

District Plan Review – July 2021 Update

Meeting: Council Briefing
Date of meeting: 7 July 2021
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Purpose | Ngā whāinga

To present the proposed schedule for upcoming workshops/briefings on preparing the 'Draft' District Plan.

Context | Horopaki

The District Plan review is a significant, multi-year project, which is an opportunity to reconsider all matters contained within the Operative (2013) District Plan and to 'test' whether existing plan provisions are still fit for purpose and remain the most appropriate for our district. This review is an opportunity to ensure that the new district plan enables economic and residential growth, whilst protecting and enhancing the things that make Kaipara unique and special.

Discussion | Ngā kōrerorero

At the May 2021 District Plan review briefing, staff provided the updated (compressed) high level District Plan review work programme, through to public notification of the new District Plan. Simply put, this programme can be viewed as an iterative, three-stage process:

- Stage 1 being preparing Discussion Documents and seeking public feedback
- Stage 2 being preparing the Draft District Plan and seeking public feedback
- Stage 3 being preparing the Proposed District Plan and notifying it for formal consultation

The District Planning team's attention is now turning to preparing the 'Draft' District Plan, which will naturally provide a lot more detail than the discussion documents (as this will contain draft objectives, policies, rules and maps/overlays/zones). As we have now accelerated our work programme, staff have compiled a proposed schedule (**Attachment A**) for workshoping all topics of the Draft District Plan. Key points to note are:

- We are targeting bringing the full Draft District Plan to an April 2022 briefing/workshop
- Monthly briefings/workshops are proposed between September 2021 and March 2022 (excluding January 2022). To give us the best chance of covering all required mahi, staff suggest that 'stand-alone' District Plan workshops will be required (as opposed to trying to 'fit' this work into the regular monthly Council Briefings). It is suggested that these may operate like the specific Long Term Plan briefings did, scheduled on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.
- The volume of upcoming work is high and as mentioned at the May 2021 briefing, staff and Elected Members need to be aligned around direction and time commitment.

Next steps | E whaiake nei

Staff will present the finalised District Plan review discussion documents at next months (August 2021) briefing and public engagement on the discussion documents will also occur in August.

Workshops/briefings on 'Draft' District Plan material will commence in September.

Attachments | Ngā tapiritanga

	Title
A	Proposed Schedule of Draft District Plan topics for workshoping