



STAFF REPORT

TO: Environment & Planning Committee

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REFERENCE: R420

SUBJECT: **RESOURCE POLICY PROJECTS UPDATE REPORT - EP07/08/14**
- Report Prepared for 23 August 2007 Meeting

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report provides a six monthly update on the progress with current resource policy projects for the information of members.

2. BACKGROUND

The attached table describes the programme of projects for 2007 / 2008 and beyond, and covers process steps, current situation and next steps. As with previous reportings, it is open for the Committee to review or confirm projects' priorities or timings.

3. PROPOSED NEW PRIORITIES

Several new project priorities are put into the attached table for consideration by the Committee. These are:

- Golden Bay west settlement strategy
- Waimea estuary and catchment management strategy
- Rural futures: rural policy review

None of these projects has commenced, although they have a rationale from previous Committee decision-making. The Golden Bay west settlement review would follow from the planning work achieved in the eastern Golden Bay, and allow the challenging rural landscape and settlement pattern issues to be resolved for that part of the District. The Waimea estuary management strategy is an opportunity to address wet and dry side issues in an integrated manner, with community participation, to refine the Plan's approach to estuary management in the largest one in the region. There is some community interest in this work. The rural policy review can only commence after operative plan (Part II) status, now expected in early 2008 following a scheduled late 2007 hearing of the outstanding productive land appeal.

Each of these projects was previously given a priority 2 ranking, for the relevant time period in which each was expected to commence. However, other priority project work and a finite staff resource have prevented their commencement before now. The Policy section will have staff time becoming progressively available later this year for reporting or workshopping on each of the projects, and seeking approval to

commence. This staff availability will still allow for all existing priority 1 projects currently under way, to continue in their terms.

In the table attached in relation to these projects, I have re-ranked their priority to a priority 1, to allow commencement of each following a scoping report for consideration either later this year, after the new term of Council commences, or for early in 2008. I seek agreement from the present Committee to allow staff to plan for this reporting for the new term of Council.

4. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee:

1. **Receive** this report
2. **Endorse** the proposed reprioritising for late 2007 onwards of three projects listed in the report
3. **Recommend** the policy programme incorporating the revised priorities to the incoming Council later in 2007.

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To 31 December 2007	1	Live appeals resolution	Resolution by consent order to EC, hearing by EC or withdrawal, of remaining live appeals (19): Productive land (1); Archaeological sites (3); Motueka zoning (1); Erosion prone land under pastoral (1); Coastal landscape (2); Takaka Hill LPA (1) Variation 32 Coastal Tasman area (1) Variation 15 Water allocation and iwi (9)	SM, NJ, MAB, RB, ST	Court hearings or consideration of consent memoranda.
	1	Richmond west development plan	Planning investigations and structure planning to support plan change: Transportation modelling study; Economic and demand and supply assessment for business and residential space; Contamination risk management performance regime; Structure plan; Draft variation; Followup to feedback and notification of proposed variation. Transportation modelling study phase I results available October 06. Report on feedback on draft structure plan within community consultation paper May 2007. Directions from Council 19 June, 1 August 2007 enable commissioning of final phase of transportation modelling with preferred structure plan.	SM, MH, DH, DL	Package of draft variations (3), S 32 report, and infrastructure services programme statement under preparation for 12 Sept. 2007 EPC.
	1	Variations 49, 50 Richmond South DA	Decisions on submissions notified 28 July 2007.	MH, SM, MB, DL, RS, SL	Appeal period six weeks.

