

Questions and Answers

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Item 2.6 Strategy and Policy Work Programme

I would like to know more about the Grants Framework Review please? When was the last time such a review occurred? What is the purpose of this?

This has not been reviewed for some time – the most recent review was in 2005 and this reshaped the framework – aligning with the then 4 wellbeing's and formalising the way we fund and monitor - 3 year contracts were developed at this time. Since then, considerable change has occurred in the councils' priorities, related strategies, and the grants environment. While we have updated and adopted new criteria from time to time, this review would provide the opportunity to look at how best to respond to the changing environment

Can I please have an example of how the grants framework may change with “alignment to grants framework to LTP priorities and new strategies”? I find this difficult to grasp given that most LTP changes are not to the criteria.

It is too early to provide examples of how grants criteria may change in response to the review. We are taking the opportunity the new Strategies present to review related criteria. However, we have yet to confirm the scope and terms of reference for the review but will be bringing TOR to committee for discussion and agreement (in the next few months). As part of this we will discuss the draft TOR as they are developed with the chair of the Kāwai Whakatipu | Grants Subcommittee.

How long is it since the Council committed to a review of community facilities?

The last review of the Community Facilities Policy was completed in 2010. This review is broader and is focused on building a better understanding of future community facilities that will be required to meet the demand from a growing population.

Has any work been undertaken on this? If so, what?

Some exploratory work has been undertaken looking at similar projects undertaken by other Councils.

Why has it not finished yet?

This project follows the completion of the Spatial Plan which sets the direction for the city. This was adopted by the Council in June 2021.

Why will it not occur until 2024 now?

The information from the review hasn't been needed before now and can only realistically be done after the completion of the Spatial Plan. The review findings will be used to inform investment decisions as part of the next LTP (2024).

There is no team responsible for this, how is the risk that it will not be led and driven being mitigated?

Once Council makes the decision that this project should proceed (as part of this report), officers will ensure resourcing is applied to deliver the review. The reviews findings will be an important input into the 2024 LTP which will be focused around meeting the demands of growth.

Why are we reviewing the heritage strategy?

The Heritage strategy follows on from wider policy work which influences how we tell the story of Wellington including prior policy work on Te Taihū – Te Reo Māori Policy and Naming Policy Te Māpahi Maurea.

This included commitments to our capital city being a te reo Māori city – people will know this because it will be visible in our city landscape and places we meet and that they would understand the importance of te reo o te iwi mana whenua, in celebrating the unique Māori heritage of this region. Previous resolutions also support the concept of including brief histories on street and open space signage and heritage buildings.

It also aligns with the Long Term Plan key objective that Wellington's history and built heritage is celebrated and supports a strong sense of identity and place and also with Aho Tini 2030.

The current Heritage Policy was adopted in 2010 and ran until 2020. It focused on the Council's responsibilities under the RMA.

Why is policy and other work associated with the Poneke Promise not included in this paper?

This paper does not include all committee work and other projects that are already underway. The Poneke Promise work programme is due to be reported back to the Committee in September.

There may be wider policy issues to be addressed arising from that or from the planned report back on the Alcohol Management Strategy that can be agreed to be placed on the work programme.