increases and debt caps for the Long Term Plan 2021–2031, and has not yet received information on the overall budgets;**
- 6 agrees to include the following funding in the Long Term Plan 2021–2031 preliminary budgets:**

Organisation	Amount	Note
Tasman Bays Heritage Trust	\$3m	One off grant
Visitor Information Centre (Golden Bay)	\$30,000	For the first three years, subject to annual review.
Visitor Information Centre (Motueka)	\$40,000	For the first three years, subject to annual review.
Visitor Information Centre (Murchison)	\$15,000	For the first three years, subject to annual review.
Nelson-Tasman Business Trust	\$15,000.	Per year across 10 years

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Tasman Environmental Trust	\$40,000	Per year across 10 years
Motueka Bowling Club	\$80,000	One off grant - funded through Council's Reserve Financial Contributions

- 7 agrees not to include requested funding for the following organisation in the preliminary budgets for the Long Term Plan 2021 – 2031;
- a) Warmer Healthier Homes (\$50,000 p.a.);
 - b) Top of the South Neighbourhood Support (\$20,000 p.a.);
 - c) Brook Waimārama Sanctuary (\$25,000 p.a.);
 - d) Age Concern (\$30,000 p.a.);
 - e) Golden Bay Community Arts Council (not specified);
 - f) Nelson-Tasman Climate Forum (not specified);
- 8 notes that funding for Nelson Hockey Association for an upgrade to lighting towers will be considered with Nelson City Council as part of funding for Saxton Field; and
- 9 notes that a workforce strategy will be considered at a later date during the development of the LTP 2021 – 2031.

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3 Purpose of the Report

- 3.1 The purpose of this report is to:
- provide results from the 2020 Vision for Tasman early engagement on the Long Term Plan (LTP) 2021–2031;
 - confirm the proposed Vision, Purpose, Community Outcomes, and Strategic Priorities; and
 - confirm the inclusion of various funding requests in the LTP preliminary budgets.

4 Background and Discussion – LTP 2021 – 2031 Early Engagement

- 4.1 The purpose of the early community engagement process was for Council to hear what is important to its residents, what areas Council should focus on, and to refine the strategic direction for the next 10 years.
- 4.2 In February 2020, the Strategy and Policy Committee approved the public release of the 2020 Vision for Tasman document, which was delivered to every household in the District. The document sought feedback on Council’s proposed vision, purpose, community outcomes, and strategic priorities. It also asked residents for views on Council’s finances, and any other issues of importance.
- 4.3 Community feedback on the document opened on 13 March 2020 and was due to close in mid-April 2020. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, feedback was extended until 12 June 2020.
- 4.4 Council received a total of 221 responses from individuals and groups. In order to target youth, a shorter set of questions were developed via an online survey (Survey Monkey). This received 35 responses, with half identifying themselves as under 24 years old.
- 4.5 Overall, respondents supported the proposed Vision, Purpose, Community Outcomes, and Strategic Priorities. Approximately 70% of respondents were in favour of keeping the current financial limits.

Vision, Purpose, and Community Outcomes

- 4.6 The direction received from Councillors at the workshop was to retain the wording for the Vision, Purpose, and Community Outcomes, as drafted in the 2020 Vision document.
- 4.7 Staff have made additions to one of the Community Outcomes since the workshop with the purposes of improving the grammar. It now reads “Our Council provides leadership and fosters partnerships including with iwi, **fosters** a regional perspective, and **encourages** community engagement” and this is included in the draft resolution.
- 4.8 As noted at the workshop, staff highlighted that climate change and our Tasman libraries were not included in our current descriptions of our Community Outcomes; staff will work on including reference to these for the LTP 2021 – 2031.

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Strategic Priorities

- 4.9 At the workshop, Councillors indicated support for maintaining the proposed wording for the strategic priorities as drafted, with the exception of Strategic Priority 3. The proposed wording was amended from “Enabling positive growth and development” to: “Enabling positive and sustainable development”.

