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**ORDINARY MEETING**

**OF**

**GOVERNANCE, FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

Time: 9.15am  
Date: Tuesday, 17 February 2015  
Venue: Committee Room 1  
Ground Floor, Council Offices  
101 Wakefield Street  
Wellington

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## 2. General Business

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### 2015-25 LONG TERM PLAN OTHER MATTERS

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#### Purpose

1. This report provides for agreement to three matters that for administrative reasons are required to be included in the long term plan.

#### Summary

2. The following three matters are to be in the Long term Plan to give them effect:
  - The draft Waterfront Development Plan (WDP)
  - The Housing Portfolio Assessment Framework delegations
  - A statement on the development of Māori capacity to contribute to decision-making.

#### Recommendations

That the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee:

1. Receive the information.

##### ***Draft Waterfront Development Plan***

2. Note the financial aspects of the draft Waterfront Development Plan are contained in the *Draft Long-term Plan Activities* report on this agenda.
3. Recommend to Council to agree the draft Waterfront Development Plan and consult on it concurrently with the Draft Long-term Plan.

##### ***Housing Portfolio Assessment Framework***

4. Note that the Community, Sport and Recreation Committee referred the City Housing Portfolio Assessment Framework to this committee for inclusion in the Long-term Plan 2015-25 to give it effect.
5. Note that the framework is accompanied by a proposed delegation (by Council) to the Community, Sport and Recreation Committee (or such other Committee that may have the form and function of the present Community, Sport and Recreation Committee) that would see it hold the power to make decisions under the City Housing Portfolio Assessment Framework provided that:
  - a. The divestment decision is less than \$2m; and
  - b. The reinvestment of proceeds (from divestment) is in social housing
  - c. The proposal is in accordance with the City Housing Portfolio Assessment Framework (2014), the Deed of Grant for Wellington City Council's Social Housing (2008) and the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy
  - d. And that any matter for decision not meeting the requirements in a-c above, the Committee will have the power of recommendation only and the final decision will be made by Council.

6. Note the inclusion of City Housing Portfolio Assessment Framework (agreed by the Community, Sport and Recreation Committee on 18 September 2014) as a component part of the Long-term Plan 2015-25.

***Developing Māori capacity to contribute to decision making***

7. Agree to the statement on the development of Māori capacity to contribute to decision-making as a component of the Council's Long-term Plan 2015-25.

## Discussion

### ***Waterfront Development Plan (WDP)***

3. The draft Wellington Waterfront Framework requires that the Council agrees an annual work plan for the waterfront and consults on it prior to adoption. To achieve integration with the LTP planning and funding processes, the Council has for some years now agreed a 3-year Waterfront Development Plan as part of the LTP.
4. The attached draft Waterfront Development Plan will be available for comment concurrently with the LTP.

### ***Housing Portfolio Assessment Framework***

5. The Council is undertaking a significant upgrade of its social housing portfolio. This will require administrative decisions from time to time in relation to disposals and reinvestment back into the housing portfolio. A framework has been developed to guide this work. It was agreed by the Community, Sport and recreation committee on 18 September 2014. The framework is to be included as a component of the LTP and a delegation will be sought from Council. The resolution of the committee was:

*That the Community, Sport and Recreation Committee:*

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Note that the Strategy and Policy Committee agreed Shaping our Housing Future: Wellington City Housing Asset Strategy 2013-2033 vision, purpose and principles in August 2013 and that the City Housing Portfolio Assessment Framework is based on those principles.*
3. *Agree to the City Housing Portfolio Assessment Framework including the assessment matrix.*
4. *Agree to refer the City Housing Portfolio Assessment Framework to the Governance, Finance & Planning Committee for inclusion in the draft 2015-25 Long-term Plan.*
5. *Note that it is proposed that divestment decisions under the City Housing Portfolio Assessment Framework will be made by the Community, Sport and Recreation Committee and that provision will be made for this delegation in the 2015-25 Long-term Plan.*

### ***Developing Māori capacity to contribute to decision-making***

6. Legislation requires Councils to make a statement as part of their Long term Plans about how they will work with Māori to develop capacity to contribute to decision making.
7. The Council will work with the city's two mandated mana whenua organisations, the Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust (representing Taranaki Whānui) and Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira Incorporated, to ensure their views are represented in decisions about the city, and to ensure their contribution to Wellington's heritage is fully and publicly recognised. Our responsibilities to these organisations are outlined in memoranda of understanding.

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8. The Council will also provide opportunities for Māori to engage in dialogue with the Council to ensure their perspective is reflected in Council decisions and actions affecting economic, environmental, social, and cultural well-being.
  9. The statement is attached as attachment 2.

