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FUTURE NAPIER COMMITTEE

Open Agenda

Meeting Date: Thursday 24 October 2024

Time: Following Sustainable Napier Committee

Venue: Large Exhibition Hall
War Memorial Centre
Marine Parade
Napier

Livestreamed via Council's Facebook page

Committee Members **Chair:** Deputy Mayor Brosnan

Members: Mayor Wise, Councillors Boag, Browne, Chrystal (Deputy Chair), Crown, Greig, Mawson, McGrath, Price, Simpson, Tareha and Taylor

Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi representatives – Tiwana Aranui and (Vacancy)

Officer Responsible Executive Director City Strategy

Administration Governance Team

Next Future Napier Committee Meeting
Thursday 27 February 2025

2022-2025 TERMS OF REFERENCE - FUTURE NAPIER COMMITTEE

<i>Chairperson</i>	<i>Deputy Mayor Brosnan</i>
<i>Deputy Chairperson</i>	<i>Councillor Chrystal</i>
<i>Membership</i>	<i>Mayor and Councillors (13)</i> <i>Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi (Māori Committee) (2)</i>
<i>Quorum</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>Meeting frequency</i>	<i>At least 6 weekly (or as required)</i>
<i>Officer Responsible</i>	<i>Executive Director City Strategy</i>

Purpose

The purpose of this Committee is to provide governance to the town planning and regulatory functions of Council, including future planning and strategy.

Delegated Powers to Act

To exercise and perform Council's functions, powers and duties within its area of responsibility, excluding those matters reserved to Council by law or by resolution of Council, specifically including the following:

1. District and town planning and development.
2. Regulatory policy and functions of Council.
3. Environmental planning, policy and functions of Council.
4. Sustainable economic development.
5. Consider road stopping and approve the temporary closure of any road.
6. To monitor performance (including budget and performance targets in the Long Term Plan) for its area of responsibility and authority.
7. To adopt or amend policies or strategies related to the Committee's area of responsibility, provided the new or amended policy does not conflict with an existing policy or strategy.
8. Ensure Council meetings all compliance requirements relating to its regulatory responsibilities.
9. To resolve any other matters which fall outside the area of responsibility of all Standing Committees, but where the Mayor in consultation with the Chief Executive considers it desirable that the matter is considered by a Standing Committee in the first instance.

Power to Recommend

The Committee may recommend to Council and/or any standing committee as it deems appropriate.

The Committee may recommend to Council that new or amended bylaws be adopted.

The Committee may make a recommendation to the Annual Plan or Long Term Plan relevant to the Committee's responsibilities.

The Committee must make a recommendation to Council or the Chief Executive if the decision considered appropriate is not consistent with, or is contrary to, any policy (including the Annual Plan or Long Term Plan) established by the Council.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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Apologies

Councillor Taylor

Conflicts of interest

Public forum

Nil

Announcements by the Mayor

Announcements by the Chairperson including notification of minor matters not on the agenda

Note: re minor matters only - refer LGOIMA s46A(7A) and Standing Orders s9.13

A meeting may discuss an item that is not on the agenda only if it is a minor matter relating to the general business of the meeting and the Chairperson explains at the beginning of the public part of the meeting that the item will be discussed. However, the meeting may not make a resolution, decision or recommendation about the item, except to refer it to a subsequent meeting for further discussion.

Announcements by the management

Confirmation of minutes

That the Minutes of the Future Napier Committee meeting held on Thursday, 12 September 2024 be taken as a true and accurate record of the meeting.38

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Minor matters not on the agenda – discussion (if any)

Recommendation to Exclude the Public

Nil

AGENDA ITEMS

1. PROJECT AND ACTIVITY UPDATE - CITY STRATEGY

<i>Type of Report:</i>	Information
<i>Legal Reference:</i>	N/A
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<i>Reporting Officer/s & Unit:</i>	Rachael Bailey, Executive Director City Strategy Jessica Le Roux, EA to Executive Director City Strategy Paulina Wilhelm, Manager City Development Darran Gillies, Strategic Programmes Manager Luke Johnson, Manager Regulatory Solutions Bill Roberts, Economic Development Manager Georgina King, Team Leader City Design and Urban Renewal

1.1 Purpose of Report

To provide Council updates on key projects and activities managed within the City Strategy Directorate.

The projects and activities reported on may vary from report to report depending on what is of interest to the Council.

Officer's Recommendation

The Future Napier Committee:

- a. Receive the report titled "Project and Activity Update – City Strategy".

1.2 Background Summary

The City Strategy Directorate is responsible for the delivery of several strategic projects and activities for Council, including:

- Civic Precinct
- Revitalise Emerson Street
- Waka Hub
- Ahuriri Regional Park
- Proposed District Plan
- Plan Variations
- Future Development Strategy
- Bylaw and Policy Review Programme
- Climate Action

- Parking
- Economic Development

This report provides an update on these projects and activities.

1.3 Key Projects

Civic Precinct

The 3 Year Plan was adopted by Council on 27 June 2024 to proceed with development of the ex-library tower in-house. This decision enables the **Civic Precinct** to be delivered as one programme of works.

The **Civic Precinct** is made up of a public realm that spans from the southern lane running east-west adjacent to the Court House and Dalton House on the southern edge, Hastings Street on the east, Station Street on the north and Dalton Street on the west. Within the public realm sits three interconnected buildings – **Te Aka** made up of the **Library** and **Chambers**, and the **Office accommodation** building.

The latest design stages were approved by Council on the 15th of August. The team are currently progressing towards the completion of the Building Consent documentation.

A Wānanga was held on the 12th of September, and involved our Mana Whenua partners, members project advisory group and elected members. This allowed the design team to receive feedback on specific elements, including the council chambers and the whanau area in the library.

The two-stage procurement process is now underway. The competitive Registration of Interest (ROI) stage was released to the market post the Audit & Risk Committee on the 6th of September. The ROI period runs for four weeks before the shortlisting process is undertaken by the Tender Evaluation Team (TET). The Senior Responsible Officer will approve the TETs shortlisting recommendation.

Once the shortlisted vendors are confirmed a 16-day interactive process will be undertaken with key members of the project team to enable further development of tenders.

The Request for Tender (RFT) will follow in January once the design documentation has been completed to the level that accurate pricing can be achieved. This will run for 28 days.

An evaluation and moderation process will then be undertaken by the TET before a Tender Recommendation Report is brought before the council in April for approval to enter into negotiations with a preferred tenderer.

Emerson St Upgrade

The 3 Year Plan was adopted by Council on 27 June 2024 with funding approved for the upgrade of Emerson Street.

On 1 August Council endorsed the concept design for the entire length of Emerson Street, and gave approval to proceed to Developed and Detailed Design for Stages 1 &. Council also provided direction to undertake several consultation and design audits as part of the Detailed Design phase, including but not limited to a Universal Design review, a Local Heritage review, further workshops with Elected Members, consultation with the RSA about the Troopers Memorial, and an Emergency Services Traffic review.

The cultural narrative developed by Te Waka Rangapū for the Emerson St upgrade was endorsed by Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi on 28 August.

A Project Manager has been engaged to develop the Master Programme, Project Implementation Plan, Risk Management Plan and Procurement Strategy for the 3-Water infrastructure works and streetscape design workstreams. The 3-Waters and Streetscape Design teams are currently undertaking Developed Design for the streetscape and design of the 3-Waters wastewater pipe renewal.

A detailed Engagement Plan has been developed for this next design phase (Developed and Detailed Design). The approach is that a number additional stakeholder groups will have input into the Developed Design as key design features are further refined.

Key pieces of work also being undertaken as part of the Developed and Detailed Design include a Heritage Review (being undertaken by Ann Galloway), an Archaeological Assessment (being undertaken by Elizabeth Pishief), a Universal Access Audit (being undertaken by Barrier Free NZ).

Waka Hub

On 30 May Council approved the preferred site for the Waka Hub and permanent mooring for Te Matau-a-Maui waka adjacent to the Napier Sailing Club. Approval was also given at this time to progress to Concept Design using Better Off Funding allocation.

