
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE FORWARD PROGRAMME

1. Purpose of Report

To present the Environment Committee with an alternative format of the forward programme, which provides context and outlines priorities for the Committee for the year. This report also seeks approval from the Committee of the Forward Programme for 2014.

2. Recommendations

Officers recommend that the Environment Committee:

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Agree to approve the new format of the Forward Programme for the Environment Committee.*
- 3. Agree to approve the Forward Programme for the Environment Committee as attached as Appendix 1.*

3. Background

The Environment Committee Forward Programme is presented for Committee approval every Environment Committee meeting.

4. Discussion

The Forward Programme reflects organisational and political priorities and emerging issues that require decisions from the Environment Committee.

The draft Forward Programme attached as Appendix 1 outlines the work programme of the Committee for 2014.

The new format provides a brief understanding on the context of decisions that the Committee will face and identifies which Council priorities and strategies it delivers on.

5. Conclusion

This report presents a newly formatted draft Forward Programme for the Environment Committee's approval.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 8 MAY 2014 MEETING

Paper Due Date: Thursday 24 April 2014

Summary of Agenda

The main decisions you will have to take include:

- Approving the Waste Bylaw;
- Approving the Final Water Sensitive Urban Design guide;
- Approving the Concessions policy for consultation.

PAPER ORDER	TITLE + OUTCOME	CONTEXT / ISSUES / DECISIONS	DELIVERS ON?	OFFICER	ELT MEMBER
Public participation					
	ePetition - New Mount Victoria Concrete Staircase	Outlined in the officer's response in agenda.	Edemocracy	Amber Bill	Greg Orchard
Strategy					
	Wellington Plan	Updates on progress of Spatial Plan Natural environmental impacts		Sherilyn Hinton	Anthony Wilson
Policy					
	Draft Concessions Policy to go out for consultation	Deciding policy parameters of the Concessions Policy. Balance of consistent management of activities, in a way that doesn't impose too many costs on businesses/groups.	Fair and transparent Reduced bureaucracy Open for business	Mark Jones/Amber Bill	Brian Hannah
	Review City Emissions Targets	WCC has coordinated a greenhouse gas inventory review in partnership with GWRC, Kapiti, Porirua, Hutt, and Upper Hutt. This is a briefing of the final progress report. It provides an opportunity to consider the key trends and policy implications.	City Emissions Targets Liveable City Eco City	Zach Rissel	Brian Hannah
	Water Sensitive Urban Design	Report back on consultation and to approve the guide.	Eco City	Nicci Wood	Brian Hannah

Implementation work/Monitoring					
	Progress Report: Smart Energy Capital Fund	Smart Energy Capital agreed in 2013/14 as an initiative to address climate change goals.	Smart Capital Eco City Piloting Alternative	Zach Rissel	Brian Hannah
	Update on Island Bay Seawall and Engagement Planning	Island Bay Seawall - briefing on feasibility of seawall alternatives.	Innovation opportunities to pilot different	Nicci Wood	Anthony Wilson
Operational Decisions					
	Our Living City Fund Grants	Decisions on funding	Eco City	Mark Farrar	Greg Orchard
Briefing					
	Climate Change Action Plan Update	Standing item to keep Committee updated on progress.	Climate change. Objectives for the Council and City	Zach Rissel	Brian Hannah
	Presentation from Capacity			Maree Henwood	Derek Fry

THURSDAY 12 JUNE 2014 MEETING

Paper Due Date: Thursday 29 May 2014

PAPER ORDER	TITLE + OUTCOME	CONTEXT / ISSUES / DECISIONS	DELIVERS ON?	OFFICER	ELT MEMBER
Strategy					
	2014/15 Final Statements of Intent	Final Statements of Intent for Zoo, Zealandia and Capacity	Governance	Maree Henwood	Derek Fry
Implementation work/Monitoring					
	Progress Report: Sea Level Rise Adaptation	Public engagement on sea level rise and climate impacts as part of 2012/22 LTP and Climate Change Plan	Engagement and action around Climate change	Nigel Taptiklis	Brian Hannah
	Climate Change Action Plan Update	Update at every Committee Meeting	Engagement and action around Climate change	Zach Rissel	Brian Hannah