### Attachments

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## **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

### **Consultation and Engagement**

Council will engage all communities, special interest groups, including Māori stakeholders as part of the LTP process

### **Treaty of Waitangi considerations**

All issues involving any related matter of the Treaty of Waitangi will be considered as part of the LTP process

### **Financial implications**

All financial implications will be assessed and given due consideration as part of the LTP process

### **Policy and legislative implications**

All policy and legislative considerations will be considered as part of the LTP process

### **Risks / legal**

All risks and legal requirements will be considered as part of the LTP process

### **Climate Change impact and considerations**

All Climate Change impacts will be considered as part of the LTP process

### **Communications Plan**

The Engagement and Consultation Plan will enable wide public participation, engagement and consultation around all key LTP issues.

## **DRAFT Wellington Waterfront Development Plan – 3 years (2015/16–2017/18)**

### **Context**

The Waterfront Development Plan (WDP) outlines the Council's work programme to implement the objectives of the Wellington Waterfront Framework (2001)<sup>1</sup>. The WDP is required by the Framework and is the way the Council develops the work plan for the waterfront and approves funding for the waterfront project.

The Framework requires transparency and a willingness to engage with the public about how the waterfront is developed. A balance must be set between making good progress on the waterfront and providing the public with sufficient opportunity to be involved. By consulting on the draft WDP (alongside the draft LTP) the Council obtains community feedback and views on its plans for the waterfront and associated funding. Depending on the project, there will be further opportunity for consultation and obtaining feedback and views prior to the Council making final decisions on whether a particular project will proceed. In addition most applications for resource consent are publicly notified so that provides a further opportunity for public engagement and input.

Implementation of the WDP is the responsibility of City Shaper, a Council business unit, which was established following the decision by the Council in December 2013 to bring the implementation of the waterfront project in-house from 1 July 2014. This was given effect by terminating the management agreement the Council had with Wellington Waterfront Ltd (WWL) and transferring the staff of WWL to the Council.<sup>2</sup>

This WDP covers the three-year period from 1 July 2015. This 3 year plan will be reviewed annually (ie in years 2 and 3 as part of the 2016/17 and 2017/18 Annual Plans).

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<sup>1</sup> The principles and objectives of the Wellington Waterfront Framework were reviewed by Council in 2011 and endorsed as still being a relevant and appropriate blueprint for the future of the waterfront.

<sup>2</sup> Wellington Waterfront Ltd remains a Council controlled organisation and owns the Waterfront assets which it holds on trust for Wellington City Council

## What is planned for the next 3 years

There are many proposed and on-going projects, all with different complexities, and in some cases, the potential to be interrelated. Some work needs to be done sequentially because of physical requirements to maintain the waterfront experience as much as possible during construction or to coincide with neighbouring development activities. There may sometimes be financial implications that justify undertaking one piece of work before another. Further, sufficient flexibility must be built in to respond to good ideas or proposals in a timely manner, should they arise.

The following **key projects** are planned for the next 3 years.

**The Promenade:** Development of the promenade as the spine that connects the waterfront is on-going. The proposed redevelopment of the north Kumutoto public space which will coincide with the proposed redevelopment of site 10 will not only significantly improve the promenade for pedestrians and cyclists but also improve connectivity with CentrePort and the stadium to the north.

Subject to resource consent for the site 10 building and adjacent public space including the promenade being obtained, works will commence in 2016/17 and will be completed in 2017/18.

Refer north Kumutoto below for further detail, including budget amounts.

**Seawall and Wharf Maintenance:** Many of the waterfront's wharves are timber structures that are over 100 years old and require periodic maintenance to ensure they are kept to a satisfactory standard to provide sufficient levels of service appropriate to their use.

Seawalls are also critical assets and many of which date back to the early 1900's are heritage listed as important links with Wellington's past. The redevelopment of public space on the waterfront often provides the opportunity to undertake remedial work identified in periodic condition surveys these assets.

Further maintenance of these essential elements of the waterfront is planned for each of the next three years with an allocated budget sum of \$2.839M



Capex Budget (\$000):	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
	\$ 329	\$ 850	\$1,660

**Waitangi Precinct:** The redevelopment of Clyde Quay Wharf and public space will be all but complete as we enter the 2015/16 financial year.

**Taranaki Street Wharf Precinct:** The provision of a public toilet and change facility is proposed in 2015/16 to complement the popular jump platform.

Capex Budget (\$000):	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
	\$ 400	\$ 0	\$ 0

**Frank Kitts Park Precinct:** Successive Waterfront Development Plans since 2007 have signalled the proposed redevelopment of Frank Kitts Park.

