

Date: Tuesday 14 February 2017
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Venue: Auckland Town Hall
301-305 Queen Street
Auckland

Environment and Community Committee

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- to identify areas that require more intensive weed management to protect infrastructure, assets or the natural environment to enable appropriately targeted and cost-effective prioritisation of investment
- for sites of high ecological value, develop park-specific weed management plans, including the identification and mapping of weed infestations.

Action 4. Governance, monitoring, research and reporting

- 4a form a governance group which will oversee the implementation and delivery of the Weed Management Policy. This group will comprise of representatives from the governing body, local boards, the council, key staff, mana whenua and, potentially, relevant external parties to ensure robust decision-making which takes account of both community and technical considerations. Composition of the governance group and its exact functions will be determined by the governing body. The governance group will meet at least twice annually and will audit the performance of both the weed management policy and all relevant operational programmes
- 4b form a best practice reference group, which will report to the governing body and the governance group to ensure that the weed management policy and all operational programmes maintain international best practice. The best practice reference group will comprise senior technical staff from the council and its CCOs, relevant external parties and independent national and/or international experts. This group will meet periodically to recommend improvements to procedures and will maintain a presence on the Auckland Council website. Group members will be expected to keep up to date with relevant research and trends in weed management
- 4c liaise with and provide weed management information to the Research, Investigations and Monitoring Unit so that the council's published State of the Environment reporting can include data on the council's weed control methods, types and volumes of herbicides used and areas being managed
- 4d collaborate and undertake research on potential and actual weed species and weed management methods, including biological control, with the council's biosecurity staff, Landcare Research, private sector weed management practitioners and any other relevant parties
- 4e disseminate information on research and best practice to council staff, CCOs and contractors, relevant external organisations and stakeholders and the general public
- 4f access government funding for research where possible
- 4g together with our CCOs, trial alternative methods of weed management and, where successful, promote them internally and externally.

Item 23.1 – Item for Information – Memo – Appointments to the Weed Management Political Advisory Group

Proposed work programme for the Weed Management Political Advisory Group 2017

- Oversee the implementation of the remaining action points in Auckland Council's Weed Management Policy
- Review and feedback on the draft weed management reporting framework. The initial focus will be on reporting on changes in the facilities maintenance contracts (Project 17).
- Monitoring council's herbicide reduction policy and actions.
- Provide input and feedback on the scope and development of council's No Spray Register, including community notification and guidelines.
- Direction on how to use community and technical expertise on weed management
- Partnering with Local Boards on spray free zones
- Provide political direction to the Environment and Community Committee and staff in regards to weed management decisions.
- Report back to the Environment and Community Committee on progress within six months of establishment.