	Service Delivery Plans	To be confirmed by Anthony Wilson. Three Waters Waste Any other relevant Service Plans			
Operational Decisions					
	2013/14 3rd quarter reports from CCOs	CCO reports for quarter ended 30 April	Governance Monitoring	Maree Henwood	Derek Fry

WEDNESDAY 6 AUGUST 2014 MEETING

Paper Due Date: Wednesday 23 JULY 2014

Summary of Agenda

The focus of this meeting will be on Council bylaws and the Draft Reserve Management Plan

PAPER ORDER	TITLE + OUTCOME	CONTEXT / ISSUES / DECISIONS	DELIVERS ON?	OFFICER	ELT MEMBER
Strategy					
	LTP Development	Chance for EC to identify projects/plans required for funding for next LTP			
	Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan	The Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan includes all of the Council reserves that are not currently covered under any other reserve management plan. The Council is required to prepare a management plan for reserves it manages and administers under the Reserves Act (1977). The report will present the Draft Plan to the Committee.	Operational efficiency	Mike Oates	Greg Orchard
Policy					
	Public Spaces Bylaw Review	Five year review required - legislative requirement. It is an omnibus bylaw which may attract submissions. Officers will provide analysis of the key issues and commentary on what is working well and what needs to change. It would make sense to do the analysis and then consider changes and funding implications as part of the LTP.	Legislative Compliance. Reduce bureaucracy Open for business	Sophie Rapson	Brian Hannah

	Animal Control Bylaw Review	Five year review required. The current bylaw is written restrictively and includes operational details (defined exercised areas) which then attract high levels of community interest. Trades off between public perceptions of safety and dog owners' perceptions of their ability to exercise their dogs. Some Councils have taken a more permissive approach with a bylaw defining the areas where dogs are prohibited/controlled. Some changes have been driven by legislation.	Legislative Compliance	Policy	Brian Hannah
Implementation work/Monitoring					
	Climate Change Action Plan Update	Update at every Committee Meeting	Engagement and action around Climate change	Zach Rissel	Brian Hannah

THURSDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2014 MEETING

Paper Due Date: Thursday 21 August 2014

PAPER ORDER	TITLE + OUTCOME	CONTEXT / ISSUES / DECISIONS	DELIVERS ON?	OFFICER	ELT MEMBER
Implementation work/Monitoring					
	Climate Change Action Plan Update	Update at every Committee Meeting	Engagement and action around Climate change	Zach Rissel	Brian Hannah
Operational Decisions					
	Our Living City Fund Grants	Allocation of funds for applications to Our Living City Fund	Eco City	Mark Farrar	Greg Orchard

THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER 2014 MEETING

Paper Due Date: Thursday 2 October 2014

Summary of Agenda

This meeting will be hearing submissions from the public on the Reserve Management Plan; refreshing the Biodiversity Action Plan; and monitoring the CCOs and Climate Change.

PAPER ORDER	TITLE + OUTCOME	CONTEXT / ISSUES / DECISIONS	DELIVERS ON?	OFFICER	ELT MEMBER
Strategy					
	Oral Hearings on the Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan	Oral Hearings (if required)	Engagement	Mike Oates	Greg Orchard
Policy					
	Review the Biodiversity Action Plan	This refreshes a 2007 plan and was identified as a priority in Our Capital Spaces.	Our Capital Spaces Eco City	Myfanwy Emeny	Greg Orchard
Implementation work/Monitoring					
	Annual Reports for CCOs	Annual 2013/14 CCO reports, including audited financials and commentary	Governance	Maree Henwood	Derek Fry
	Climate Change Action Plan Update	Update at every Committee Meeting	Engagement and action around Climate change	Zach Rissel	Brian Hannah

THURSDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2014 MEETING

Paper Due Date: Thursday 13 November 2014

Summary of Agenda

The main decision you will have to take include outcomes of the consultation of the Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan.