The Council approved the Garden of Beneficence design for the proposed redevelopment of Frank Kitts Park in December 2007. The design included including redevelopment of the children's playground, the lawn and construction of the Chinese Garden, subject to the Wellington Chinese Garden Society (WCGS) meeting the costs of the Chinese Garden and Council costs being met from commercial proceeds. The project did not progress due to the global financial crisis and delays in the WCGS's fundraising.

The plan is to implement the agreed Garden of Beneficence concept design which anticipates redevelopment of Frank Kitts Park in three parts – the Chinese Garden, the main Lawn and the Children's Playground. Further development of the design of the Garden of Beneficence will follow confirmation of funding.

#### Chinese Garden

The Wellington Chinese Garden Society and sister cities Beijing and Xiamen are funding the Chinese garden element of the project.

Children's Playground

Revision of the children's playground design was referred to user group consultation and feedback in mid-2014 and resulting suggested improvements will be incorporated at the detailed design stage.

The Lawn

Further consideration will be given to the central main lawn area ensuring appropriate integration with the playground and Chinese garden, including spaces that are protected from weather elements to optimise casual lunchtime use as well as suitable events space.

Resource consent for the redevelopment of Frank Kitts Park will be applied for in the first half of the 2015/16 year and construction is likely to be undertaken over the 2015/16 and 2016/17 years.

Capex Budget (\$000):	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
	\$3,500	\$2,050	\$ 0

**Queens Wharf Precinct:** Master planning for this area was completed and presented to the Council in 2011. With the exception of conversion of Shed 6 to the temporary convention centre, nothing has been progressed in the intervening period. The external refurbishment of shed 6 and TSB Arena will be completed in the 2015/16 financial year.

Capex Budget (\$000):	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
	\$1,500	\$ 0	\$ 0

Investigations into the establishment of more recreational activities in the Shed 6 harbour basin are ongoing.

Appropriate opportunities to breathe new life into shed 1, the north end of shed 6 and the outer-T of Queens Wharf will be sought.

The long established 'Helipro' commercial helicopter business based in Shed 1 and the outer-T was placed in receivership in November 2014. Following a competitive selection process in early 2015, WCC intends to select a suitably qualified operator with sufficient

financial resources to undertake detailed investigations into the viability of development of a helicopter facility on the southern end of the outer-t along the lines of what was proposed in the 2009 Blue Skies Ideas Competition. Feedback on this proposal will be sought as part of this consultation process.

**Kumutoto Precinct:** Following Council's approval of the development and lease agreement for sites 9 & 10 and subject to the successful outcome of the resource consent application, detailed development of the design of the public space will commence in 2015/16. Construction of the public space is likely to commence in 2016/17 approximately 6 – 9 months after the proposed commencement of construction of the site 10 building.

During the developer selection process, no proposals for site 9 were recommended to Council by the previous WWL board and TAG. As a consequence, in conjunction with the development agreement for site 10, Willis Bond has a two year option to submit a suitable development proposal for WCC consideration. However if, WCC wishes to progress development plans for site 9 before the end of the two year period, there is a mechanism to do this. All future proposals for site 9 will be subject to public consultation and Council approval.

Capex Budget (\$000):	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
	\$ 0	\$3,075	\$2,100

**Motorhome Park:** The proposed relocation of the Wellington Waterfront Motorhome Park to adjacent CentrePort owned land to enable redevelopment of site 10 has been allowed for in the 2015/16 year.

Capex Budget (\$000):	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
	\$ 350	\$ 0	\$ 0

**Movie Museum:** Investigations into the development and feasibility of a movie museum on the waterfront as a major Wellington attraction are ongoing and if this progresses during the period of this WDP, there will be public consultation as required by the Wellington Waterfront Framework.

**Other Capital Renewals & General Planning:** An ongoing programme of repairs and maintenance, capital expenditure and renewals relating mainly to addressing seismic and resilience issues, public space lighting, bridge painting and historic wharf cranes repainting will be ongoing throughout the period in accordance with our Asset Management Plan.

Capex Budget (\$000):	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
	\$ 560	\$ 308	\$ 210

## How we'll measure our performance

The overall success of the waterfront will be measured by the achievement of the principles and objectives outlined in the Waterfront Framework.

The framework has set seven objectives for the waterfront:

- The waterfront is locally and internationally recognised for its design.
- The waterfront is readily accessible to all people.
- The waterfront is and is perceived to be, safe at all times.
- The waterfront is seen as an attractive place that draws Wellingtonians and visitors alike.
- The waterfront successfully caters for a wide range of events and activities.
- Significant heritage buildings are protected on the waterfront.
- Activities on the waterfront are integrated with those on the harbour.

