

**ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2017**

This committee deals with strategy and policy decision-making that relates to the environmental, social, economic and cultural activities of Auckland as well as matters that are not the responsibility of another committee or the Governing Body

**Priorities for 2017 will be on initiatives which:**

1. Clearly demonstrate that Auckland is making progress with climate change adaptation and mitigation and taking action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions
2. Enable green growth with a focus on improved water quality, pest eradication and ecological restoration
3. Strengthen communities and enable Aucklanders to be active and connected
4. Make measurable progress towards the social and community aspects of housing all Aucklanders in secure, healthy homes they can afford
5. Grow skills and a local workforce to support economic growth in Auckland

**The work of the committee will:**

- Deliver on the outcomes in the Auckland Plan
- Be focused on initiatives that have a high impact
- Meet the Council's statutory obligations, including funding allocation decisions; and
- Increase the public's trust and confidence in the organisation

Priority #	Area of work	Reason for work	Environment and Community Committee role (decision or direction)	Budget/ Funding	Expected timeframes Highlight financial year quarter and state month if known			
					FY17		FY18	
					Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec
<b>Environment</b>								
1, 2 and 5	Coastal Erosion Management Strategy	To agree to the actions and tools to improve coastal asset management and prioritised decision-making in respect of climate change, sea-level rise and Auckland's projected growth	<b>Decision</b> on the final strategy, <b>approve</b> next steps and the associated work programme(s).		Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
1	Low carbon living	To deliver on Low Carbon Auckland Plan commitments by the design and implementation of awareness raising and incentives programmes to reduce household, community, business and schools carbon emissions by approximately 50% of current levels.	<b>Strategic direction and endorse</b> programmes as part of the Low Carbon Auckland Plan implementation.		Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
1	Low Carbon Auckland / Climate Change Mitigation	Four-yearly review of strategic action plan due in 2018; increased engagement with and commitments via C40 Cities membership; development of proactive policy agenda to central government emerging	<b>Decision and endorsement</b> of strategic direction		Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
1 and 2	Urban Forest Strategy	Strategic approach to delivering on the wider social, economic and environmental benefits of a growing urban forest in the context of rapid population growth and intensification.	<b>Decision</b> on strategic direction and endorsement of strategy.		Q3	Q4	Q1 (Jul)	Q2
1	Climate Change Adaptation Strategy / Framework	Compilation of existing climate adaptation work and gap analysis; requirement under C40 Cities membership	<b>Decision and endorsement</b> of strategic framework		Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2

1		Waste Management and Minimisation Plan Review	To review the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan.	<b>Direction</b> on the key issues that arise through the review of the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan and the waste assessment. <b>Endorse</b> a draft plan for consultation, using the special consultative procedure.		Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
1		Waste assessment endorsement	The Waste Minimisation Act 2008 requires the committee to endorse the findings of the waste assessment	<b>Endorse</b> the findings of the waste assessment		Q3	Q4 (May)	Q1	Q2
1		Allocation of the Waste Minimisation and Innovation Fund	Decision making over medium and large funds from the Waste Minimisation and Innovation fund in line with the fund's adopted policy. Funds to contribute towards council's aspirational goal of zero waste to landfill by 2040	<b>Decision</b> on the annual allocation of the Waste Minimisation and Innovation Fund for the 2017-2018 financial year.		Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2 (Dec)
1		Air Quality	Approve action plan to help achieve compliance with the National Environment Strategy on Air Quality	<b>Decision</b> on air quality action.		Q3	Q4	Q1 (Jul)	Q2
2		Pest Free Auckland	To eliminate weed and animal pests from Auckland	<b>Strategic direction and oversight,</b> and to <b>endorse</b> the programme		Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
2		Regional Pest Management Plan review	Statutory obligations under the Biosecurity Act to control weeds and animal pests. To ensure that the plan is consistent with the national policy direction and up to date.	<b>Decision and Strategic direction</b> on weed and plants that will be subject to statutory controls.  To approve the draft Regional Pest Management Plan for consultation by December 2017.		Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
2		Marine Biosecurity	Statutory obligations under the Biosecurity Act to develop and implement non-regulatory and regulatory programmes to manage marine pests.	<b>Strategic direction</b> and endorse new programmes – for input into Long-term Plan preparation.		Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
1 and 2		Kauri Dieback	To protect Auckland's Kauri forests	<b>Decision</b> on options for management of Kauri dieback – for input into the Long-term Plan preparation		Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
2		Weed Management Policy Implementation	To ensure implementation of the Weed Management policy occurs, and that how it will be implemented is reported to elected members	<b>Oversight</b> of implementation of the weed management policy		Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
2		Safeswim	To consider best future options for the delivery of Safeswim	<b>Decision</b> on future forecasting options		Q3 (Feb)	Q4	Q1	Q2
1 and 2		Auckland Growing Greener	Statutory obligations under the Resource Management Act, Biosecurity Act and Local Government Act. Consideration of items to give effect to the adopted commitment of Auckland Council to grow	<b>Strategic direction</b> and oversight into council's role to improve the natural environment, and to endorse proposed incentives.		Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2