PAPER ORDER	TITLE + OUTCOME	CONTEXT / ISSUES / DECISIONS	DELIVERS ON?	OFFICER	ELT MEMBER
Strategy					
	2015/2016 Letters of expectation	Priorities to be outlined in 2015/16 Letters of Expectation to Zoo, Zealandia and Capacity	Governance	Maree Henwood	Derek Fry
	Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan	The Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan includes all of the Council reserves that are not currently covered under any other reserve management plan. The Council is required to prepare a management plan for reserves it manages and administers under the Reserves Act (1977). The report following consultation will be presented to the Committee.	Legislative Compliance	Mike Oates	Greg Orchard
Implementation work/Monitoring					
	2014/2015 1st Quarter Report from CCOs	CCO reports for quarter ended 30 September 2014	Governance	Maree Henwood	Derek Fry
	Climate Change Action Plan Update	Update at every Committee Meeting	Engagement and action around Climate change	Zach Rissel	Brian Hannah
Operational Decisions					
	Our Living City Fund Grants	Allocation of funds for applications to Our Living City Fund	Eco City	Mark Farrar	Greg Orchard

TO BE SCHEDULED

We will keep the Committee up to date with decisions from other Committees that have an environmental impact.

The items listed in the 'to be scheduled' are a mix of report backs on consultation and updates on implementation of existing programmes.

There is an obvious connection between transport and built environment projects and the environment, officers will consider the best way to keep the Committee informed without undue duplication.

Officers will be advising committees on LTP timelines so the committees can schedule time in the forward programme and to provide input.

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Strategy					
	City Growth Agenda	Evaluate natural environmental impacts (water, waste, climate change and the general environment)			
	Strategic Transport documents	Environmental impacts: Regional Land Transport Strategy Government Transport Policy Statement Public Transport Spine Study Specific Transport projects: Petone to Granada Mt Victoria Duplicated Tunnel Cycling Infrastructure			
	Annual Plan 2015-2016				
	District Plan Review	Appropriate chapters relating to the Natural Environment			
	Completion of Outer Town Belt				

Policy					
	Decision on Town Belt Bill after consultation				
	Concessions Policy after consultation				
	Botanic Gardens Management Plan				
	Review the Trade Waste bylaw	Legislative requirement to review by 2016. No significant problems with current bylaw. Trade Waste bylaw likely to be updated in 2015/16 to reflect the regional integration of trade waste regulation and Capacity's roles in this. Sometime in the 2015/16 year	Legislative Compliance	Capacity	Anthony Wilson
Implementation work/Monitoring					
	2014/2015 2nd Quarter Report	Sometime in 2015	Governance	Maree Henwood	Derek Fry
	Extension of Southern Landfill	Report back			
	Prince of Wales Reservoir/Water Supply Pipeline – can we have a report back on this?				
	Our Capital Spaces update necessary? Projects like the Two Million Trees?				
	Seismic Strengthening on water infrastructure?				
	Children's Garden				
	Spicer's Recreation Park				
	Tapu te Ranga co-management plan?				
	Regional Waste Management Plan				
	Porirua Harbour and Catchment Strategy				
	Investigation of the Harbour				
	Investigation into private drains				
	Carbon Reserve Fund?				

	Improving Stormwater Systems – Integrated Catchment Plan and Programme updates				
	Reducing sewerage pollution in three catchments - update				
Operational Decisions					
	Easement and lease agreement for Glover Park (61-73 Ghuznee St)	Easement over balconies and a canopy extending into Glover Park, and lease for an outdoor dining area also in Glover Park.		Brett Smith	Greg Orchard