
PRESENTATION ON THE WELLINGTON URBAN GROWTH PLAN

1. Purpose of report

The purpose of the presentation is to update the Committee on progress on the draft Wellington Urban Growth Plan (the draft WUGP) (the rewrite of the Council's current Transport and Urban Development Strategies. The presentation will summarise key points covered in the draft WUGP, areas of focus and action, and feedback from an external peer review of the draft WUGP. It will also describe how the draft WUGP will be aligned with the Long-term Plan process.

2. Recommendations

Officers recommend that the Transport and Urban Development Committee:

- 1. Receive the information.*

3. Background

Wellington city's population is expected to grow by around 46,300 people over the next 30 years. As the city's population increases, new houses, infrastructure and services will need to be developed in a sustainable way, in areas that benefit the city the most.

The WUGP is an action-focused plan to ensure the city of Wellington maintains a world-class quality of life for residents as the city grows. It updates and replaces the Council's previous Urban Development and Transport strategies.

The objective of the WUGP is to promote smart growth and the development of sustainable communities that enhance Wellington's liveability, compactness, and distinctiveness.

It is the Council's guide for bringing land to the market and supporting investment in growth areas – a blueprint for prioritising and managing future growth. This includes the regeneration of urban areas, investment in the transport network and other supporting infrastructure, the development of new housing and community facilities and the delivery of public spaces.

The WUGP is supported by a wide range of projects and other Council plans and strategies. It aligns with - and helps to achieve - the Council's long-range vision, Wellington Towards 2040: Smart Capital. And it integrates with the Council's Long Term Plan and strategies covering economic development, the environmental, social and recreational functions and governance.

An important objective of the draft WUGP also is to help improve the quality and consistency of Council decisions in relation to planning and development applications, and to provide certainty for the city's key stakeholders – developers, central government, iwi, other councils, architects, planners and residents and ratepayers.

The draft WUGP reinforces Council's strategic approach for managing urban growth, while delivering actions that will make a real difference.

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1) Strategic fit / Strategic outcome

n/a

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

n/a

3) Treaty of Waitangi considerations

n/a

4) Decision-making

This is an oral briefing with no decision-making elements

5) Consultation

a) General consultation

n/a

b) Consultation with Maori

n/a

6) Legal implications

n/a

7) Consistency with existing policy

n/a