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	1	Richmond CBD/central area development plan	Link 2002 advice on CBD design planning with 2003 advice on central area intensification planning preliminary report; and consolidation through joint council project with 3 stages inquiring into Nelson-Richmond urban intensification: 1. feasibility and pathways 2. locations and actions 3. Implementation. Approved as joint project February 2007.	RB, SM, MB and team	Report on project for EPC 12 September 2007.
	1	Richmond east development	Report on services and intensification options; draft plan change; consultation; notification. Consolidation as joint council project for draft structure plan for Nelson south – Richmond East. Approved as joint project February 2007.	MH, SM, DL	Report on project for EPC 12 September 2007
	1	Mapua-Ruby Bay development:	Report re situation re services, and scope for rezoning; plan changes and infrastructure provision in LTCCP Reports to EPC June 06, March 2007.	RB; JC	Structure planning and draft variation to EPC Sept 2007.
	1	Variation 55 CTA Design Guide	Variation notified 28 July 2007. Submissions, decisions, appeals.	SL	Submissions close 24 Sept 2007.
	1	Golden Bay East settlement strategy Variation 57 etc.	Urban settlement options report to formulate an EGB preferred settlement pattern; Community feedback; Decisions on pattern; TRMP variation; Followup structure planning for preferred development locations; Further consultation TRMP change(s). Draft settlement pattern variation circulated for feedback March 2007; notification of variation 28 July 2007.	SL, SM, DL,	Submissions close 24 Sept 2007.

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	1	Motueka west central development plan	Update on services; Demand estimates for urban land (business; residential); Structure plan options; Liaison with iwi landowners; Plan change. Investigations with demand estimations and outline services plan to support concept structure plan.	RB, DL, JC, MB, SM	Further development of structure plan with supporting information for Council/landowner meeting by December 2007.
	1	Stormwater management Variation 56	Draft variation for consultation; feedback and notification of variation. Submissions, decisions, appeals. Draft variation circulation in 2006; report on feedback March 2007. Variation notified 28 July 2007.	SL et al.	Submissions close 24 Sept 2007.
	1	TRMP land use administration issues requiring review Variation 58 etc.	Series of reports on specific issues arising from administration; Plan change processes for priority issues. Reported on issues and priorities February 2007; variation notified 28 July 2007.	RB and team	Submissions close 24 Sept 2007.
	1	Richmond air quality (PM10) plan Variation 51 and education package	Discussion paper and draft variation; community feedback; variation notified; education and funding methods re PM 10 delivered. Notification of variation on air discharges provisions 13 Jan 2007; submissions heard 20 June, 12 July 2007; decisions notified 28 July 2007.	MAB, TJ, CW	
	1	Golden Bay west settlement strategy	Issues and options paper; Consultative process leading to TRMP changes 2008 onwards.	DH	Report to EPC outlining project and proposing process plan comparable with Takaka – EGB

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					process to date; late 2007. Settlement issues and options paper 2008.
	1	Waimea estuary and catchment management strategy	Assembly of all planning policies and actions for integration into informal strategy	NJ, TJ, JT, MAB, MH, RS	Reporting on scope, process and outputs in late 2007.
	1	Deep Moutere groundwater allocation review	Resource statement and issues and options paper, consult with users; draft variation,; notify; submissions; decisions; appeals Reported to EPC on situation following investigations August 06; reported 12 July 2007 on issues and preferred option.	MAB, JT	Further EPC consideration 15 August 2007.
	1	Report on indigenous biodiversity management situation and action plan	Situation report; possible review of TNAES; plan change. Situation reports to EPC May, June 2007 on biodiversity management and SNA investigation agreement.	LV, SM	Commencement of SNA investigation tasks as agreed.
	1	Advice on policy issues raised by central government or other agencies: legislation, policy statements, management plans, water conservation order processes	Reporting ongoing through 2007/2008 and beyond	Policy team, Manager and others	
To 30 March 2008	1	Operative Plan package: preparation, approval, date for operative status, plan change request opportunity and cessation of Transitional DP.	Preparation of TRMP package: Identification of Parts I and II as package (March 2006); resolution of key live appeal (Rural 1 subdivision); cross-referencing system; text processing; maps processing; package approval; operative date; opportunity for any person to request change to operative provisions.	SM, PM, MH, ST, NJ, RB, LV	Following resolution of key live appeal, completion of package and submittal for approval as soon as practicable; operative date and planning maps online at same time. Likely to be after December 2007.

