

# **Kaipara Wharves – Final Programme Business Case and Feasibility Study**

**Meeting:** Council Briefing  
**Date of meeting:** 03 June 2020  
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## **Purpose/Ngā whāinga**

To provide the Kaipara Wharves - Final Programme Business Case and Feasibility Study for information.

## **Context/Horopaki**

The Wharves Feasibility Study and Programme Business Case document was presented in draft form to the Programme Steering Group (PSG) on 17 March 2020. A further update was provided to PSG meeting on 21 April outlining a revised engagement approach post Alert Level 4 due to COVID-19.

The revised engagement approach was included in the April briefing to elected members. Some concerns were expressed as to the level of iwi engagement, which were taken into consideration in completing the engagement logistics, and additional engagements were added.

These engagements have now been completed, including virtual 'Zoom' meetings, phone calls and follow up discussions. A two-week feedback period was monitored, and feedback further encouraged through several means, including emailed reminders, social media and Lifestyler advertisements. The feedback period closed on 8 May.

The feedback has subsequently been analysed and the programme business case findings updated and final document prepared.

It is acknowledged that the programme team, KDC operational staff in Customer Services and AR & Associates have worked under pressure to complete this work to a quality standard without schedule slippage.

## **Discussion/Ngā kōrerorero**

Significant levels of community engagement have resulted in 122 responses being received from individuals and community groups on the draft feasibility study and programme business case (106 online and 16 detailed emailed).

The key changes incorporated in the final document, as a result of these discussions and feedback received are:-

1. Funding for management interventions – in the draft document, funding was indicated as being provided from the capital fund. Funding has been removed from being a charge against the available capital fund of \$4.0m. Although operational funding is unconfirmed at this time, ongoing discussions with GM Infrastructure Services have indicated that there are a number of planned KDC initiatives that would benefit from this work and could potentially share the cost for these deliverables.
2. Priority investments – the preferred investment options for the Primary network development have not changed, being Dargaville Wharf pontoon and Pahi wharf renewals, new wharf at Pōuto Point, investigation of beach landing sites at Otamatea marae, Arapaoa marae and Oruawharo marae. However, the engagement process has shown Ruawai as the next prioritised investment opportunity. This is explained further in section 4.10.8 (Page 90).
3. Revised Economic case – the tender process for Dargaville Pontoon construction has been evaluated and a recommendation to proceed has been issued. The estimated costs for this

investment have been increased to \$629,850 a significant increase on the estimated costs in the draft document of \$304,000. Further modelling has been completed based on feedback received and this section has subsequently been revised. Section 4 (Page 58).

4. A new section has been added that provides the engagement analysis of responses received. Section 4.10 (Page 89).

The final Kaipara Wharves Feasibility Study and Programme Business Case provides a 30-year strategic development approach for Kaipara Moana. This strategic perspective will have long term value for the Kaipara district in identifying further investment opportunities and also a platform for connecting with other KDC development initiatives.

## **Next steps/E whaiake nei**

Subject to the direction provided by PSG the next steps would be:-

1. The final Kaipara Wharves Feasibility Study and Programme Business Case will be submitted to MBIE – to confirm the recommended preferred investment options and to meet a funding deliverable requirement due by 30 May 2020.
2. Community communication and engagement regarding the feedback received and decisions made – to close the feedback loop. Next engagement steps to be provided to those most impacted by the investment decisions.
3. Development of implementation projects for those investment options, not yet established. Dargaville Pontoon implementation will continue in parallel. Implementation timeframes to be confirmed and communicated.

## **Attachments/Ngā tapiritanga**

	Title
A	Final Kaipara Wharves Feasibility Study and Programme Business Case