On 27 June 2024 Council adopted the 3 Year Plan approving \$3.3mill for the development of the Waka Hub, on the basis that NCC retain ownership of the assets on the reserve, and the Waka Hub is leased from Council.

Council in partnership with Ātea a Rangī Trust have undergone a rigorous tender process to select a Design Team for this kaupapa which includes the development of a spatial masterplan for the site and concept design of the Waka Hub.

A contract has been let to provide design and engineering services for the pontoon and waka whare with initial construction focus on the pontoon to ensure a secure berth for the waka.

Once the concept designs are completed for a fit-for-purpose facility, and an operating model agreed between all parties including the Trust and Napier Sailing Club, this will be set out in a Memorandum of Understanding which will be brought back to Council for approval. In addition, the approval of the lease, and general conditions including rent, will be brought back to Council at the appropriate time for a resolution pursuant to the Reserves Act 1977.

The Design Team are scheduled to commence the spatial planning phase in late September, and then move into concept design of the Waka Hub in the latter part of this year. The first two Wānanga (W0 & W1) are currently scheduled for 11th October.

Indicative Project Timeline

Wānanga 0 – 11th October, 2024 (morning session)

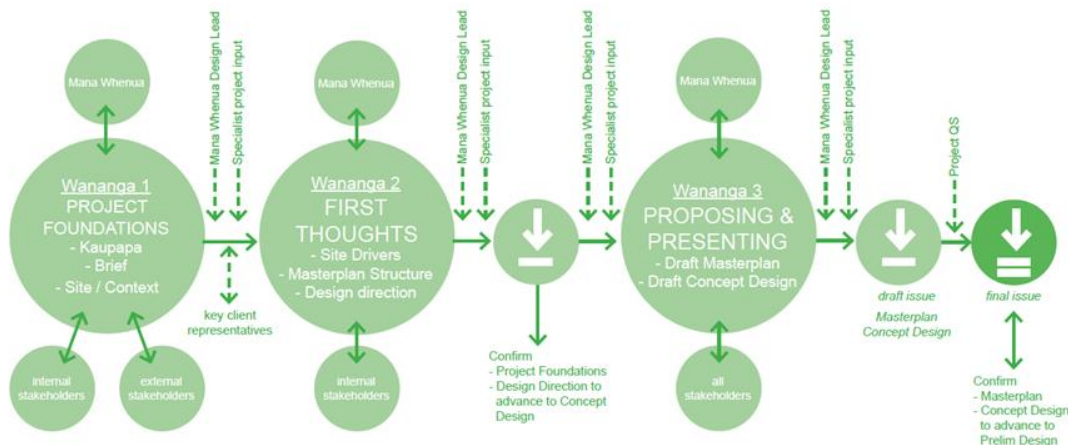
Wānanga 1 – 11th October, 2024 (afternoon session)

Wānanga 2 – 29th November, 2024

Wānanga 3 – 31st January, 2025

Concept Design Endorsement - Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi, 14th March, 2025

Concept Design approval – Council Meeting, 27th March, 2025



Ahuriri Regional Park

Te Whanganui-a-Orotū, also known as the Ahuriri Estuary, is a unique wetland area that requires restoration due to years of stormwater discharge, wastewater discharges, and sediment runoff. To address these challenges, the Council aims to work closely with Hawke’s Bay Regional Council (HBRC), Mana Ahuriri Trust (MAT), and Te Komiti Muriwai o Te Whanga to develop the Ahuriri Regional Park on the Council-owned land known as Lagoon Farm.

Since our last update in June, the Council has placed the project on hold until the stormwater masterplan progresses to a design phase. This will enable the Ahuriri Masterplan to consider all the needs, opportunities, and constraints related to stormwater.

Proposed District Plan

The District Plan is an important regulatory document for Council. It affects every piece of land, and manages all land use, development, and subdivision in Napier. The District Plan sets the regulatory framework for how the city will grow and develop into the future and manages the effects from activities on the environment.

The Proposed District Plan was notified in September 2024. We received 288 submissions, three of these were late submissions.

The next steps in the process and timeframes are included in the table below.

Phase	Description	Timeframe
1. Hearings reports and planning	Planners prepare the hearing topics and the hearing reports	March -November
2. Hearings	Hearing commissioners hear submitters	November 2024 to September 2025
3. Decisions	Hearing Commissioners prepare the decisions	September 2025

Plan Variations

Policy planners are preparing three plan variations to be notified for public consultation in 2024 and 2025. These are:

- Sites of Significance to Māori

- Significant Natural Areas
- Natural Hazards

Natural Hazards Variation: A draft S32 report has been prepared for engagement with key stakeholders and mana whenua. The feedback will be incorporated into the chapter and options presented to Councillors in early 2025 before public notification.

Sites of Significance to Māori Variation: We are progressing the report containing the sites and the next step is to map these. Once the map is finalised officers will arrange a hui with mana whenua to finalise the extent of the sites.

Significant Natural Areas Variation: NCC has engaged an ecologist to review the SNA report done by Waikato University in 2019 to align with the recently notified National Policy Statement on Indigenous Biodiversity (NPSIB). Once this is finalised, it will be provided to the public together with the chapter and the S32 evaluation report. Notification of the SNA variation is planned for early November.

Future Development Strategy

The Future Development Strategy (FDS) is the 30-year growth strategy for Napier and Hastings. Hastings District Council, NCC and HBRC, along with iwi and hapū partners are jointly developing the Hastings and Napier FDS.

After the call for opportunities conducted in 2023, council officers have assessed the various growth options against a set of criteria. The multi-criteria analysis has been helpful to refine these options in preparation for further community engagement.

There has been some delay in the notification of the FDS strategy due to further engagement needed with Mana Ahuriri about the Ahuriri Station.

The next step in the process is to present the draft strategy to the Joint Committee for endorsement in October, ahead of the public consultation in early 2025.

Bylaw & Policy Review Programme

Gambling Policy: Officers will hold a workshop with Elected Members on the Gambling Policy on 10 October. At this time, Council will advise officers of whether they would like to endorse the policy direction, and whether they want to release the gambling policy for feedback ahead of its adoption.

Freedom Camping Bylaw: Officers have assessed the suitability of many sites around Napier to provide tourists with the opportunity to freedom camp. A set of criteria has been used for the evaluation of these sites, which will be discussed at a workshop on the 10th of October.

Fire Control Bylaw: Officers have commenced a review of the effectiveness of the fire control bylaw. Considerations include how Napier City Council works with Hawkes Bay Regional Council and Fire and Emergency New Zealand to regulate fires and nuisance smoke within reserves, private property, and along our beaches. A meeting was held with the respective regulators along with key stakeholders associated with the protection of local fauna to inform this review. The review is underway and it is anticipated that a workshop will be undertaken with Councilors before the end of the year.

Climate Action

Climate Action Joint Committee (CAJC)

Urban Intelligence Ltd has been engaged by HBRC on behalf of the CAJC to develop a regional climate change risk assessment. The risk assessment project was initiated following CAJC's August 2024 meeting and will be reported back to the Committee at their November 2024 meeting. As such, the project is proceeding at pace to ensure the assessment can be tabled at the next meeting.

A risk assessment will help increase understanding of the full range of climate risks in Hawke's Bay, and importantly, the impacts of those risks on our communities. The range of climate impacts we will need to adapt to as a region is broader than the impact of natural hazard events alone. A risk assessment of this nature can include (but is not limited to), risks to:

- our natural and built environment
- people and communities (including cultural wellbeing and social cohesion)
- infrastructure
- cultural and heritage assets
- the regional economy.

Assessing risk is a necessary first step in embedding climate adaptation into our decision-making at all levels and enabling action.

This is the first climate change risk assessment for Hawke's Bay. It will involve the development of a risk assessment report based on existing information at a regional and district scale. The assessment will utilise the Risk Explorer tool developed by Urban Intelligence, who are also working with other Councils (e.g., Nelson-Tasman and Buller) on a similar kaupapa. HBRC has been working with Urban Intelligence over the last year to develop the Risk Explorer tool for the Hawke's Bay region.