Funding and Resourcing Requests

- 4.10 The following positions were suggested in the LTP early engagement feedback and were discussed by Councillors at the workshop:
- Biodiversity Unit (an Ecologist)
 - Bio-Strategy Officer
 - Enforcement Officer in Golden Bay
 - Environmental Sustainability Advisor
- 4.11 A Workforce Strategy has been prepared to inform the development of the LTP 2021 – 2031. Staff advise that it is important that the Council considers overall workforce planning before making decisions on individual positions. Consequently, this report does not recommend making decisions about including or excluding specific roles in the LTP 2021 – 2031 preliminary budget.
- 4.12 At the workshop, Councillors indicated to staff that they would like to consider including funding for the following organisations in the LTP preliminary budgets. This report provides the Council with the opportunity to make a decision on these funding requests. These decisions are not a commitment to provide funding, as the Council is yet to determine its overall budget, including rates increases and debt caps, for the LTP 2021–2031.

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4.13 After much discussion, Councillors indicated that they were unlikely to support inclusion of the requests for funding in the LTP preliminary budgets from the following organisations:

- Warmer Healthier Homes (\$50,000 p.a.)
- Top of the South Neighbourhood Support (\$20,000 p.a.)
- Brook Waimārama Sanctuary (\$25,000 p.a.)
- Age Concern (\$30,000 p.a.)
- Golden Bay Community Arts Council (not specified)
- Nelson-Tasman Climate Forum (not specified)

5 Options

5.1 Both options below will lead to a LTP that contributes and supports the District's social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being.

Option 1 - (recommended) Confirm the Vision, Purpose, Community Outcomes, Strategic Priorities, and funding for external organisations in the preliminary LTP 2021–2031 budget, as outlined in this report, with or without minor amendment.

5.2 The advantage of this option is that confirming the strategic direction and funding requests to include in the preliminary budget, will able staff to progress the development of the LTP 2021–2031 in a timely manner to meet statutory requirements.

5.3 The disadvantage of this option is that there is a small risk that the public and groups believe that final decisions on funding requests have been made. Those groups that did not receive funding in the preliminary budgets will still have an opportunity to submit during formal consultation in 2021.

Option 2 – Decline to confirm the Vision, Purpose, Community Outcomes, Strategic Priorities, and funding for external organisations to include in the preliminary LTP 2021–2031 budget.

5.4 The advantage of this option is that it provides the Council with an opportunity to revisit its vision, purpose, community outcomes, strategic priorities, and funding requests at a later date prior to formal community consultation.

5.5 The disadvantage of this option is that it does not provide staff with clear direction as to the proposed wording for the vision, purpose, community outcomes, and strategic priorities to include in the LTP development for formal community consultation. It also

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does not provide any direction to staff as to which funding requests should be included in the preliminary budgets.

6 Strategy and Risks

- 6.1 It is advantageous to Council to seek and understand community feedback early in the development of the LTP, prior to formal consultation. It allows Council to take into account the community's views on strategic direction for the next 10 years.
- 6.2 There is a risk that some may believe that final funding decisions have been made. This has been mitigated in this report by making it clear that final budgets are yet to be developed and that formal consultation is still to occur.
- 6.3 There is also a risk that the views and comments received through the early engagement process are not representative of the whole District. The District has a population of over 52,000 people. The 200 responses received amount to a percentage representation of approximately 0.4%.

7 Climate Change Impact Assessment

- 7.1 Many respondents to the 2020 Vision for Tasman survey noted the importance of acting now against climate change and made suggestions as to the actions Council could take. Climate change will be a key consideration when developing the LTP.

Tasman Climate Action Plan (TCAP)

- 7.2 Staff have allocated funding to many of the medium and long-term actions identified in the TCAP. These preliminary budgets will be discussed in future workshops on AMPs.
- 7.3 Investigating options for supporting the Warmer Healthier Homes programme is one of the actions in the TCAP. At the workshop, Councillors indicated they did not wish to provide any financial support to this programme, but that staff investigate other ways of supporting the programme.
- 7.4 The TCAP is designed to be a living document. Staff have noted all the suggestions made relating to climate action, and will consider these when the TCAP is reviewed.

