
RESIDENTS' PANEL

1. Purpose of Report

To present the Residents' Panel report on their deliberations on the draft Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP).

2. Executive Summary

In establishing the Residents' Panel, the aim was to compose a panel that was diverse and reflected the composition of the Wellington community. The Panel has already reported once as part of the early engagement programme. This report captures the deliberations of the Panel on the draft LTCCP over two meetings in April and May. The attached report (Appendix 1) is structured around seven issues that were identified as being priority matters for the Panel. The report was drafted by a subgroup of six Panel members with the brief to keep within the material and recommendations generated in the two meetings. The report was then circulated to the entire Panel for comment.

3. Recommendations

Officers recommend that the Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*

4. Background

In preparing for the draft LTCCP, the Council initiated a broad programme of engagement with the community. That engagement programme was designed to give the Strategy and Policy Committee information about the views of the community to inform the Committee's deliberations on the draft LTCCP. One component of the programme was the establishment of a Residents' Panel.

The Residents' Panel was established as a forum of people that were broadly reflective of the Wellington community. The Panel was asked to:

- provide input to Council on the content of the draft Plan and
- to review the draft Plan and provide a report responding to the draft prior to the adoption of the LTCCP in June.

The Panel was established over December 2008 and January 2009. Panellists were selected using a three stage process. Firstly people from sector groups that have a relationship with the Council were approached. The second group were self-nominated and responded to advertising. The selection was based on an

aim for the Panel to be as diverse as possible with a fairly even mix of men and women, across age groups, interest areas and from across the city. The third group were identified by a research company to fill gaps in the demographic spread of the Panel. Initially the Panel comprised 47 participants. The individual panellists were not asked to represent the views of the organisations that they were involved with, but rather, bring to the discussions their variety of backgrounds and different perspectives.

The Panel prepared a report that was presented to the Committee as part of the LTCCP early engagement programme in March 2009. Since then the Panel has met on two occasions (in April with 23 people and in May with 19 people) to deliberate on the draft LTCCP.

The attached report from the Residents' Panel is structured around the following seven issues that were identified through a prioritisation process:

- Council decision-making processes that are open and based on transparent criteria
- Cost, value and efficiency of Council administration
- Rating, Rating Differential and Events Levy
- Better communication of Long Term Council Community Plan
- Urban planning, transport, reducing the carbon footprint, building design and standards
- Sustainability – solid waste management, water demand management.
- Safety – feeling safe in the city

The prioritisation process was undertaken because the Panel felt there was insufficient time to comment on the entire draft LTCCP and by prioritising, the Panel would be able to comment on issues that it felt were important.

The report was drafted by a subgroup of six Panel members (Ariane Chan, Guy Cleverley, Jessica Closson, Paul Eagle, Jason van Hattum, and Bruce White) with the clear brief to keep within the material and recommendations generated in the two meetings. The report was then circulated to the entire Panel for comment.

The report should not be considered necessarily to represent a consensus view of the entire Panel. On some matters there were – as is to be expected – a range of, sometimes conflicting, views. The Report seeks fairly to reflect the views and deliberations of those panellists that attended the meetings in April and May.

The Panel will be meeting on 1 July 2009 for a debrief and to have their efforts acknowledged by the Mayor.

5. Discussion

The Panel Report contains a variety of views and suggestions on a range of Council activities. The report is drawn from discussion points and recommendations generated from their two meetings.

6. Conclusion

The Residents Panel has completed its review of the draft LTCCP by focusing on seven issues. The attached report captures the deliberative activities of the panel members that attended the meetings in April and May.

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Supporting Information

1) Strategic Fit / Strategic Outcome

This report is aligned with Council Outcome 7.1 More Inclusive and 7.2 More actively engaged.

2) LTCCP/Annual Plan reference and long term financial impact

This paper provides input to SPC deliberations on the draft LTCCP

3) Treaty of Waitangi considerations

n/a

4) Decision-Making

This is not a significant decision.

5) Consultation

a) General Consultation

This report is a component of a programme of engagement activities.

b) Consultation with Maori

Selection of panel members aimed at ensuring a diversity of people including Maori

6) Legal Implications

There are no legal implications

7) Consistency with existing policy

This report is consistent with existing policy