The TAG is working on a communications plan to manage the release of the risk assessment report. Following receipt of the report, the CAJC will discuss the next steps, including potentially further refining the risk assessment. Future iterations of the risk assessment could involve targeted or community engagement to ensure more qualitative information is included.

Coastal Hazards Joint Committee.

The Clifton to Tangoio Coastal Hazard Strategy 2120 (Coastal Hazard Strategy) is a coordinated approach to identifying and responding to the hazards of coastal erosion and coastal inundation (overtopping and flooding from the sea), and the influence of climate change and sea level rise, over the next 100 years.

The Strategy covers the coastline between Tangoio in the north, and Clifton in the south. Centred around the city of Napier, this is the most populated stretch of coastline in Te Matau-a-Māui Hawke's Bay.

The Joint Committee was established in 2014 with representatives from Hastings District Council, Napier City Council and Hawke's Bay Regional Council (Partner Councils), Maungaharuru-Tangitū Trust, Mana Ahuriri Trust and Tamatea Pōkai Whenua, Strategy implementation is being led by the Hawke's Bay Regional Council.

A Technical Advisory Group (TAG) led by HBRC, services the Committee. TAG members link in with other subject matter experts as required and work closely with the Māori Partnership Teams within each Council.

The Coastal Hazard Strategy has an annual budget of \$300,000, contributed by the partner councils through their long-term plans.

On 9th August 2024, the Joint Committee considered the full strategy document, which complied all the work undertaken by the panels, Joint Committee, and councils to date. The actions proposed in the strategy are a direct reflection of the long-term adaptive pathways recommended by the community panels. Additional work has been proposed to ensure a comprehensive response, including further work under the Mātauranga Māori Workstream.

On 28th August 2024, the Hawkes Bay Regional Council received the *Clifton to Tangoio Coastal Hazards Strategy 2120* along with the staff report and noted the recommendations for funding principles and community consultation made by the Joint Committee. The HBRC has instructed the Chief Executive of HBRC to provide advice on the pathway to implementation. Officers are now awaiting this advice.

Tsunami

NCC has been working with HBRC to release the outputs of a revised Tsunami modelling report and the evacuation zone. The new modelling is more refined and considers the various built-up areas and how these can mitigate the impact of the tsunami. The extent of the affected area in Napier has been reduced.

Parking

Under the Parking Strategy, officers continue to work on identifying emerging parking issues and develop parking interventions to address these. The focus is on promoting a compact, vibrant, and well-functioning CBD. During a recent Council workshop, officers discussed some of the CBD parking issues and opportunities, a further report is expected to be provided in early 2025.

Recent feedback from Ahuriri and Taradale Business Associations has raised the need for further parking support in these commercial areas which will also be programmed in 2025.

Council's increases to parking meter fees were implemented from 1 July. Our parking officers have observed some positive behaviour changes following the meter increases. They report a higher turnover of cars using on-street paid parking within the CBD resulting in increased availability of parking spaces for all. Some retailers have also commented on this to the parking team. Parking officers have also noticed some commuters who they knew to be regularly using inner-city carparks for all-day parking have moved to the fringe of the city or taken up leased parking options. This is supported by an increase in the number of parking spaces leased since the fee increase compared to the number of leases in the same period last year. While the waiting list for leased carparking is still at a reasonable level, several people on the list already have a leased carpark but are waiting for one closer to the CBD or their place of work.

Following this was implementation of the Government's increases to parking infringement fees from 1 October. This infringement fee increase is the first of its kind since 2004.

Napier and Hastings Councils communicated the Government's announcement of infringement fee increases by preparing and issuing combined public communications, the extent of which included;

- flyers and posters – distributed into libraries, Customer Service Centres and NCC facilities,
- resident's newsletter,
- a media advisory,

- a story on our news center,
- digital screen advertisements,
- parking officers sharing the information directly with parking regulars,
- radio ads in collaboration with Hastings District Council, and
- hardcopy Neighbourhood newsletter distributed to every household and cafes in CBD and Ahuriri.

Work is scheduled to commence this month on the expanded carpark and new retaining wall at Herschell Street. This work will result in an improved retaining wall structure for the safety of properties situated above the carpark (and surrounds) and will provide an additional 20 car parking spaces.

Current Economic Update for Napier

Global situation

This year has seen steady but slow growth of 3.2% globally. When combined with moderating inflation rates the outlook for 2025 is cautiously positive, barring any major disruption caused by man-made or natural disaster.

National situation

The last quarter in New Zealand has been marginally better than forecast. ANZ bank is predicting further OCR drops with the expectation that interest rates will be around 4.5% from the start on 2025.

Napier situation

Napier's position has been flat overall this year, with some sectors faring better than others. Napier's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for the year is stagnant at \$4 billion, marginally down 0.69%. Business numbers have also remained steady, marginally up by 0.07% from last year.

However, falling foot count in Napier's central business district is a concern, as much as 20% lower in some areas. Tourism both domestic and international is also down by as much as 22% - as of May 2024 spend was \$14.7m, down 22%. Card spending for August was also lower than last year, being \$90m, down 3.2%. Taradale was the one bright spot, slightly up from last year. August transaction numbers were also down 1.5% at \$1.9 million.

Current Economic Development Activities

This year our focus has been on collaboration and events in line with business community expectations from our survey last year. This work programme includes:

- Working with Regional Economic Development Agency on their current qualitative and quantitative snapshot research into the current regional economic situation. Their work will then help our Napier-focused planning.
- We are currently surveying our community to ascertain the causes of lower central business district pedestrian counts – over 400 responses so far, which is very pleasing. We will use this information to focus our resources on addressing the issues raised.
- Following the success of all five Business Breakfasts this year, preparations are underway for next year, starting the new year with an update from Chief Economist Sharon Zollner.

- We have had very positive feedback on our joint Future Focus Developers Forum, with overwhelming support for the format, which allowed for richer discussion and meaningful relationship building. Hastings will host the next joint forum in the new year.
- Following on from previous Council feedback, we are working towards closer relationships with all three business associations in our area, with regular monthly catchups in addition to the scheduled events.

1.4 Significance and Engagement

Some of the projects reported on in this paper have significant consultation and engagement requirements. These are managed at a project-specific level and are reported to Council separately as part of the project management process.

1.5 Implications

Financial

Financial performance of individual projects does not form part of this report.

Risk

Project risks are managed on a project basis and significant risks are reported to Council separately via the Audit and Risk Committee

1.6 Options

This report is for information purposes only.

1.7 Attachments

Nil

2. ENTERPRISE PROJECT MANAGEMENT OFFICE (EPMO) UPDATE

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<i>Reporting Officer/s & Unit:</i>	Bruce Lake, Enterprise Project Management Office (EPMO) Manager

2.1 Purpose of Report

To provide the Future Napier Committee an update on the EPMO Establishment Plan.

In April 2024, the ELT approved the creation of an EPMO for Napier City Council, with the roles covered by funding from vacancies in the Project & Design team. In August 2024, the new EPMO Manager, Bruce Lake commenced in the role.

This paper is to provide an update of activities that have been completed as part of Phase 1 – Quick Wins of the EPMO Establishment Plan, as well as other Napier City Council wide initiatives that the EPMO is engaged in.

Officer's Recommendation

The Future Napier Committee:

- a. Receive the EPMO Update report.