Resilience

- 7.5 Many of the suggestions received in relation to the use of natural resources and housing will be considered as part of the Tasman Environment Plan (TEP) development. Relevant staff have been made aware of these comments.
- 7.6 Funding requests from Age Concern and Top of the South Neighbourhood Support had a specific focus on community resilience. At the workshop Councillors indicated that they did not support including funding in the preliminary LTP budgets and that these organisations were eligible for funding from other agencies.

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7.7 As part of the TCAP, information on the impacts of climate change on our region is being made available to our community, so that people are prepared and can build resilience.

Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions

7.8 Council received a number of comments from respondents about measuring, monitoring, setting targets, and reducing GHG emissions, with many seeking a change to its targets to reach net zero emissions earlier than 2050. They also requested that Council monitor emissions across the District, rather than only its own activities.

7.9 Statistics NZ released reports on regional emissions on 23 July 2020. Tasman and Nelson are combined into a single region (Tasman-specific data is not available). Emission targets in the TCAP are consistent with Central Government's net zero carbon target by 2050. As part of the TCAP, we are in the process of calculating baseline emissions from Council's activities. Once established, we will develop target actions to reduce emissions further.

8 Policy / Legal Requirements / Plan

8.1 Although not required by legislation, Council resolved to undertake early LTP engagement to understand the views of Tasman's community. A formal consultation document and supporting information will be developed as required under section 93A of the Local Government Act. Consultation is planned for March/April 2021 using the Special Consultative Procedure.

8.2 A number of comments from our community related to various policies such as the Tasman Environment Plan and the various National Policy Statements. As these are not LTP-related, the comments have been shared with the appropriate staff to be considered in the appropriate processes.

9 Consideration of Financial or Budgetary Implications

9.1 In this report, the Committee is asked to make decisions on funding to be included in the LTP 2021–2031 preliminary budgets. The financial implications of these decisions will be known once all the budget information has been collated. We will report back to Council once staff have collated this information. Council may choose to revisit these decisions once the financial implications are known. The Council has not yet set its financial caps in the Financial Strategy or considered the overall LTP budget.

10 Significance and Engagement

10.1 The Council has undertaken early community consultation to understand issues of significance for Tasman for the development of the Long Term Plan. Formal consultation will take place in early 2021 on the LTP 2021–2031. For these reasons staff consider that further formal consultation is not required prior to Council making the decisions today.

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Issue	Level of Significance	Explanation of Assessment
Is there a high level of public interest, or is decision likely to be controversial?	Medium	Community interest in the Council's decisions for inclusion in the development of the LTP is considered to be of medium overall. It may be of high interest to some specific communities and interest groups.
Is there a significant impact arising from duration of the effects from the decision?	Low	The decisions will inform the development of the LTP and related policies which will be formally consulted on in 2021 before the final LTP is adopted.
Does the decision relate to a strategic asset? (refer Significance and Engagement Policy for list of strategic assets)	No	
Does the decision create a substantial change in the level of service provided by Council?	No	
Does the proposal, activity or decision substantially affect debt, rates or Council finances in any one year or more of the LTP?	Low	The directions will inform the development of the LTP. Formal consultation will enable the community to make submissions before final decisions on the LTP are made.
Does the decision involve the sale of a substantial proportion or controlling interest in a CCO or CCTO?	N/A	
Does the proposal or decision involve entry into a private sector partnership or contract to carry out the deliver on any Council group of activities?	N/A	

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Does the proposal require inclusion of Māori in the decision making process (consistent with s81 of the LGA)?	Low	Early engagement influences the development of the LTP. Staff will be engaging with iwi on the development of the LTP separately.
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11 Conclusion

- 11.1 This report considers the results of the LTP 2020 Vision for Tasman Early Engagement document. It seeks to formalise direction provided by Councillors at the workshop on 15 July 2020 to assist in the development of the LTP 2021–2031.

12. Next Steps / Timeline

- 12.1 Staff will include direction provided by the Mayor and Councillors in the preliminary budgets and AMPs for the LTP.
- 12.2 Staff intend to write back to all respondents outlining Council's high-level direction.
- 12.3 Formal public consultation, including submissions and hearings, will take place in March/April 2021, before adoption of the LTP in June 2021.

13. Attachments

1. LTP Early Engagement Results