Periodic independent surveys of public opinion consistently show satisfaction and approval ratings in excess of 90%. We will continue to strive to maintain and improve these ratings.

Design outcomes will continue to be monitored by WCC's Technical Advisory Group, an independent provider of design advice for the Council. Drawing on the architecture, landscape architecture and urban design expertise of its members, TAG ensures that the

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Framework principles have been applied consistently in the design of buildings and public space<sup>3</sup>.

We will also continue to place increased emphasis on our place-making activities to create an even stronger sense of place through:-

- A diverse offering of activities and development
- Improved access along the waterfront and between the city and the harbour
- An evolving waterfront experience that is mindful of its historic past and its future
- A consultative process that encourages participation by interested and affected groups and individuals

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<sup>3</sup> TAG was appointed by Council in 2001 to ensure that Council decisions comply with the Framework. TAG has specific advisory and recommendatory roles and functions and is also delegated decision-making on certain public space proposals.

## **MĀORI AND MANA WHENUA PARTNERSHIPS**

### **Whai wāhitanga Māori (tae noa ki te mana whenua)**

We have an obligation to ensure the views of mana whenua and Māori community are realised.

### **Our Treaty obligation**

In Wellington city the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi occurred on 29 April 1840 on board Henry Williams' schooner *Ariel* in the harbour. 175 years later, Treaty of Waitangi historic claims for both iwi groupings within the city, Ngāti Toa Rangatira and Taranaki Whānui ki te Upoko o te Ika a Māui have been settled. It is important that the special position of mana whenua be acknowledged and reflected in the way we make decisions about the city and its resources.

Engagement with the wider Māori community recognises the special provisions for Māori within our legislative framework and their unique Tangata Whenua position.

### **What we'll provide – our level of service**

We work with the city's two mandated mana whenua organisations, the Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust (representing Taranaki Whānui) and Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira Incorporated, to ensure their views are represented in decisions about the city, and to ensure their contribution to Wellington's heritage is fully and publicly recognised. Our responsibilities to these organisations are outlined in memoranda of understanding.

A capacity funding agreement outlines how they participate in decisions on policy, protocol, and regulatory and service delivery issues. Both entities have non-voting membership on the Council's committees. These obligations place administrative and time demands on the organisations. We provide each a grant to reflect their input.

We will provide opportunities for Māori to engage in dialogue with the Council to ensure their perspective is reflected in Council decisions and actions affecting economic, environmental, social, and cultural well-being.

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**How we will provide opportunities for Māori to contribute to our decision-making processes**

In addition to fostering partnerships with mana whenua, we will engage with and build relationships with the wider Māori community. Here is how we will do it:

Mana whenua partnerships:

- *Te Raukura*, the wharewaka and the three waka, *Te Hononga*, *Te Rerenga Kōtare* and *Poutū*, are now prominent fixtures on our waterfront realising the aspiration of Taranaki Whānui to bring waka Māori back into our harbour. Along with the nearby Te Aro Pā visitor centre in the heart of the city, we will provide a grant to contribute to their upkeep.
- We will sponsor a carved artwork in recognition of the recent historic Treaty settlement for Ngāti Toa Rangatira. This artwork will complement the existing pou whenua heritage trail and other public art marking sites of significance to Taranaki Whānui.
- We will meet regularly with mandated mana whenua organisations to include their aims and aspirations for the city and across many areas of Council activity

Māori community engagement:

- Our 'Māori Community' webpage allows the community to register to receive email pānui (notices) and our e-Newsletter *Nōna te Ao*.
- Our website also provides access to other publications of interest including Land Perspectives for Tangata Whenua - from our District Plan (currently being updated); the Māori community Population Profile compiled from Census 2013 data; brochures about *Te Ara o Ngā Tūpuna* – the Māori Heritage Trail, *Ngā Waka o Pōneke* – the carved waka, *Te Raukura* – the Wharewaka o Pōneke and *Te Aro Pā* visitor site. You can also find the information guide for *Ngā Iwi o te Motu Urupā* – the Māori burial area within Makara cemetery.
- Our community grants will assist Māori groups to undertake their own projects. Like all grant programmes, these projects must contribute to Council's high level priorities.
- We will promote and celebrate Māori culture through significant dates in the Māori calendar such as Waitangi Day, Matariki and Māori Language Week, other community events, ceremonies and hui, public art and heritage protection.