2.2 Attachments

- 1 EPMO Update for Future Napier DOC ID 1801238 [↓](#)

EPMO Update

Future Napier Committee 24th October 2024

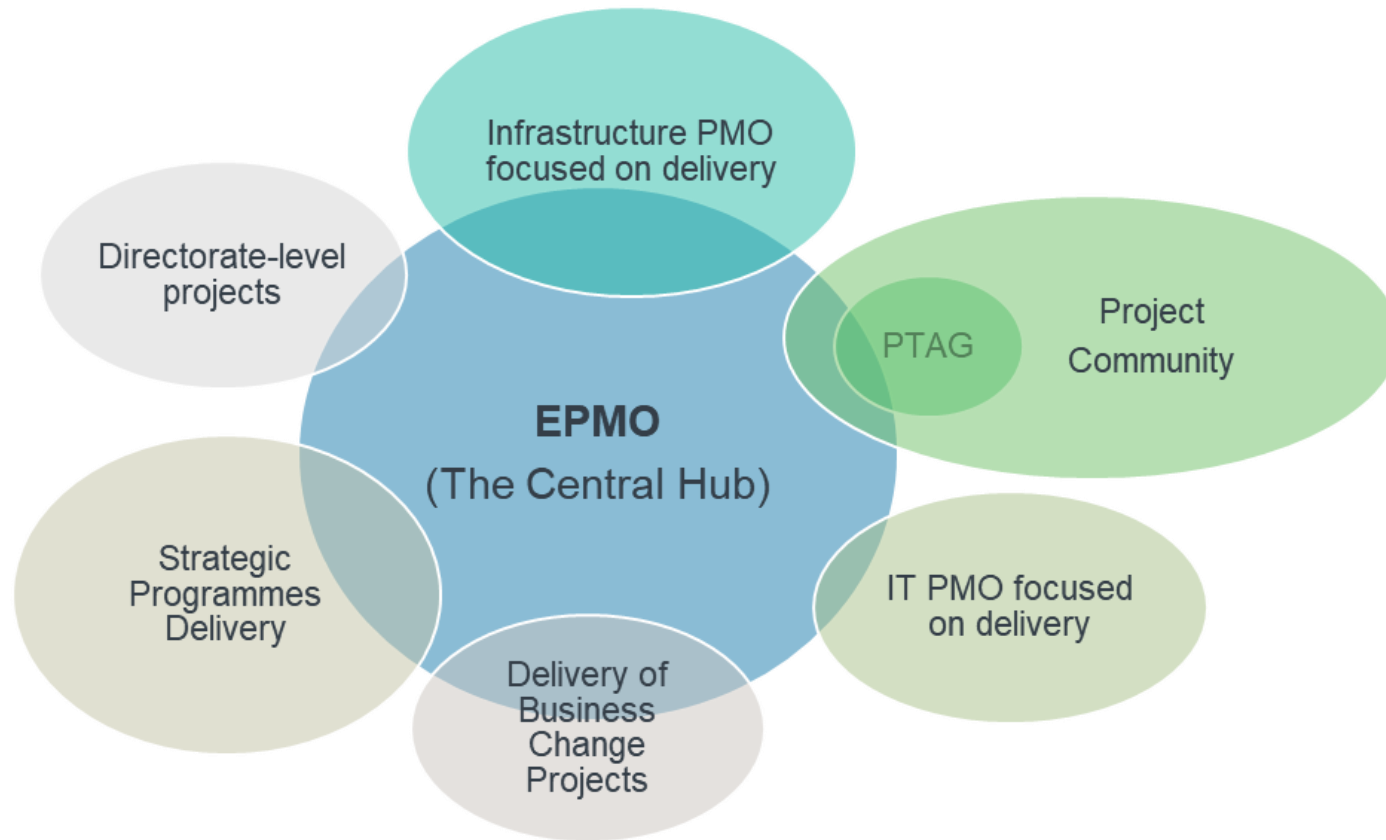


Recap – Why an EPMO?

- Improve collective understanding and agreement on how Council's strategic priorities will be delivered.
- Efficiency gains leading to improved return on investments and delivering more strategic value with available resources.
- Improved confidence in executive, governance and project resource decision making and support.
- Improved reputation for managing resources well and delivering on strategic priorities.

“Deliver the right projects, in the right way”

How will the EPMO operate?



The EPMO Establishment Plan

The EPMO Establishment Plan will be implemented in four phases as follows:

- Phase 1 – Quick Wins
- Phase 2 – EPMO Framework – “doing the projects right”
- Phase 3 – EPMO Portfolio Definition – “doing the right projects”
- Phase 4 – EPMO Maturity Build

The Project Technical Advisory Group (PTAG) has also been established. PTAG is a council-wide group of people that to provide specialist, practical and independent advice to the EPMO.

Phase 1 – Quick Wins Scope

Phase 1 is largely complete:

- Heath Checks on 30 Projects
 - This identified a number of findings which has in turn fed into the Business Improvement Initiative plan
- BASIC Initiation Process
 - This has been approved and ready for implementation
- Business Improvement Initiatives
 - A new Project Business Improvement (PBI) Steering Group has been created to govern these initiatives
- Transition to EPMO Manager
 - The EPMO Manager is the Chair of the PBI Steering Group

Initiatives the EPMO is involved in

The EPMO is also involved in the following initiatives:

- EPMO recruitment
 - Three vacant roles now filled, waiting for commencement
- Project Management Information System (PMIS)
 - Data cleanse, system (Camms.Project/Sycle) review
- 3 Waters / Water Done Well
 - Pipeline development (see Infrastructure Plan on the Page)
 - Project risk management framework
- Organisational Change initiatives
 - There is a large programme of change likely to impact council staff, we are working to develop a heat map, understand the impacts, and smooth the change.

EPMO Collaboration

It is important that the EPMO operates in a collaborative manner across the entire council at a strategic level. Examples of what areas the EPMO have engaged with:

- **Comms and Engagement** – new C&E strategy development
- **Finance** – GL review / MAGIQ integration into Sycle
- **Information Services** – digital strategy change impact assessment
- **Infrastructure** – pipeline development and risk framework
- **Procurement** – procurement framework integration into projects
- **Risk** – project risk framework
- **Strategy and Transformation** – understanding the linkages between the EPMO and the LTP process

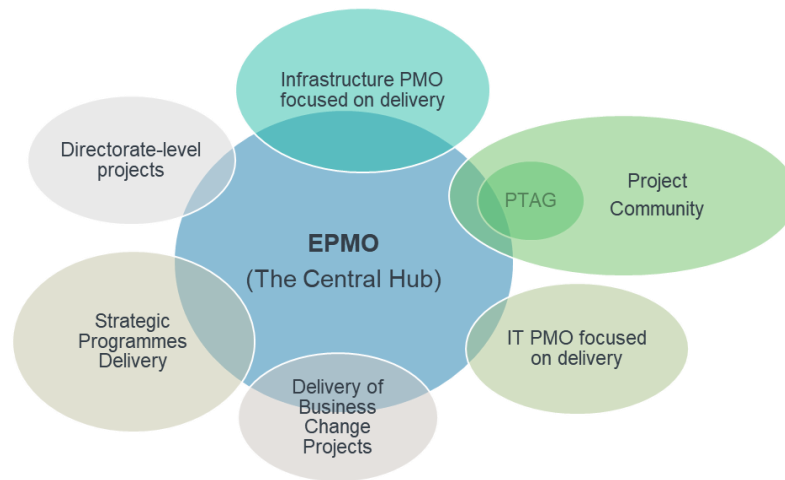
EPMO Collaboration (continued)

It is clear that EPMOs are being set up across several Local Government councils. The Napier EPMO has recently joined a Regional PMO group that consists of:

- Hamilton City Council
- Matamata-Piako District Council
- Rotorua Lakes Council
- Taupo Council
- Tauranga Council
- Waikato District Council
- Waikato Regional Council
- Whakatane Council
- Thames-Coromandel District Council



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3. KEY ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

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<i>Document ID:</i>	1799446
<i>Reporting Officer/s & Unit:</i>	Simon Bradshaw, Manager Infrastructure Developments

3.1 Purpose of Report

This report provides an update on Council's Key Account Management framework. The report is provided for information purposes only, to give our Elected Members a general overview of how we engage with our development community.

Officer's Recommendation

The Future Napier Committee:

- a. **Note** the overview of Councils approach to engaging with the development community, with specific insights to the Key Account Management policy.

3.2 Background Summary

To support the city's growth, land development is required to continue the expansion of residential, commercial and industrial spaces. We have a significant number of people and business that are interested in pursuing developments, with interest ranging from one-off small-scale development to continuous large- and small-scale developments. To realise two of Council's strategic priorities:

- A resilient city – the ability to thrive and withstand impacts, knocks and shocks.
- Nurturing authentic relationships with our community and partners.