			greener.	This may include <b>endorsing</b> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a framework to ensure planning and growth decisions are underpinned by relevant environmental data</li> <li>proposed incentives for green growth</li> <li>recommendations arising from a current state statutory obligations review.</li> </ul>					
1 and 2		Seachange – Tai Timu Tai Pari	The marine spatial plan for the Hauraki Gulf – Seachange Tai Timu Tai Pari – was completed by the independent stakeholder working group in November 2016. Staff will report on implications of the plan and options for Auckland Council implementation to the Planning Committee. The Environment and Community Committee will likely provide direction and oversee aspects of implementation.	<b>Strategic direction</b> on the spatial plan and implementation actions.		Q3	Q4 (Apr or May)	Q1	Q2
2		Hauraki Gulf Forum	Possible consideration of recommendations from the Hauraki Gulf Forum arising from the completion of Seachange Tai Timu Tai Pari	<b>Decisions</b> on governance and/or resourcing arrangements		Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
2		Allocation of the Regional Natural Heritage Grant	Decision making over regional environment fund as per the grants funding policy and fund guidelines	<b>Decision</b> on the annual allocation of the Regional Environmental Natural Heritage Grant for the 2017-2018 financial year		Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2 (Dec)
<b>Parks, Sport and Recreation</b>									
3		Sport and Recreation Strategic Action Plan	Annual report on implementation plan	<b>Direction</b> on future options for sport and recreation		Q3	Q4 (June)	Q1	Q2
3		Sports Investment Plan	Council's strategic approach to outcomes, priorities and investment in sports	<b>Decision</b> on issues papers Draft Plan approval Finalise and adopt investment plan		Q3 (Feb & Mar)	Q4 (May)	Q1	Q2 (Sept – Oct)
3		Golf Investment Plan	Council's strategic approach to outcomes, priorities and investment in golf.	<b>Decision</b> on issues papers Draft Plan approval Finalise and adopt investment plan		Q3 (March)	Q4 (May)	Q1	Q2 (Sept – Oct)
3		Active Recreation Investment and Visitor Experience	Council's strategic approach to outcome, priorities and investment for active walking, cycling, waterways and visitor experience on open space, parks and regional parks	<b>Decision</b> on scope and phasing		Q3	Q4 (Apr)	Q1	Q2
3		Open Space management: issues paper	Understanding open space management, issues and options	<b>Decision</b> on potential solutions and next steps		Q3	Q4 (Apr)	Q1	Q2

