
DRAFT WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2006/07

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to present the Waterfront Draft Development Plan for 2006/07, for consultation with the public.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Subcommittee:

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Approve the draft Waterfront Development Plan, attached as Appendix 1 to the officer's report, for consultation.*
- 3. Delegate to the Chair of the Waterfront Development Subcommittee authority to approve any required amendments to the plan before it is published for consultation.*
- 4. Ask officers to consult on the contents and report back to the Subcommittee's next meeting.*
- 5. Note that the Gantt chart setting out the individual project timelines was not available when this report was published but will be available in time for the meeting on 8 May 2006.*

3. Discussion

The Waterfront Development Subcommittee is charged with completion of a development plan for the waterfront. The Waterfront Framework states that this is to be done through a balance of making good progress on the waterfront and providing the public with sufficient opportunity to be involved in the process. The development plan flows directly from the Framework.

The Waterfront Development Plan for 2006/07 is the sixth plan developed by the Subcommittee, and informs the business plan for Wellington Waterfront Limited (WWL) which is to be presented to the Subcommittee at its next meeting in June.

The financial information in this plan is high level and relies on indicative figures provided by WWL.

Any minor amendments to this plan prior to it being issued for consultation will be approved by the Subcommittee chair.

The plan will be put out for consultation for four weeks during May/June. Members of waterfront distribution lists will be invited to comment, it will be posted on Council's website and the consultation will be advertised so that the members of the community can make submissions if they wish to and feedback will be reported to the Subcommittee. Any changes to the plan as a result of this consultation will be made and followed through into WWL's business plan where relevant. The Development Plan and WWL Business Plan will be reported to the Strategy and Policy Committee.

4. Main themes and projects

This draft Development Plan for 2006/07 makes no significant changes in scope from what has been indicated in earlier plans, but the timing of some projects has changed. In 2005/06 the focus was on the Waitangi Park (Chaffers) area, Kumutoto (North Queens Wharf) area and the continued development of the Taranaki Street Wharf public space.

In the 2006/07 plan, work will continue on the Kumutoto Plaza and Site 7, and following public consultation and approval from the Subcommittee, implementation of the preferred design for the Overseas Passenger Terminal (OPT) can begin. Some areas of development, including Taranaki Street Wharf and the Outer-T have been deferred to help offset capital expenditure against revenue, one of the principles of the framework.

5. Conclusion

A report on the submissions made on this plan will be provided to the Subcommittee meeting that follows the close of the submission period. The final plan will then be provided to the Strategy and Policy Committee for sign-off.

The Waterfront Development Plan informs the Wellington Waterfront Project Business Plan, prepared by WWL, which determines WWL's implementation of the Framework on an annual basis.

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Supporting Information

1) Strategic Fit / Strategic Outcome

The Waterfront Development Plan would contribute to the following Council outcomes:

More Liveable – Wellington will be a great place to be, offering a variety of places to live, work and play within a high quality environment.

Stronger sense of place – Wellington will have a strong local identity that celebrates and protects its sense of place, capital-city status, distinctive landform and landmarks, defining features, history, heritage buildings, places and spaces.

More Eventful – Wellington will maximise the economic value from promoting and hosting high-profile events.

More Prosperous – Wellington’s urban form, and flexible approach to land use planning in the central city, will contribute to economic growth and prosperity.

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

C378 Wellington Waterfront Project

A312 Wellington Waterfront operations

CX131 Wellington Waterfront development.

In accord with the 2006/07 LTCCP.

3) Treaty of Waitangi considerations

Maori have had a long connection with the harbour and waterfront that continues today. There are several sites of significance for iwi around the waterfront including Waitangi Lagoon and Te Aro Pa.

4) Decision-Making

This is not a significant decision. The report deals with a strategic asset, but does not propose any changes to the development plan.

5) Consultation

a) General Consultation

Consultation will be undertaken on the draft development plan. All affected parties will be included, and any feedback will be reported to the Subcommittee.

b) Consultation with Maori

Representatives from Council’s mana whenua Treaty partners – Wellington Tenth Trust and Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira were involved in the development of the Wellington Waterfront Framework that underpins the Waterfront Development Plan.

6) Legal Implications

There are no implications from this report.

7) Consistency with existing policy

This report is consistent with existing WCC policy on waterfront development.

Appendix 1