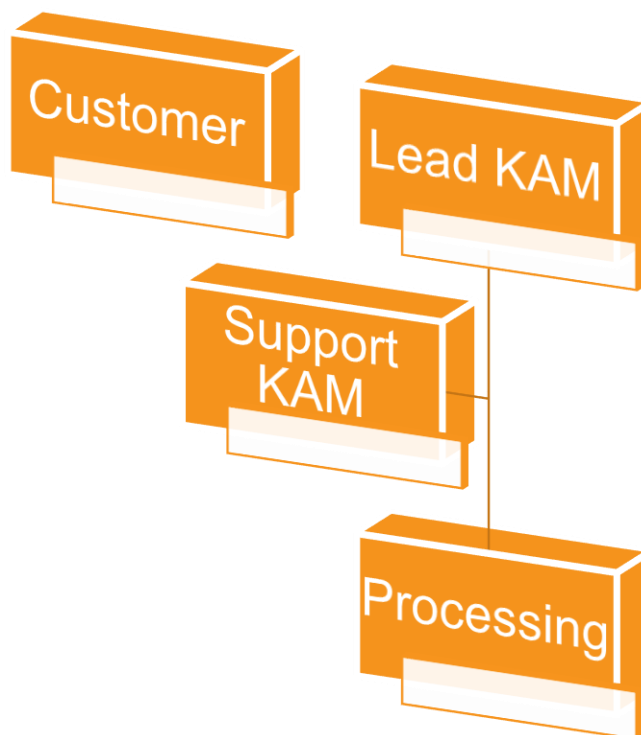
Council has a process to engage with developers through the Key Account Management framework. This enables us to understand how we can work with our development community to enable growth in a resilient manner and allows ongoing authentic relationship to be formed. Due to internal resourcing constraints, we cannot engage with all development interest and therefore qualify projects in order of priority in general alignment with the points below:

- Project complexity and politically strategic development.
- Significant residential subdivisions / multi-unit developments, however developments involving 3+ dwellings, or a programme of development delivery if they are a regular developer.
- Commercial or Industrial developments that may generate media or political interest; and/or have significant issues that need resolution e.g. infrastructure provision.
- Developers, Businesses, and Investors looking to undertake significant investment in Napier City or who regularly undertake significant investment in Napier City.
- Developments that have a reasonable economic benefit to the Napier community.

3.3 Overview of the Approach

Through the Key Account Management approach, Council provides an integrated, cross-Council approach to enabling residential subdivisions and large-scale commercial/industrial development that contributes to the wellbeing of our community.

Key Accounts are provided with a Lead KAM who provides a single point of contact into Council and responds to stakeholder requirements during the process. The lead KAM is supported by another KAM member from the opposing discipline (i.e., if the Lead KAM is an Engineer, a Planner will be the Support KAM). This approach provides the right skills and understanding across the respective processes, ensures continued support throughout the application from start to finish, and provides consistency for all stakeholders.



Note, where applications are more heavily weighted on Engineering or Planning issues, the respective lead may change through the life of the Key Account to provide the relevant support. This process shall be agreed with the Key Account (e.g., through the project steering group or similar).

3.4 Key Account Management Team

The table below provides the directorate and roles currently assigned:

Core Team (Directorate) City Strategy	Role	Responsibility
City Strategy	Team Leader Resource Consents	Coordinating Resource Consenting Team to provide information relating to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resource Consent requirements • Compliance
City Strategy	Senior Resource Consents Planner	To assist Team Leader Planning

City Strategy	Principal Policy Planner	Coordinating Policy Team to provide information relating to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed District Plan, Zoning, plan changes/variations • Heritage & Inner-City Strategic Development • Spatial Plans & Structure Plans, • Urban Growth Areas, etc • Partnership opportunities
City Strategy	Strategic Planning Lead	Coordinating Policy Team to provide information relating to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed District Plan, Zoning, plan changes/variations • Inner City Strategic Development • Spatial Plans & Structure Plans, • Urban Growth Areas, etc
City Strategy	Economic Development Manager	Partnership opportunities Coordinating and enabling partnerships with prospective economic interests within Napier.
Infrastructure Services Infrastructure Services/ Ahuriri Alliance	Manager Infrastructure Developments Transportation Development Engineer	To create a closer relationship between consenting and engineering teams. Support Consenting Team to provide information relating to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engineering Design Approvals • Code of Practice • Development Contributions • Financial Contributions
Infrastructure Services	Senior Engineer	Coordinating Infrastructure Teams to provide information relating to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks & Reserves • Transportation • 3 Waters • Environmental
City Strategy/Infrastructure Services	Administration /Project Support Services	Coordinating Core Team by providing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide Projects Status / Project Health Checks / Reporting • Introduce Timesheets Billing Process • Monthly Billing • File management / template creation • Support communications (internal & external) • Meeting agendas / minutes / actions

3.5 Current Accounts

The key stakeholders currently considered include:

- Riverbend Road Development (Advance Properties Group Ltd)
- Mission Hills Development
- TW Group

- Kāinga Ora
- Mana Ahuriri Trust

There are others that will be assigned a KAM as required, these include:

- Wallace Developments
- Dave Mackersey
- Eastern Screen Alliance
- Awatoto Industrial Action Group
- Waka Kotahi
- Willowbank Avenue (Durham Properties Investments Ltd)
- Any future opportunity where resources are available

Council officers have received positive feedback from several of the Key Accounts, with recent praise received from representatives supporting the Mission Hills development and members of TW Group.

3.6 Attachments

Nil

4. POLICY APPROACH FOR THE ECOSYSTEMS AND INDIGENOUS BIODIVERSITY CHAPTER NAPIER PDP VARIATION

<i>Type of Report:</i>	Legal
<i>Legal Reference:</i>	Resource Management Act 1991
<i>Document ID:</i>	1799526
<i>Reporting Officer/s & Unit:</i>	Jeriel Sajan, Policy Analyst

4.1 Purpose of Report

To seek endorsement of the policy direction for managing Significant Natural Areas (SNAs) and other indigenous biodiversity across Napier through the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity (ECO) Chapter in accordance with the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity 2023 (NPSIB).

Officer's Recommendation

The Future Napier Committee:

- a. Endorse the policy approach for the management of SNAs and Biodiversity in accordance with the NPSIB in the Napier Proposed District Plan

4.2 Background Summary

Napier City Council (NCC) has been developing the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity (ECO) Chapter as part of the Draft District Plan. The chapter is designed to protect and manage Napier's unique ecosystems and indigenous biodiversity, addressing both local environmental challenges and meeting national legislative requirements. The National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity (NPSIB), gazetted in 2023, requires territorial authorities to identify and protect areas of significant indigenous biodiversity, designated as Significant Natural Areas (SNAs), as well as other indigenous biodiversity that may not qualify as SNAs but still requires protection and management. The ECO Chapter aligns with these directives by identifying, mapping, and managing these critical biodiversity areas.

In light of recent shifts in central government policy—including signals that the NPSIB may be amended or repealed—Council made the decision to continue with notifying the ECO Chapter as a variation, ensuring alignment with the NPSIB as it currently stands. While there is some risk of future policy rework due to potential changes in national direction, the chapter provides essential interim protection for indigenous biodiversity and aligns with the existing legislative framework.

An ecologist has conducted a thorough review of the Council's identified SNAs to ensure they meet the NPSIB criteria. This review highlighted certain gaps, such as the need for more comprehensive consideration of fauna and the potential need to reclassify some

sites. These findings have been incorporated into the updated ECO Chapter, strengthening its alignment with national biodiversity protection goals

4.3 Issues

Depleted Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity

Napier's ecosystems have experienced significant degradation due to historical land clearance, urban development, and agricultural expansion. Without formal rules and protections in place, there is a high risk of further biodiversity loss, particularly in areas that are not yet formally recognized or protected. The ecosystems that remain—such as the nationally significant Ahuriri Estuary—are highly vulnerable. These areas contain rare and critical habitats for indigenous species, and without specific protections, they face ongoing threats from unchecked development and environmental pressures. Formal protection within the ECO Chapter are essential to ensure that these ecosystems are preserved and enhanced for future generations.