The visible recognition of such projects and the inclusion of a Māori perspective across Council activities will contribute to our city vitality and improve the experience of the city for us all. Inside Council, we aim to build our capacity to be more effective for Māori in the work that we do and how Council can contribute to strengthening Māori communities.

**Significant negative effects**

There are no significant negative effects arising from this activity.



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## **CHAIR'S REVIEW - TRANSPORT AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

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### **Purpose**

1. This report outlines the progress of the Transport and Urban Development Committee against the Council work programme approved in February 2014 by Governance Finance and Planning Committee, noting that that GFP agreed that report "is not comprehensive in terms of work programmes before committees which will include other items."
2. I have set out the programme agreed by GFP as attachment 1. Clearly there has been a lot of work beyond that as would be expected and that is detailed in the report.

### **Recommendations**

That the Transport and Urban Development Committee:

1. Receive the information.

### **The Purpose of the Committee**

3. The focus of the Committee is:
  - a. To direct growth to where the benefits are greatest and where adverse effects are minimised, and to deliver a quality compact urban environment.
  - b. To lead and monitor a safe, efficient and sustainable transport system that supports Wellington's economy and adds to residents' quality of life with a strong focus on improving cycling and public transport and enhancing Wellington's walkability.
4. The Committee has responsibility for:
  - Urban planning and development
  - Transport
  - Waterfront
  - Resource Management Act issues including District Plan (including Resolution of Appeals)
  - Heritage
  - Earthquake strengthening
  - Housing affordability / Housing Accord
  - Building control
  - Development control
  - Public spaces (urban)
  - Parking
  - Capital Precinct Project
  - Wellington Waterfront Limited (WWL)
  - Wellington Cable Car Limited (WCCL)

#### **Advisory groups**

- Safe and Sustainable Transport Advisory Group
- Waterfront Technical Advisory Group

**Summary – the focus to February 2015**

5. The Committee has had a very busy and challenging last 8 months, and dealt with several contentious issues. I wish first to thank my colleagues (Mayor Wade-Brown and Councillors Coughlan, Lee, Lester, Pannett, Woolf and Young) on the Committee for their work over the eight months since the last Chairs' reports.
6. I also want to thank the Transport, Urban Planning and Urban Design staff for their ongoing professionalism and hard work, often in very challenging circumstances. They have to display enormous fortitude at times. I particularly want to place on record my thanks to former City Networks Manager Stavros Michael who left for Rotorua District Council during this period.
7. To make any progress in Transport and Urban Development Committee there are always going to be challenges and diverse views held.
8. Some Significant Milestones over the past 8 months:
  - Wellington Urban Growth Plan (Transport and Urban Development Strategy) – Agreed by committee in November for further, more comprehensive consultation alongside the LTP.
  - Action Plan to deliver the first three years of the WUGP is being integrated into the LTP.
  - Johnsonville long awaited roading project underway. Stephen Harte is doing an exceptional job in communicating with residents and businesses, and has done so during both the design and construction process. There has been inclusion of some modest cycling improvements in the town centre and a connection from Broderick Road to Onslow College.
  - Parking Services were brought in house. All feedback to date has been very positive in comparison with the previous outsourced model. Trials were commenced of parking sensor technology.
  - Tinakori Road works continued without concerns.
  - Speed Limits consultation – disappointing rejection by 8 – 7 majority of councillors was not particularly surprising, but opportunity missed in my view.
  - The Board of Inquiry decision on the proposed Basin Reserve flyover was released.
  - Arras Tunnel was opened in October. Work on Memorial Park is proceeding ahead of schedule.
  - NZTA/WCC/GWRC.Governance Group established and meeting to progress BRT, Basin Reserve, Kent-Cambridge and Adelaide Boulevards, Mt Victoria to Cobham Drive
  - Agreement to proceed on North Kumutoto Precinct Sites 8 and 10
  - Agreement to recommend move to more efficient, environmentally sustainable LED streetlighting.
  - Island Bay Cycleway – officers worked enormously hard to engage with community. This has been a difficult process.
  - NZTA continued work on Ngauranga to Aotea project.
  - The Harcourts building appeal determination was released.
  - Council agreed to the major urban development project along Victoria Street. Several councillors efforts including my own resulted in inclusion of cycling facilities in the plan. I thank colleagues for their efforts in this.

- Development of a draft City Cycleway Strategy
- Approve Tawa and Karori as the next suburbs to engage with on medium density housing and town centre opportunities.
- Urban Design Pop Up Development – Civic Square Beach and Bond Street.