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			Package drafting continues and in abeyance pending EC decision on Productive land appeal. Appeal hearing 19 Sept 2007.		
	1	TRMP Part IV: Rivers and Lakes	Draft policy paper for consultation; Policy decisions; Consultation with issues and policy options paper; Draft Part IV; Possible further consultation; TRMP variation notified. Briefings on issues and draft policy options on 19 July and 23 August 2006; further drafting of regulatory means of implementing preferred policy options in paper.	MAB, EV, JT	Draft policy paper to go out for stakeholder feedback. Likely to be after Dec 2007.
	1	Waimea water allocation review: Variation 52	Review results from running low flow allocation options through model Assess process re WWAS process; Consult users; TRMP variation; Hearing of variation and deferred submissions; decisions; appeals. Variation notified 13 Jan 2007.	MAB, JT	Hearing of submissions on variation together with outstanding submissions on Var 15, in 2008.
	1	Variation 44 transport and ESP	Reporting and hearing; decisions; appeals	NJ, DL	Reporting; and hearing of submissions pending resolution of content in Plan and reviewed Engineering Standards.
	1	Variations 25/33 CE land disturbance	Hearings; decisions; appeals. Reporting on submissions.	LV, SM	Reporting; and hearing of submissions.
	1	Rural futures: rural policy review	Investigations and reporting on programmed rural policy issues arising from Rural Futures feedback; series of	MH, SM	Review of issues commencing in priority

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			reports arising from priority issues, followed by TRMP change processes		order, after TRMP Part II and zone maps operative. Reporting to run from 2008.
	2	Coastal craft issues (incl. Abel Tasman coastline)	Advice on craft management under foreshore reserve MP and TRMP. Policy advice on managing effects of coastal craft following establishment of foreshore reserve management plan.	NJ	Policy advice 2008.
To 30 June 2008	2	Riparian land management strategy	Situation report; possible review of RLMS; plan change.	LV et al.	Situation report for EPC early 2008.
	2	Fate of Tasman Regional Policy Statement	Review content and consistency of TRMP with TRPS Assess options of retaining separate TRPS; combining with TRMP and process involved Review of essential TRPS content for merging with TRMP: Maori policy issues of significance Process management .	SM and team	Report on options to EPC 2008.
	2	Upper Motueka water allocation development	Complete investigations; define issues and options; consult with stakeholders; draft variation; submissions; decisions; appeals. Investigations reported 28 August 2006.	MAB, JT	Reporting to EPC in 2008.
	2	Motueka CPZ allocation review	Review of allocation limit following modelling results; plan variation process	MAB, JT	Report to EPC in 2008.
	3	Takaka catchment water management	Issues and options with resource statement; TRMP change process	MAB, JT, GS	Resource investigations summary and issues paper in 2008
	3	Onsite wastewater management:	Review of district approach: Risk assessment of settlement pattern re domestic wastewater contamination; Investigations with policy review; TRMP change process	SL, MAB, DL, JB	Issues and options paper for community after 2007.

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	3	Tasman (village) strategic development review	Issues paper; Structure plan for Tasman; TRMP change process	RB, DL and others	Investigations report and issues paper in 2007/2008
	3	Wakefield strategic development planning:	Review of urban development strategy for Wakefield: Issues paper; Structure planning; TRMP change process	RB, MB, DL and others	Investigations report and issues paper in 2007/2008
After 30 June 2008	3	Brightwater strategic development planning	Review of urban development strategy for Brightwater: Issues paper; Structure planning; TRMP change process	RB, MB and others	Investigations report and issues paper in 2008/2009
	3	Plan implementation monitoring, evaluation and reporting system development:	RMA requires five yearly reporting on operative plans: Database and monitoring process development in conjunction with EMRS and website reporting	SM and team	2008 and ongoing