Balancing Landowner Rights

A key challenge in implementing biodiversity protection is balancing the need for environmental conservation with private landowners' rights. Many significant areas of biodiversity are located on privately owned land, and some landowners may oppose stringent rules or restrictions due to concerns about how these will affect their ability to develop or use their land. Landowner opposition is often tied to fears of reduced land value, loss of land use flexibility, or regulatory burdens. Ensuring that the ECO Chapter incorporates a fair and transparent approach—one that offers incentives for conservation, clear communication, and opportunities for engagement—will be critical in mitigating these concerns and fostering cooperative efforts to protect biodiversity.

National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity (NPSIB) Requirements

The NPSIB mandates that councils identify and protect indigenous biodiversity through the designation of Significant Natural Areas (SNAs). It also requires councils to involve tangata whenua in policy development and decision-making, ensuring the protection of culturally significant species and areas. Meeting these national requirements adds a layer of complexity for the ECO Chapter, particularly in how the Council engages with iwi, manages taonga species, and applies the effects management hierarchy (avoid, remedy, mitigate) for activities affecting indigenous biodiversity. The chapter needs to balance these national directives while addressing local needs, such as the recognition of sites that may not meet the threshold for SNAs but still require management and protection. Future plan changes will incorporate provisions for the identification and protection of taonga species.

4.4 Significance and Engagement

Engagement for the ECO chapter has been ongoing since before notification of the draft District Plan in 2021. Napier City Council (NCC) has taken a proactive approach, engaging with a wide range of key stakeholders, each playing a vital role in shaping the chapter and ensuring its alignment with both national and local needs.

Key stakeholders include:

- Mana Whenua

- Private Landowners
- Public Landowners
- Environmental Groups
- Other Central Govt Agencies
- HBRC
- DOC
- Forest & Bird

Key messages include:

- **Biodiversity Protection:** Emphasizing the urgent need to protect Napier's unique and declining indigenous biodiversity to ensure ecological health and resilience.
- **Balancing Conservation with Land Use:** the ECO Chapter seeks to balance biodiversity conservation with sustainable land use, offering a fair approach to regulations.
- **Compliance with NPSIB:** Highlighting the importance of aligning local policies with the NPSIB to ensure Napier meets national biodiversity protection standards and avoids potential future non-compliance risks.
- **Input Through the District Plan Review:** Encouraging stakeholders to actively participate in the District Plan review as an opportunity to influence the ECO Chapter, ensuring a collaborative approach to biodiversity protection.

A high level engagement plan will be provided with the Paper to Council to endorse notification of the ECO chapter. The paper to endorse the notification of the ECO Chapter will be presented at the 31st October Council Meeting

Stakeholders have been given opportunity to provide input before notification and moving forward all comments will be addressed within the formal submission process to ensure transparency and consistency.

4.5 Implications

Financial

The cost of the ECO Chapter's preparation, including ecological assessments, stakeholder engagement, and alignment with NPSIB, has been covered by Council's operational budget. Ensuring compliance with national biodiversity requirements now will prevent higher future costs associated with environmental degradation, legal challenges, or retroactive restoration efforts.

Social & Policy

The ECO Chapter aims to balance the protection of Napier's unique biodiversity with social considerations, particularly the rights and responsibilities of private landowners. Given that the protection of indigenous biodiversity is an RMA Section 6 matter of national importance, the chapter must also address the broader public interest. Depleted ecosystems negatively impact the entire Napier community, making biodiversity protection essential for the district's ecological health and long-term sustainability. The

chapter aligns with broader policy goals, such as sustainable land use, climate change adaptation, and ecological resilience, ensuring that biodiversity management is integrated with Napier's overall environmental and social well-being.

Risk

Uncertainty of NPSIB: The potential for central government changes to the NPSIB creates a risk that the ECO Chapter may need to be reworked. However, delaying notification in anticipation of these changes poses a greater risk to Council—financially, operationally, and legally—due to ongoing biodiversity loss. Moving forward with the current framework ensures interim protections are in place and aligns with existing legal requirements.

Biodiversity Loss: Without the ECO Chapter's protections, significant areas of Napier's indigenous biodiversity remain vulnerable to further degradation or loss. Implementing the chapter now is crucial to safeguard these ecosystems and prevent irreversible damage.

Community Pushback: Some private landowners may oppose the restrictions associated with SNA classification due to concerns about limitations on land use. However, after years of engagement, the best way to move forward is through the formal legal process. The notification and submission process allows for all stakeholders, including landowners, to present their arguments and engage in a transparent and fair review of the chapter's provisions.

4.6 Options

The options available to Council are as follows:

- a. Option 1: Status Quo (No Specific Provisions)
- b. Option 2: Implement Draft ECO Chapter
- c. Option 3: Bespoke, Place-Based Approach
- d. Option 4: Tiered Approach

Option	Risks	Benefits
<p>Option 1: Status Quo (No Specific Provisions)</p> <p><i>Description:</i> Keep the current District Plan provisions with no specific biodiversity protections.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Biodiversity Loss: High risk of continued degradation and loss of significant biodiversity. - Non-Compliance: Fails to meet NPSIB requirements, leading to potential legal and regulatory challenges. - Future Costs: Delaying action could result in higher future costs for compliance or remediation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Simplicity: No immediate changes required, making it administratively straightforward. - Landowner Flexibility: Avoids imposing restrictions on landowners, potentially reducing conflict.
<p>Option 2: Implement Draft ECO Chapter</p> <p><i>Description:</i> Adopt the draft ECO Chapter, retaining the 32 sites identified as SNAs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Landowner Resistance: Potential opposition from landowners who may feel their land use rights are restricted. - Incompleteness: Some sites may not fully meet the NPSIB criteria for fauna, leading to gaps in protection. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NPSIB Compliance: Aligns with NPSIB, reducing the risk of non-compliance and setting a clear framework for biodiversity protection. - Comprehensive Protection: Ensures that significant biodiversity sites are managed and protected across the district.
<p>Option 3: Bespoke, Place-Based Approach</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inconsistency: Site-specific classification may result in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Flexibility: Tailored approach offers flexibility for

<p><i>Description:</i> Classify sites based on ecological value, including corridors owned by NCC. Use tailored approaches like covenants or management plans to protect biodiversity.</p>	<p>fragmented and inconsistent biodiversity protection across the district.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Weaker Protections: Using private covenants or non-District Plan methods may lead to weaker enforcement and biodiversity loss. - NPSIB Non-Compliance: May not align fully with national requirements, risking further review and updates. 	<p>landowners, aligning with their interests and reducing resistance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Incentives for Protection: Allows for private landowners to voluntarily protect and enhance biodiversity, creating opportunities for collaboration.
<p>Option 4: Tiered Approach (Preferred Option)</p> <p><i>Description:</i> Use a tiered approach that differentiates between high-value SNAs and other ecological corridors. Protect SNAs with strict rules and promote restoration policies for lower-value areas.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Landowner Opposition: Potential dissatisfaction from landowners, especially in areas classified as high-value SNAs. - Reduced SNA Coverage: Could result in lower coverage for SNAs compared to the Draft ECO Chapter, affecting the overall biodiversity threshold. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Balanced Protection: Provides strong protection for high-value SNAs while allowing flexibility for ecological corridors and restoration sites. - NPSIB Compliance: Meets national standards while offering a practical, scalable approach to biodiversity management. - Restoration Flexibility: Encourages restoration efforts in areas of lower ecological value, fostering long-term biodiversity enhancement.

4.7 Development of Preferred Option

The Tiered Approach outlined in Option 4 is the preferred policy direction for managing Napier’s biodiversity. This approach ensures that the Council aligns with the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity (NPSIB), meets its legal obligations, and effectively manages biodiversity at a local level. By incorporating a tiered system, the policy recognizes the different ecological values across the district, offering strict protection for high-value Significant Natural Areas (SNAs) while allowing for more flexible management and enhancement in lower-value areas such as biodiversity corridors and restoration sites.