**Other areas of Work over the last 8 months**

9. These include:

- Road Safety Action Committee – including agreement from Police regarding greater enforcement of speed in areas where Council has changed speed limits.
- Civic Square briefing for Councillors.
- Meetings re associated opportunities with Victoria Street development.
- Meetings re Aotea Quay with Centreport and GWRC.
- Cenotaph redevelopment commenced.
- Coroner's hearings.
- Cycle Safety Panel result (myself and Paul Barker attended as part of the reference group).
- Government Policy Statement released.
- Appointed to LGNZ Environmental Policy Advisory Group (RMA first key issue).
- Island Bay – Newtown Cycleway Stage 2 – Citizen's Panel attendance.
- Presentation to Rail conference and attendance at Velo City conference in June.
- Opening of Clyde Quay Wharf in June.
- Council signed Housing Accord (June).
- Jacobs SKM Report briefing on Public Transport Review including trolley buses (June).
- Bikes in Schools programme – 5 shortlisted applicants all visited with officers (Aug) and decisions to support 3 schools – those facilities are currently under development (West Park – Johnsonville, Holy Cross – Miramar, Karori West – Karori).
- Submission to Select Committee on EQP Buildings Act (July).
- Tinakori Road meeting with retailers (July).
- Workshop at MoT regarding GPS (July) – TRAFINZ and WCC hats.
- NZTA Annual Stakeholder presentation (July).
- PC 78 Hearings and Decision – (August).
- Safe Speed Limits Subcommittee report (August).
- Heritage Buildings prioritisation workshop (August).
- Regional Transport Committee attendance (Aug workshop, Aug committee, Dec Committee).
- Go Girl (Kate Sheppard Traffic lights) (Aug).
- Workshop on Residential Intensification (Sept).
- JTOC visit (Nov).
- NZTA re Urban Cycleway Funding.
- MOT Future of Transport (Nov).
- Productivity Commission - LGNZ workshop on using land for housing.
- District Plan Celebration of becoming operative (Dec).
- TRAFINZ – Paths for People (Dec) – Pedestrian Issues.
- Webinar on One Network Roding Classification.
- Briefing from officers and NZTA re City Cycleway Strategy and Urban Cycling Fund (Dec).
- Sustainable Transport Forum (University of Otago – Feb).

**Wellington Urban Growth Plan (Transport and Urban Development Strategy)**

10. The Urban Growth Plan sets the stage for our economic, social and cultural activity. The Plan builds on a consistent, integrated approach to Transport and Urban Development since at least 1994 when the District Plan was notified, the first City Transport Strategy developed, and at a time when Council had just begun serious action on environmental management and land protection. The Urban Growth Plan is closely linked to Wellington 2040 and is strongly focused on the same themes – People Centred City, Connected City, Eco City, and Dynamic Central City. I have worked closely with officers in improving the Plan and I thank colleagues also for their input during committee meetings to make further enhancements.
11. At its heart the key philosophy in the Plan is to develop our compact, attractive mixed use, dynamic central city as the heart of the region, supported by attractive town and neighbourhood centres, resilient buildings, infrastructure and communities, quality urban spaces and urban design, protection and restoration of the natural environment.
12. The consistent approach to transport remains to provide for the private motor vehicle, particularly by way of a quality highway network around the Central City, but to encourage more people to move around by public transport, walking or cycling.
13. Just some key measures of progress:
  - Wellington City has grown far faster than the rest of the region and population growth in the central city has far outstripped growth anywhere else in the city. (+93% 2001-2013 census, next highest northern suburbs excluding Tawa at 29%)
  - Transport Mode Share – Wellingtonians are far more likely than the residents of any other city in NZ to use a transport mode other than the private car to get to work or school. According to most measures half journeys to work are by foot, bike, bus or train, and the overall share for these modes continues to rise. For example more Wellingtonians walk and more Wellingtonians cycle than in any other part of the region. Our percentages continue to rise, while those in the rest of the region are falling or at best static.
  - Resilience – Wellington City is miles ahead of any other TA in New Zealand in assessing buildings earthquake resilience and strengthening buildings.
14. I have noted at the end of this report the nature of the changes agreed by the Committee at its meetings and the recommendations from Committee to Council confirming the key principles in the Urban Growth Plan.

**Matters Considered by Committee Meetings**

15. The following matters were considered by Committee:

26 June 2014

- Brief on Exoskeletal Structures on Legal Road.
- Minor Land Acquisition for the Tawa Shared Pathway.
  
- Traffic Resolutions.
- Dangerous and Insanitary Building Policy Update agreed for consultation.
- Presentation on the Wellington Urban Growth Plan.

