
REPORT 4
(1215/12/IM)

DISTRICT PLAN MONITORING

1. Purpose of Report

To inform the Board that two reports have recently been presented to the Strategy and Policy Committee (SPC) on the District Plan Monitoring Programme, which aims to evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of the District Plan.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 1. Receive the information.*

3. Discussion

Every council has an obligation under the Resource Management Act 1991(RMA) to monitor the effectiveness and efficiency of any plans developed under the RMA. The Council (through the Built and Natural Environment Committee) agreed to an on-going monitoring programme in 2003. The Monitoring Programme was split into two distinct phases of data collection. The first phase (from 2003 to 2005) concentrated on gathering information about the 'built environment' components of the District Plan. The second phase (due to begin in 2006) will concentrate on the 'natural environment' aspects of the District Plan.

A report summarising the results of the first monitoring phase was presented to SPC in June 2005. At that meeting, Councillors asked to see how the views of the community would be incorporated into an evaluation of the effectiveness of the Plan. A second paper was presented to SPC in August that outlined a number of projects that would be carried out over the coming months to gather such views.

Both reports are attached for your information as Appendix 1 and Appendix 2.

A further monitoring paper, examining the effectiveness of the noise rules and the mixed use policy, will be presented to SPC in late September. The District Plan Team is also currently investigating the effects of the residential intensification policy on residential character.

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Supporting Information
<p>1) Strategic Fit / Strategic Outcome The District Plan supports a wide range of strategic outcomes particularly under the Built Environment and Transport KAA's. The monitoring information presented in this report helps to determine whether or not the District Plan and other related Council policies are achieving their objectives.</p>
<p>2) LTCCP/Annual Plan reference and long term financial impact Project C533 – District Plan. The costs incurred by the Monitoring Programme are included in this project.</p>
<p>3) Treaty of Waitangi considerations All District Plan work is required to take account of the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi (refer: Section 8 Resource Management Act 1991). Also, the Wellington Tenth Trust and Ngati Toa have been consulted over the monitoring information that particularly related to them.</p>
<p>4) Decision-Making No decisions are required.</p>
<p>5) Consultation a) General Consultation Consultation is not required for these reports. The information within these reports have been reviewed by both the Resource Consents team, the Compliance and Monitoring Team and other relevant Council staff. b) Consultation with Maori The information that specifically deals with the monitoring results on Maori cultural heritage was provided to the Wellington Tenth Trust and Ngati Toa in late 2004. We received positive feedback from the Wellington Tenth Trust in February 2005.</p>
<p>6) Legal Implications None.</p>
<p>7) Consistency with existing policy N/A. This paper contains merely information that will be used to ensure robust policy decisions are made in the future.</p>