

# Environmental awards policy draft

**Meeting:** Council Briefing  
**Date of meeting:** 05 February 2020  
**Reporting officer:** Jenny Rooney, Community Funding Coordinator

## Purpose/Ngā whāinga

To inform the Council of the proposed draft Environmental Awards Policy.

## Context/Horopaki

The objective of the Environmental Awards Policy is to formally acknowledge the work of individuals and organisations who protect and enhance the Kaipara District's unique environment.

Once the draft Policy is adopted this will then commence the 2020 awards process, including seeking nominations, consideration of nominees by a Committee delegated by Council, and the recognition of successful recipients.

## Background

At the Council meeting on 28 February 2019, a Notice of Motion was tabled by Cr del la Varis-Woodcock and Council resolved the following:

*That the Kaipara District Council;*

- a) Establishes an award for Kaipara citizens (and/or organisations), who have contributed to the environmental good of the Kaipara District*
- b) Agrees that this award is judged on environmental leadership and actions including (but not restricted to) the protection, enhancement, and Kaitiakitanga of natural resources and ecosystems; sustainability in enterprise, and environmental education and awareness raising.*
- c) Agrees that a committee of suitably informed and qualified members will be established for determining the award recipients(s); and*
- d) Requests that the Chief Executive*
  - i. Drafts an Awards Policy with the frequency (to be determined), categories and criteria for this Kaipara Environmental Award;*
  - ii. Drafts a Terms of Reference for the establishment of the aforementioned Committee*
  - iii. Brings the draft Policy and Terms of Reference back to Council for approval with a report that induces any possible costs to council for the establishment of the Award and the Committee.*

Council officers developed the Environmental Awards Policy and criteria along with potential costs.

The Draft Environmental Awards Policy can be found in **Attachment A**.

## Discussion/Ngā kōrerorero

### Options

Option 1: Approve the draft Environmental Awards Policy

Option 2: Not approve the draft Environmental Awards Policy and provide amendments to the Policy.

The recommended option is **option 1**.

### **Policy implications**

The draft Policy provides guidance for members of the community on who can be nominated, as well as providing guidance on the service and spirit that the Awards are intended to recognise, for individuals and/or organisations.

### **Financial implications**

The budget has provision for the nomination process along with recognition of successful recipients.

### **Significance and engagement/Hirahira me ngā whakapāpā**

The decisions or matters of this report do not trigger the significance criteria outlined in Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, and the public will be informed via the agenda on Council's website.

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

Feedback received will guide the final draft document which is scheduled for a decision at the February Council meeting.

### **Attachments/Ngā tapiritanga**

	Title
A	Draft Environmental Awards Policy