The Tiered Approach ensures full compliance with the NPSIB, which was introduced to address the pressing issue of biodiversity loss on a national scale. By aligning with these national standards, Napier avoids the risk of non-compliance and demonstrates its commitment to the long-term protection and management of indigenous biodiversity. The policy specifically addresses the protection of SNAs, which are at high risk of degradation without formal rules. By managing activities such as subdivision, land use changes, and development, the policy provides a clear and structured framework for safeguarding these ecologically significant areas.

At the same time, the policy offers a balanced approach to land use management, taking into consideration the rights and needs of private landowners and developers. It differentiates between high-value SNAs, which are subject to strict protections, and other ecological areas, where more flexible management practices can be applied. This balance is critical

for maintaining community support and addressing landowners' concerns about restrictions on land use. The policy also incorporates a precautionary principle, which is particularly important given the uncertainties surrounding biodiversity management and the evolving landscape of central government directives. In cases where the potential impacts of activities are uncertain or potentially significant, a conservative approach will be taken to avoid irreversible damage to ecosystems.

The preferred option allows the chapter to address relevant activities like trimming, pruning, and maintenance of vegetation, the removal or clearance of indigenous vegetation, earthworks, plantation forestry, agricultural intensification, and quarrying or mining activities. Specific exemptions are provided for essential infrastructure and health and safety considerations, as well as provisions for specified Māori land in accordance with the NPSIB. These activities will be further supported by standards and assessment criteria to evaluate adverse effects on indigenous biodiversity, the application of the effects management hierarchy (avoid, remedy, mitigate), and consideration of cultural values, particularly in relation to mana whenua.

In conclusion, the adoption of the Tiered Management Approach within the ECO Chapter will align Napier's District Plan with the NPSIB, providing strong protections for significant indigenous biodiversity while maintaining flexibility for land use and development. This approach offers the most balanced and effective framework for managing biodiversity across the district, ensuring that high-value ecological areas are safeguarded while promoting restoration and enhancement efforts in lower-value areas

4.8 Attachments

Nil

5. RESOURCE CONSENTS ACTIVITY UPDATE

<i>Type of Report:</i>	Information
<i>Legal Reference:</i>	N/A
<i>Document ID:</i>	1799530
<i>Reporting Officer/s & Unit:</i>	Nick McCool, Team Leader Resource Consents

5.1 Purpose of Report

This report provides an update on recent resource consenting activity. The report is provided for information purposes only, so that there is visibility of major projects and an opportunity for Elected Members to understand the process.

Applications are assessed by delegation through the Resource Management Act (RMA); it is not intended to have application outcome discussions as part of this paper.

Officer’s Recommendation

The Future Napier Committee:

- a. **Note** the resource consent activity update for period 1 September to 7 October 2024

5.2 Background Summary

The following is an outline of recent activity regarding applications received by Council for consenting pursuant to the RMA.

Since the August update, there has been a 26% decrease in the number of applications being received, compared to the same period 12 months prior. There continues to be a steady number of pre-application meeting requests received. The mix of submitted application type over the last reporting period remains consistent with the previous year being approximately 55% Land Use and 45% Subdivision. In the last 6 weeks all resource consents were issued within statutory timeframes. At times the Resource Consent Planners have extended processing timeframes under Section 37.

The table below outlines the current resource consenting activities in Napier and the status of these for information purposes. Whilst this is not an entire list of all applications currently being assessed or having been determined, they are significant or noteworthy applications of which details are being provided in this report.

5.3 Summary Table

Lodgment Date	Address	Description	Status
02/09/24	231 Puketitiri Road, Poraiti	To obtain subdivision consent for the second stage of development within the Mission Special Character Zone. The	Further information provided below.

Lodgment Date	Address	Description	Status
		proposal essentially involves the creation of 9 residential lots with several allotments for a new road, recreation reserves and stormwater management reserves, and associated earthworks.	
30/08/24	65 Munroe Street, Napier South	To construct a multi-unit residential development within the Fringe Commercial Zone, comprising 69 terraced residential units, and 41 apartments across two, three storey apartment buildings, and concurrent freehold subdivision. Overall Discretionary Activity.	Under Assessment. Previously reported – No further update.
02/08/2024	100 Churchill Drive, Taradale	To subdivide a 2ha property which is zoned Rural Residential into 6 lots. Non-Complying Activity.	Under Assessment. Previously reported – No further update.
13/08/2024	18 Avenue Road, Greenmeadows	To subdivide a 0.049ha site which is zoned Main Residential into 4 lots with no on-site parking. Restricted Discretionary Activity.	Granted
30/05/2024	Pelorus Avenue	To subdivide the site into 30 separate residential lots plus balance and road lots within the Parklands Development Area.	Under Assessment. Previously reported – No further update.
28/05/2024	149 Awatoto Road, Awatoto	Retrospective resource consent to legitimize a landscaping storage yard 'GB Morris Landscaping' at the southeastern portion of the property and formalise an area available on site for the purposes of storing caravans and motorhomes which are in a reasonable and fair condition.	Under Assessment. Previously reported – No further update.
18/04/2024	530 State Highway 51	Mixed Use Development – 100 self-storage units, nine industrial workshops and one onsite manager's accommodation unit.	Under Assessment. Previously reported – No further update.
14/03/2024	1/83 Kennedy Road, Napier South	Digital Billboard Sign	Under Assessment. Previously reported – No further update.
04/10/2023	1, 1B and 3 Creagh Street, Napier	Mixed Use Development (Three Residential Units and Non-Residential Activity Three Commercial Tenancies)	Granted

Lodgment Date	Address	Description	Status
21/08/2023	68 Franklin Road, Bay View	59 Lot Subdivision	Application was publicly notified. Hearing to be arranged.
27/01/2023	162 Waghorne Street, Ahuriri	Demolition of a Group 3A Building & Two Lot Subdivision	Applications on hold, building was fire damaged and has subsequently been removed. Please explain letter issued.

231 Puketitiri Road, Poraiti

To obtain subdivision consent for the second stage of development within the Mission Special Character Zone. A copy of the proposed Overall Scheme Plan and residential Layout is provided below. Stage 2A essentially involves the creation of 9 residential lots (Lots 188-196) with several allotments for a new road (Lot 854), recreation reserves (Lots 908, 909 and 910) and a stormwater management reserve (Lot 951) to be vested in Council, and associated earthworks.

Lot 188 is a large 10.89ha lot to be created as a ‘super lot’ to accommodate either a retirement village or future subdivision as alternative development scenarios. Recreation reserves (Lots 908, 909 and 910) are located to the south of Lot 188 and will comprise a nominal 20m wide revegetation planting strip anticipated in Design Outcome 1 and includes provision for a path.

It is the applicants view that the proposal falls to be assessed as a Discretionary Activity.

