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Policy Committee

Recommendation from Community Committee - Environment Strategic Work in 2018

Summary

Policy Committee is required to consider the recommendations and resolve accordingly. The following options are available to the Policy Committee and where appropriate the preferred option has been recommended.

Please note the following is a recommendation only.

The Policy Committee to resolve to:

- a. adopt as recommended
- b. to modify
- c. refer to another Committee
- d. to decline (giving reasons) and refer back to the Community Committee

Recommendation from the Community Committee - 26 April 2018

CC10.6 Long Term Plan Natural Environment Strategy

The Community Committee considered a report from the Senior Policy Analyst dated 26 April 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

The Senior Policy Analyst spoke to a tabled PowerPoint presentation. She advised that the Council would be reviewing the Natural Environment Strategy and this presentation was an introduction for this. She explained the connection of this strategy to recent Council activities, District Plan provisions and existing policies around parks and reserves.

In response to questions, the Senior Policy Analyst advised that:

- The referenced Fruit and Nut Policy had been in place for about three years and was created to enable the street planting of fruit and nut trees.
- The next step after the resolution in this meeting was for the strategy scope and engagement plan to be workshopped.

- Staff would research the national and regional direction around natural environment and climate change, to ensure the proposed strategy aligns with that.

Resolved: Murray-Benge / Thwaites

1. *THAT the Senior Policy Analyst's report dated 26 April 2018 and titled Environment Strategic Work in 2018 be received.*
2. *THAT the report relates to an issue that is considered to be of low significance in terms of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.*
3. *THAT the Community Committee recommends to the Policy Committee that the presentations received at the Community Committee Meeting on 26 April from environmental organisations, be considered through the review of the Natural Environment Strategy and the development of the Climate Change Action Plan in 2018.*

Staff Comments - Senior Policy Analyst

The presentations from various organisations about their environmental work, received at the Community Committee meeting on 26 April 2018, provide a valuable overview of current work being done in the District, and what has been achieved with, in part, the assistance of Western Bay of Plenty District Council.

The review of the Natural Environment Strategy and development of the Climate Change Action Plan provides an opportunity to consider this work and the contribution these organisations make to achieving environmental outcomes for the District. Having a good knowledge of what's currently happening, and what more can be achieved will help to shape Council's future direction and decision making to achieve agreed environmental outcomes.

The organisations that presented to the Community Committee will be key stakeholders in both the review of the Natural Environment Strategy and the development of the Climate Change Action Plan. The next step is to workshop the project scope and engagement plan with elected members, through a Policy Committee workshop.

1. Significance and Engagement

The Local Government Act 2002 requires a formal assessment of the significance of matters and decisions in this report against Council's Significance and Engagement Policy. In making this formal assessment there is no intention to assess the importance of this item to individuals, groups, or agencies within the community and it is acknowledged that all reports have a high degree of importance to those affected by Council decisions.

The Policy requires Council and its communities to identify the degree of significance attached to particular issues, proposals, assets, decisions, and activities.

In terms of the Significance and Engagement Policy this decision is considered to be of low significance because the decision is in accordance with agreed Council processes for strategy and plan development, and relates only to process as opposed to implementation.

Recommendation

- 1. THAT the Policy Committee consider the presentations from environmental organisations received at the Community Committee meeting on 26 April 2018 in its review of the Natural Environment Strategy and the development of the Climate Change Action Plan in 2018.***
- 2. THAT the report relates to an issue that is considered to be of low significance in terms of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.***



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