

COUNCIL 27 MAY 2009

REPORT 14 (1215/11/IM)

Report of the Strategy and Policy Committee Meeting of Thursday 14 May 2009

Members: Mayor Prendergast (Deputy Chair), Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Coughlan, Foster, Gill, Goulden, McKinnon (Chair), Morrison, Pannett, Pepperell, Ritchie, Wade-Brown and Wain.

MATTERS CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE

The Strategy and Policy Committee dealt with a number of issues for which it has delegated powers to act and therefore these are before the Council for noting.

The Committee hereby recommends that the information be received.

1. ITEM 096/09P REPORT BACK ON PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON DRAFT RESIDENTIAL AREA AND SUBURBAN CENTRES PLAN CHANGES (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 1)

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- *1. Receives the information.*
- 2. Notes the results of the public consultation on the draft plan changes for the Residential Area and Suburban Centre chapters of the District Plan.
- *3.* Agrees with the following approach to the further development of the review:
 - a. Retain the overall policy direction established by Council's Centres Policy (2008), but simplify the suggested three zone structure for Suburban Centres by;
 - (i) creating a 'Centres' zone to cover all sub-regional, town, district and neighbourhood centres
 - (ii) creating a new 'Business' zone to cover all other areas
 - *(iii)* providing for the following precincts to cover areas in the new 'Business' zone that offer unique redevelopment opportunities:
 - 1) Adelaide Road an area where substantial redevelopment should be encouraged including mixed uses

- Rongotai South an area located adjacent to the south coast and Wellington Airport where redevelopment could provide for activities to support the Airport and some large-format retailing
- 3) Shelly Bay an ex-Defence site purchased by the Port Nicholson Block Claim Group which could be substantially redeveloped for mixed uses.
- b. Retain a Suburban Centres Urban Design Guide, with refinements to the provisions relating to industrial/commercial areas.
- c. Undertake further discussions with those landowners who have raised concerns about their land being rezoned as part of the proposed Suburban Centre rezonings and reconsider which heritage areas to proceed with or other options where appropriate.
- d. Continue consultation with the Thorndon community regarding the Thorndon Heritage Study, and develop an appropriate set of provisions for managing the heritage values of the suburb. These revised provisions will be further consulted on with the Thorndon community prior to any heritage related proposed district plan change for the area being reported to the Council for its consideration.
- e. Develop a separate plan change dealing with heritage matters in both the Residential and Suburban Centres zones.
- f. Retain the Areas of Change in Johnsonville and Kilbirnie but with further refinements to the boundaries and standards that apply to each area.
- g. Refine and clarify the purpose of the pre-1930 demolition rule applying in Inner Residential Areas, and progress the three new identified areas being:
 - (*i*) 43-47 Patanga Crescent, Thorndon;
 - Buildings fronting The Terrace at its mid-northern sections, and areas to the east (including McDonald Crescent, Dixon and Percival Streets and Allenby Terrace); and
 - (iii) Easdale and Kinross Streets, including 82 to 102 Bolton Street.
- h. Retain the Residential Coastal Edge area with further refinements to improve the effectiveness and clarity of the provisions, particularly those relating to how maximum heights (measured above sea level) will be applied to buildings and solid fences.
- *i. Review the other matters raised in submissions and update the Residential and Suburban Centres review documents as appropriate.*
- 4. Notes that the feedback received and the proposed ways forward will be communicated directly back to the submitters via a letter and to the

general public via the Council's website and advertisements placed in the Dominion Post in the second quarter of 2009.

5. Notes that proposed plan changes for the Residential and Suburban Centre chapters of the District Plan will be reported back to Committee in August 2009 for approval to publicly notify the changes for formal consultation.

2. **ITEM 097/09P QUEENS WHARF PRECINCT** (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 2)

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- *1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Agree to Wellington Waterfront Limited initiating a public competition to explore options for the Outer T.
- 3. Agree that the final selected idea(s) will come back to SPC for approval and determination of next steps in August 2009.
- 4. Note this call for ideas is the first stage in possible options for the *Outer T*.
- 5. Agree to amend Wellington Waterfront Limited's work plan to enable the competition to be run in the timeframe recommended in this report.
- 6. Agree to Appendix A & B as amended forming the template for the competition including the provision of background information to assist the public process.

3. ITEM 099/09P SUBMISSION ON GREATER WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL POLICY STATEMENT (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 4)

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- *1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Agree that the submission as amended (attached as Appendix 2 to the report) on the Proposed Regional Policy Statement be forwarded to the Greater Wellington Regional Council for their consideration.
- 3. Authorise the Chief Executive and the Mayor to make any minor editorial changes to the submission and to reflect any additional matters agreed by the Committee.

4. Agree that the Council request to be heard at the oral hearing and that the oral submission be made by the Mayor or her nominated representative.

4. **ITEM 100/09P SUBMISSION TO THE DISCUSSION DOCUMENT 'WASTE MINIMISATION IN NEW ZEALAND'** (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 5)

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- 1. Receive the information.
- 2. Agree that the submission on the 'Waste Minimisation in New Zealand' discussion document, attached as Appendix 1 of the officer's report, be forwarded to the Ministry for the Environment for their consideration.
- 3. Authorise the Chief Executive and the Environment Portfolio Leader to make any amendments necessary as a result of the decisions of this committee, prior to the submission being forwarded to the Ministry for the Environment.

5. ITEM101/09P DRAFT PLAN CHANGE FOR TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES AND EMERGING ELECTRIC VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 3)

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- *1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Agrees to publicly release a draft plan change of the Utilities Chapter of the District Plan for public consultation (attached as Appendix 3 of the officer's report).
- 3. Notes that the feedback received will be reported back to Committee as part of a Proposed Plan Change in September 2009.
- 4. Notes that the policies of the Plan will be continually reviewed to ensure that new vehicle technologies (such as electric car charging facilities) are appropriately acknowledged as the technology emerges.

6. **ITEM 104/09P QUARTERLY REPORT (JANUARY – MARCH 2009)** (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 7)

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- *1. Receive the information.*
- 7. **ITEM 106/09P HERITAGE GRANTS** (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 6)

The Strategy and Policy Committee agreed to refer this item to Council for final resolution.

Ian McKinnon Chair