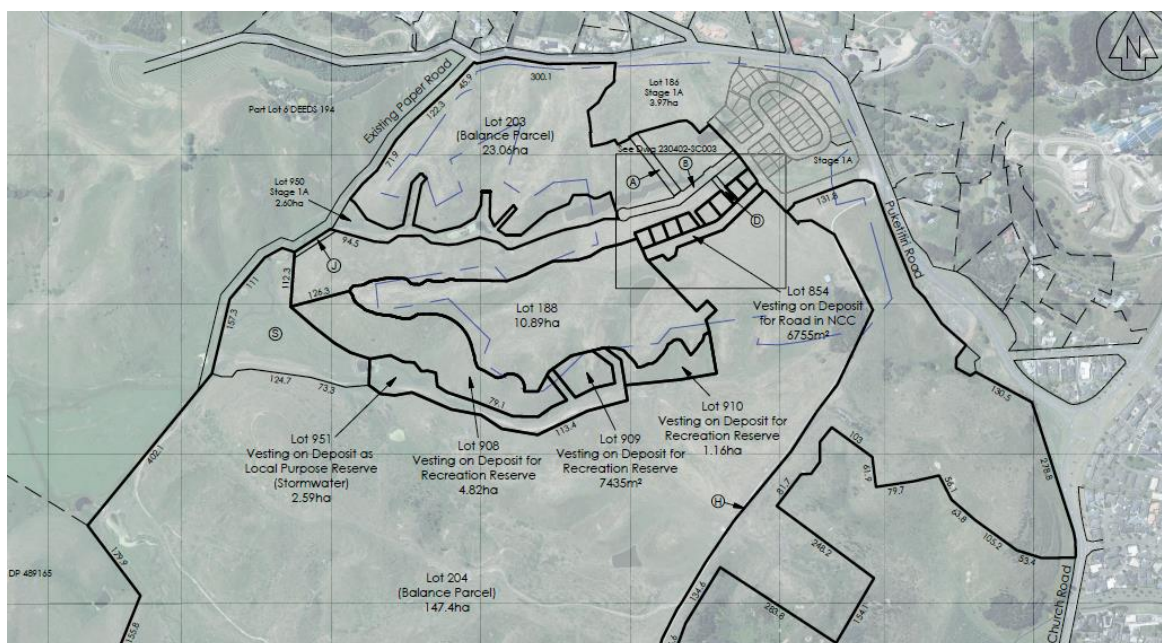


Figure 1: Overall Scheme Plan

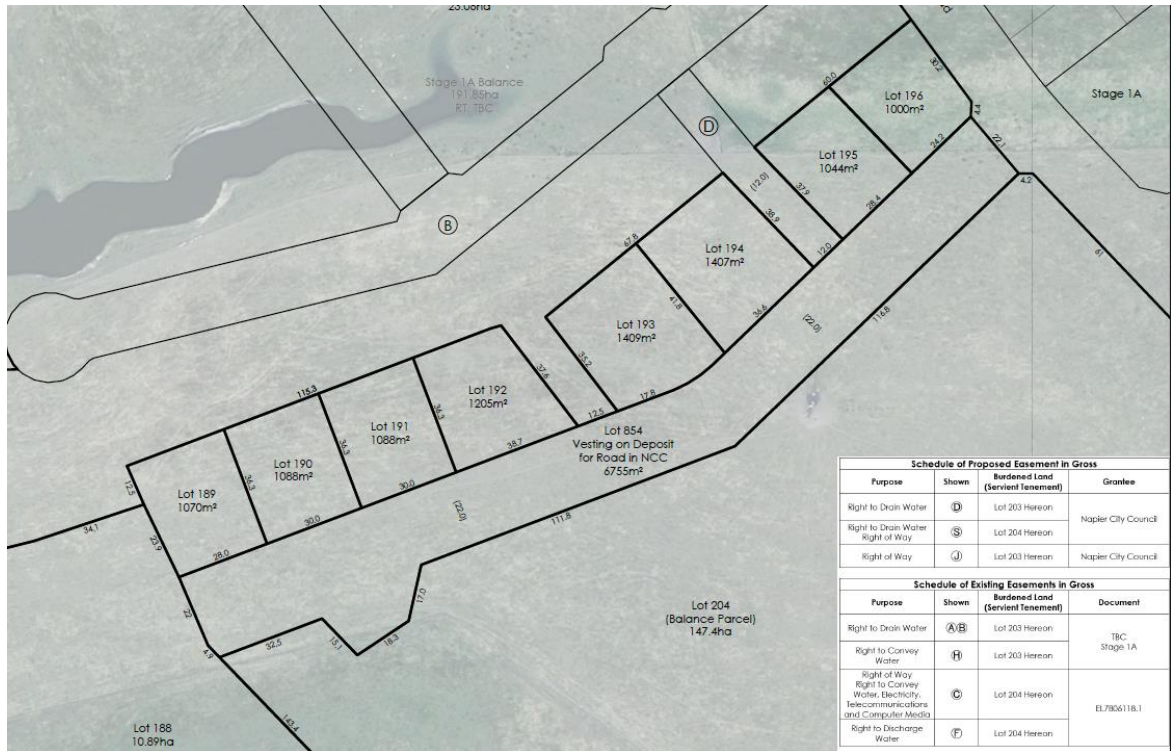


Figure 2: Lot layout Stage 2A

5.4 Development of Preferred Option

- a). Note the report titled “Resource Consents Activity Report” for information.

5.4 Attachments

Nil

FUTURE NAPIER COMMITTEE

Open Minutes

Meeting Date: Thursday 12 September 2024

Time: 10:23am – 10:43am

Venue Large Exhibition Hall
War Memorial Centre
Marine Parade
Napier

Livestreamed via Council's Facebook page

Present **Chair:** Deputy Mayor Brosnan
Members: Mayor Wise, Councillors Boag, Browne, Chrystal (Deputy Chair), Crown, Greig, Mawson, McGrath, Price, Tareha and Taylor

In Attendance Chief Executive (Louise Miller) [online]
Acting Executive Director City Services (Jess Ellerm)
Executive Director City Strategies (Rachael Bailey)
Executive Director Infrastructure Services (Russell Bond)
Manager Communications and Marketing (Julia Stevens) [online]
Economic Development Manager (Bill Roberts)
Team Leader Resource Consents (Nick McCool)

Administration Governance Advisors (Jemma McDade and Carolyn Hunt)

FUTURE NAPIER COMMITTEE – Open Minutes

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Apologies

Councillors Mawson/Taylor

That the Apologies from Councillor Simpson be accepted.

Carried

The Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi representative, Tiwana Aranui, was not at the meeting.

Conflicts of interest

Nil

Public forum

Nil

Announcements by the Mayor

Nil

Announcements by the Chairperson

Nil

Announcements by the management

Nil

Confirmation of minutes

Councillors Greig / Taylor

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 August 2024 were taken as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Carried

AGENDA ITEMS

1. BUSINESS ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Type of Report: Legal and Operational

Legal Reference: N/A

Document ID: 1776768

Reporting Officer/s & Unit: Bill Roberts, Economic Development Manager

1.1 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is twofold: (i) to present the proposed Business Improvement District Partnership Agreement with Napier City Business Inc (NCBI) for endorsement; and (ii) to set out the approach to working with all Napier's business associations, as agreed in the Council Workshop of 14 March 2024.

At the meeting

The officer presented the report, updating the Committee that the Taradale Business Association is in a period of growth and the Ahuriri Business Association has recently appointed a staff member.

Questions were answered clarifying:

- Appropriate training will be given for the transition to the Smarty Grants platform.
- Some changes have been made recently to time-limited and mobility parking in Ahuriri, but some further improvements can be explored with the Business Association. Further discussion can also be included in the parking workshop on 17 September to continue towards finding parking solutions while maintaining the compact and vibrant CBD.
- The importance of engaging with the Taradale and Ahuriri Business Associations to form an agreement that will set the parameters for an effective working relationship going forward.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Councillors Crown / Chrystal

The Future Napier Committee:

- a) **Approve** the signing of a new Agreement with Napier City Business Inc as attached to the report (Doc Id 1788568).
- b) **Note** that Council officers continue to improve engagement and support to business associations following direction provided at the Council Workshop of 14 March, starting with transitioning the funding process to the existing online Smarty Grants platform.

ACTION: The Ahuriri parking discussion will be reported at the Parking Workshop.

ACTION: Officers will report back regarding planned progress with the Taradale and Ahuriri Business Association agreements.

Carried

2. RESOURCE CONSENTS ACTIVITY UPDATE

Type of Report: Information

Legal Reference: N/A

Document ID: 1788361

Reporting Officer/s & Unit: Nick McCool, Team Leader Resource Consents

2.1 Purpose of Report

This report provides an update on recent resource consenting activity. The report is provided for information purposes only, so that there is visibility of major projects and an opportunity for Elected Members to understand the process.

Applications are assessed by delegation through the Resource Management Act (RMA); it is not intended to have application outcome discussions as part of this paper.

At the meeting

The officer presented the report.

Questions were answered clarifying:

- The higher level activity status is applied for the overall assessment of an activity.
- The Fast Track Applications list hasn't yet been released.

COMMITTEE Councillors Chrystal / Taylor

RESOLUTION

The Future Napier Committee:

- a) **Note** the Resource Consents Activity Update for the period 17 July to 30 August 2024

Carried

Minor matters

Nil

The meeting closed at 10:43am

Approved and adopted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Chairperson

Date of approval