- Submission on the draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport – agreed to make a comprehensive submission.

5 August 2014

- Submission on Government Policy Statement – including concerns that too great a proportion of funding is being directed to RONS, and seeking more support for cycling and walking, noting the health benefits of active modes, and for lower farebox recovery and encouraging uptake of electric vehicles.

21 August 2014

- Received a petition to introduce a 30km zone in Berhampore.
- Draft Wellington Urban Growth Plan approved for targeted consultation. Committee agreed a significant list of improvements. Chair worked with officers to incorporate these into the Plan.\* (Please see section on the Urban Growth Plan below).
- Urban Design Update on current and pending urban design projects.
- Built Heritage Incentive Fund Grants approve.
- Guidelines For Exoskeletal Structures On Legal Road approved
- Update on Developing the North Kumutoto Precinct Sites 8, 9 and 10 – Committee received and gave feedback on design proposals and recommended Council proceed with the development of Sites 8 (open space) and 10 (building) but not proceed at this time with shipwreck museum on Site 9.
- Cycleway Network – agreed unanimously to a proposed forward programme integrating cycleway development with other projects (notably bus ways) and adopted the proposed process and timeframe for consultation, design and development of phase one and two of the Island Bay to Central Area cycle way.
- Proposed Safer Speed Limit: Wellington Central Area – recommended to Council adoption of 30kph safer speed zone for part of Central Area.
- Street Lighting in Wellington – support progressing LED lighting through LTP.
- Integrated Ticketing – presentation by GWRC.
- Public Excluded briefings on Victoria Street boulevard proposal and GWRC presentation on the draft Regional Natural Resources Plan – the latter subsequently referred to Environment Committee.

23 September 2014

- Vesting small parcels of land in the Crown for purposes of Transmission Gully.
- Traffic Resolutions.
- Public Excluded – Curtis St appeal.

13 November 2014

- Received petition seeking a safer crossing to MacAlister Park. Officers have subsequently developed a scheme to address petitioners' request, to be funded from the Minor Safety Works budget.
- Urban Growth Plan (Transport and Urban Development Strategy)\* (Please See section on Urban Growth Plan below).
- Receipt of Cable Car Company Annual Report.
- Quarterly Report.

3 December 2014

- Letters of Expectation agreed for Wellington Cable Car Company.
- Agreed to amended Island Bay cycleway stage 1 – and to further notify traffic resolutions.

- Traffic Resolutions.
- Agreed to Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings Policy (no submissions).
- Built Heritage Incentive Fund Grants approve.

5 February 2015

- City Cycleway Strategy – draft strategy ('master plan') discussed covering a long term citywide delivery programme, the order of projects, links into other projects (particularly urban development and bus priority), magnitude of costs, and suggested engagement process. 5 councillors were appointed to be part of a group to undertake 'Investment Logic Mapping' required by NZTA to access funding.
- Submission on the Draft Regional Transport Plan. Seeking more action on climate change, expressing concern about public transport fares, and advising GWRC that we plan to significantly increase investment in cycling.
- Medium Density – Approve Tawa and Karori as the next suburbs to engage with on medium density housing.
- Public Excluded – Curtis St appeal.

### **CCO Monitoring Programme**

16. Transport and Urban Development is responsible for monitoring the Wellington Cable Car Company. We considered the Annual Report from the Cable Car and had a presentation to the committee from Chief Executive Simon Fleischer. We considered the Letter of Expectation for the Cable Car Company in December. We also reviewed the 2015/2015 first quarter reports.

### **Relationships**

17. In addition to the above issues at committee I have had a large number of meetings as Chair. In addition to meetings with Council officers and relevant CCOs. these have included regular meetings with key partner organisations notably MoT, NZTA and GWRC, Centreport, transport advocacy groups, heritage and property organisations, transport providers, heritage building owners, retailers, developers, community groups. I have attended a number of professional and advocacy forums to explain Council's plans.
18. There are two portfolio leaders on the Committee: Councillor Pannett (Portfolio, Buildings) and Councillor Young (Central City Projects).
19. Councillor Pannett (Portfolio Leader, Buildings) and I meet regularly with Property Council and Heritage New Zealand with the major focus being on facilitating building strengthening, particularly heritage buildings. We have also worked together with officers in trying to assist owners of some of the more challenging buildings, and it is really positive to see more heritage buildings being strengthened.
20. Councillor Pannett has also continued to progress work on resolving leaky building issues. She is also monitoring the rental warrant of fitness work, and a report on progress is expected in the next 6 months.

