

Environmental Awards Policy

Meeting: Kaipara District Council
Date of meeting: 26 February 2020
Reporting officer: Jenny Rooney, Community Funding Coordinator

Purpose/Ngā whāinga

To adopt the Environmental Awards Policy.

Executive summary/Whakarāpopototanga

This report seeks the formal adoption by Council of the Environmental Awards Policy. Staff will then progress the 2020 round of the Environmental Awards nominations and recognition process.

Recommendation/Ngā tūtohunga

That the Kaipara District Council:

- a) Adopts the Environmental Awards Policy at Attachment A of this report.
- b) Delegates to the Mayor and Chief Executive the authority to make minor editorial amendments that do not change the intent of the 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 Councillor 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**. The draft policy was discussed at the February Council and feedback from that briefing has been incorporated.

Discussion/Ngā kōrerorero

Options

Option 1: Adopt the draft Environmental Awards Policy. This is the recommended option.

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

Policy and planning 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

It is estimated that the current Citizens Awards budget can be expanded to include these awards. The Environmental Awards and Citizens Awards nomination, selection and awards ceremony will be run concurrently to minimise financial implications. It is anticipated that an additional budget of approximately \$2,000 per annum will be needed and this will be found from existing budgets.

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 agenda publication on the website.

Next steps/E whaiake nei

Intention is for Council staff to advertise the Environmental Awards throughout the Kaipara district, seeking nominations in May 2020. The Awards and Grants Committee will meet to determine successful recipients from the pool of nominees for each category. At the discretion of the Council an awards ceremony will take place to acknowledge successful recipients.

Attachments/Ngā tapiritanga

	Title
A	Draft Environmental Policy