

# Kickstart programme update November 2020

**Meeting:** Council Briefing  
**Date of meeting:** 04 November 2020  
**Reporting officer:** Diane Bussey, Kaipara KickStart Programme Manager

## Purpose/Ngā whāinga

To provide an update on progress and performance of the Kaipara KickStart Programme as of 14 October 2020.

## Discussion/Ngā kōrerorero

The Kaipara KickStart programme is now focused on delivering the infrastructure components of the programme. The first project to be completed is the Dargaville Pontoon, which was opened with a blessing on 16<sup>th</sup> October.

The significant risk relating to the unsealed network funding has been resolved. MBIE has confirmed \$4.91m of IRG funding, which when added to the confirmed PGF funding of \$3.15m, provides the original unsealed network funding announced in February 2019 of \$8.06m. An IRG funding agreement was reviewed and presented to the Council meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> October for approval.

The Mayor has established a new committee called the Externally-Funded Projects Committee in recognition that elected member governance is important over the projects for which external funding has been received. It is intended that the outstanding deliverables from the Kaipara Kickstart programme will be incorporated into this new structure and governance model. The terms of reference for this Committee were presented to the October Council meeting. On confirmation, the implications for the programme will be determined and transition activities completed to ensure a smooth process.

There have been some schedule delays to the projects identified below. The team are working to minimise the impact on the overall programme.

**Kaipara Water Project** – the initial project schedule included approval of the landowner license agreements at Programme Steering Group and not Council. However, as the landowner agreements created a commitment beyond the life of the project, Council approval was required. The next available Council meeting to present the agreements was on 30<sup>th</sup> September, delaying the project by almost a month. This affected site development procurement, site preparations and development until after the Council resolution was confirmed. Staff are discussing a possible contract variation with MBIE.

**Kaipara Wharves Project** – Pahi Wharf Upgrade. Agreement of the wharf upgrade design and associated memorandum of understanding have been delayed due to internal discussions within the Pahi Regatta Club. The Wharves Project Manager is working with the Club to resolve the situation.

**Kaipara Roding Projects** - The tendered prices for Pōuto Phase 1 and investigations have indicated a significant risk that there will be insufficient funding to deliver the contracted Pōuto Phase 2 scope of work. Value engineering is being undertaken and options will be presented to MBIE, Council and Kaipara KickStart Programme Steering Group. It is expected a further update and recommendation will be provided to elected members as soon as possible. The Unsealed Network Funding Agreement was presented to the October Council meeting for approval.

An updated communications and engagement plan has been completed and this is attached (**Attachment A**).

## Key Deliverables – Progress Update to 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020

### Kaipara Wharves

- Dargaville Pontoon opened to the public – blessing held 16<sup>th</sup> October
- Tipuna Marae beach landings – site walkovers completed, discussions continue
- Management agreements presented to Pahi Boating Regatta Club, legal advice and any concerns being addressed
- Procurement plans for physical works at Pahi, Pōuto and Beach Landings completed – Pahi being reviewed as direct appointment circumstances no longer relevant.
- Procurement plans for professional services endorsed for Pahi, Pōuto and beach landings

### Kaipara Water

- Sponsorship Agreement confirmed for demonstration sites
- Confirmed sources and uses table including sponsorship and approach to asset ownership with MBIE to inform license agreements
- Council resolution for KDC to enter into license agreements with landowners obtained
- Signed license agreement for Site 2 with landowner completed
- Contract drafted between KDC and Northland Inc for Site Management
- Water monthly report September completed
- Health and Safety PCBU approach investigated and confirmed

### Roading Package

- Waipoua River Road construction contract tender evaluation completed
- Pōuto Road Phase 1 construction contract tender evaluation completed
- Procurement of detailed design of Pōuto Road Phase 2 seal extension commenced
- Award of KDC Maintenance contract variation (\$3.15m approved under Funding Agreement 2) for the implementation of the Unsealed Roding Network improvements
- Commenced detailed pavement designs of Unsealed Roding Network improvements
- Unsealed Roding Network \$4.91m funding – IRG Ministers approved funding moved from in-principle to approved for contract negotiation
- Unsealed Roding Network \$4.91m - Roding Funding Agreement 3 prepared for Council approval (at October 2020 Council meeting).

### Next steps/E whaiake nei

1. Key focus for the team is on minimising the impacts of schedule slippage by, looking for opportunities to complete tasks in parallel and addressing potential issues with upcoming tasks.
2. Investigations into value engineering and development of options for Pōuto Road - Phase 2. Document options and recommendation for consideration by Council and MBIE.
3. Transition to the new governance model for Externally-Funded Projects

### Attachments/Ngā tapiritanga

	Title
A	Q4 Communications and Engagement Plan