### **The Key Focus for the next six months**

21. 2015 is clearly a pivotal and exciting year for making some really significant decisions, most particularly but not only through the Long Term Plan. 2015 is the year when this

Council has the greatest opportunity to make a significant positive difference for Wellington. Activities within the ambit of Transport and Urban Development include:

- There will be public engagement on the Urban Growth Plan and Implementation Plan alongside the LTP.
- We will continue to work with NZTA and GWRC on achieving solutions for the Basin Reserve, and then the associated Mt Victoria tunnel duplication and Wellington Road-Ruahine St work.
- Work will continue on high level planning around Adelaide Road (reviewing the 2008 Adelaide Road Framework Plan) and Kent and Cambridge Terrace boulevards.
- Councillors will this week receive an update on Petone – Grenada road.
- There will also be a discussion with GWRC regarding the Regional Transport Rate.
- We will continue to work with GWRC and NZTA on the implementation of Bus Rapid Transit. WCC’s key role will be in allocating road space and addressing any physical constraints. In some cases this will incorporate cycleway opportunities.
- Depending on Council LTP decisions there will be work advanced on additional cycleway projects, including community engagement. We will undertake the NZTA required Investment Logic Mapping (ILM) process.
- Work will continue with building owners to address earthquake resilience and heritage building strengthening.
- There is policy work regarding heritage buildings planned. This will include including a proposed process for administering the LTP proposed increased level of support for heritage building strengthening.
- We will engage with the communities of Karori and Tawa on medium density and Town Centre opportunities.
- We will continue to work with NZTA and other authorities on progressing the Great Harbour Way.
- With the District Plan now operative we will progress further refinements of the District Plan.
- We will need to monitor and respond to changes in legislation; particularly RMA reform and Earthquake resilience law.
- There will be an Environment Court hearing on Curtis Street Plan Change.
- Monitoring of the parking sensor trial.
- Work will continue on other Urban Development projects – finishing Victoria St, and on Laneways and CBD greening opportunities.
- Work will continue on Civic Square.
- Work will continue on Frank Kitts Park/Chinese Garden.
- We plan to undertake an RFP for an increased Car Share scheme.
- Memorial Park will open.
- The Cenotaph Project will be completed.

**Attachments**

Attachment 1. Work Programme agreed at Governance, Finance and Planning in February 2014

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Work Programme agreed at GFP in February 2014

Item	Current Status	Comments
Draft Transport Strategy	TUDC has recommended draft Wellington Urban Growth Plan to be consulted on alongside LTP	
Regional Land Transport Strategy	Draft Strategy approved by RLTC. TUDC agreed submission this month	
Asset Management Plans		
CCO monitoring and setting SOIs	Process underway	
Submission on Earthquake legislation	Submission to Select Committee made by the Chair and Portfolio Leader and Neville Brown	Seemed to be very well received. Awaiting updated legislation
Submission on NZTA FAR review process	Chair participated in LGNZ Forum Submission made. NZTA has made decisions on FAR	
Submission on Govt Policy Statement	Submission made	Pleasing to see refinement in GPS language over last GPS
Public Transport Spine Study briefing and report	Completed. Working with GWRC and NZTA on delivery of BRT	
District Plan review work programme	DPC 78 heard by Chair District Plan appeals all resolved except PC77 (Curtis St).	Plan effectively operative for the first time since 2000.
Draft Housing Action Plan/SHAs	SHA agreement with Govt and first set of SHAs proposed	
Review Developmnt Contributions	2014 Annual Plan decisions	
Review EQP buildings policy	Officers continue to work extensively on this. Briefing for councillors in August.	Waiting legislation (see above)
Heritage options to address resilience following review of heritage list in DP	Officers continue to work extensively on this. Briefing for councillors in August.	Officers continue to progress this work. LTP budget bid
<b>Transport briefings, reports and submissions</b>		
Future of Trolley buses	Workshop on Jacobs SKM report held	
Mitigation package for Basin flyover	BOI rejection of flyover. Working with NZTA and GWRC partners on next steps	
Mt Victoria Tunnel duplication	Delay because of flyover decision	
Petone to Grenada	Progressing. Briefings from officers and NZTA (next one this week)	
Resilience Petone to Ngauranga	Active ongoing work with NZTA, HCC, GWRC, KiwiRail	
Inner City Bypass	Some improvement works underway as part of Victoria St upgrade, some works on Karo Drive. Others held up by Flyover decision	
Memorial Park maintenance implications	Officers to report in due course	
Options for 175 Taranaki St	Officers to report in due course	
Options for Creche (Suzanne Aubert)	MCH appears likely user	
E Plan progress	Work continuing by officers	