3		Regional Sports Grants	Improving monitoring and evaluation of sports grants	<b>Decision</b> on monitoring and evaluation framework		Q3	Q4 (May)	Q1	Q2
3		Indoor Courts	Strategic business case for indoor courts investment	<b>Decision</b> on investment approach		Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2 (Dec)
3		One Voice Auckland Sport and Recreation	One Voice – sector wide advisory group for sport and recreation	<b>Decision</b> – appointment of 2 Elected Members to the group		Q3 (March)	Q4	Q1	Q2
3		Community Access Scheme	Review of Council investment in third party facilities to increase community access	<b>Decisions</b> on funding allocation of Community Access grants		Q3	Q4 (May)	Q1	Q2
3		Community School Partnerships	Improve Community Access to school facilities	<b>Decision and direction</b> on investment and development of partnerships with schools		Q3	Q4 (April)	Q1	Q2
3		Regional Sport and Recreation Grant Programme	Contestable grant programmes	<b>Decision</b> – funding decisions on allocation of Regional Sport and Recreation grants		Q3	Q4 (April)	Q1	Q2
<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>									
5		Tripartite Economic Alliance	Provide direction on preparation for Guangzhou 2017 Tripartite summit and seek approval for the renewal of the Tripartite Economic Alliance	<b>Direction and approval</b> of the extension of the Tripartite Economic Alliance beyond its initial three year period.	2017 Tripartite Summit funded out of Global Partnerships and Strategy budget, CCO's budget and through sponsorship.	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
5		Global Engagement Strategy	Provide an update and direction of Auckland Council's global engagement strategy and priorities. It has been three years since a new strategic direction was introduced, progress on this strategy will presented.	<b>Strategic direction</b> of Auckland Council's global engagement strategy and priorities	Funded	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
5		Visitor Plan Review	Provide strategic direction to ATEED through its consideration of options for any new strategies relating to international visitors.	Strategic <b>direction</b> relating to tourism strategies. ATEED has responsibility for the provision of initiatives in the tourism sector in Auckland		Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
5		International Education Framework	Provide strategic direction to ATEED through its consideration of options for growing the international education sector	Strategic <b>direction</b> relating to international education. ATEED has responsibility for growing the international education market in Auckland.		Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
5		Local Economic Development Framework	Provide strategic direction to ATEED through its consideration of options for delivering local economic development	Strategic <b>direction</b> relating to Local Economic Development. ATEED has responsibility for leading Local Economic development.		Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
5		Auckland Trade Programme	Provide strategic direction to ATEED through its consideration of options for growing Auckland's trade and exports	Strategic <b>direction</b> relating to trade and exports. ATEED has responsibility for supporting the increase of Auckland's trade competitiveness.		Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
<b>SOCIAL, COMMUNITY, CULTURAL INFRASTRUCTURE</b>									

3		Libraries	Work around the integration with customer services	<b>Decision</b> on matters relating to regional aspects of the proposed integration (local boards will decide on local outcomes)		Q3	Q4	Q1 (tbc)	Q2
3		Community Facilities Network Plan	Update on progress and report back on strategic business case for central west.	<b>Decision</b> on indicative business case for central west		Q3 (Mar)	Q4	Q1	Q2
4		Social and Community Housing Strategy and initiatives	Strategic overview of social and community housing initiatives. Wider housing portfolio and spatial outcomes of council's role in housing is led by the Planning Committee.			Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
4		Homelessness	Implementing Regional Policy and Strategy resolution to progress work around Council's strategic position on addressing homelessness (note this work will be informed by discussions at the Community Development and Safety Committee)	<b>Decide</b> on scope <b>Decide</b> on role and direction addressing homelessness		Q3 (Feb)	Q4 (April)	Q1	Q2
4		Implementation of Housing Taskforce	The Housing Taskforce is led by His Worship the Mayor. The taskforce is likely to recommend actions to council and some of these actions may fall under the Environment and Community Committee remit.	<b>Strategic direction</b> on interventions to pursue		Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
4		Affordable Housing Intervention	Understanding NZ and international interventions to address affordable housing	<b>Decision</b> on future Auckland Council approaches to affordable housing interventions		Q3	Q4 (May)	Q1	Q2
3		Te Kauroa – Library Strategy	Libraries and Information is carrying out a change programme (Fit for the future) to accelerate the implementation of this 2013-2023 strategy (approved by the Governing Body)	<b>Direction</b> relating to priorities and to receive update on strategic direction and implementation progress  <b>Approve</b> an expanded and improved regional mobile library service		Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
3		Central library strategic review	A strategic review of the Central Library has been commissioned to understand how the current building can meet future need and demand for services, assess the Central Library's current and potential future role in the region, and guide decision making about future investment and development opportunities	<b>Decide direction</b> and <b>receive</b> the strategic review		Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
3		I am Auckland - Youth Strategy	Implementation of strategy. Identify areas of success and improvement opportunity	<b>Decision</b> on priorities and development of an implementation plan		Q3 (Feb)	Q4	Q1	Q2
3		Facilities Partnerships	Identify the range of current council approaches to facility partnerships, issues, opportunities and agree next steps	<b>Decision</b> on facility partnership approach		Q3 (Feb)	Q4	Q1	Q2
3		Intercultural Cities	Consideration of a proposal to join the Intercultural	<b>Decide</b> whether Auckland should be a member		Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2

		Network	Cities Network to support implementation and monitoring of progress on 'Inclusive Auckland' actions.	of the network			(Jun)		
3		UNESCO Auckland City of Music	Decide whether to commit to being a UNESCO City of Music (from Regional and Strategy and Policy resolution REG/2016/70)	<b>Decision</b> on Auckland being a City of Music		Q3 (March)	Q4	Q1	Q2
3		Friendly City	Identify issues and opportunities for an inclusive friendly city (Regional Policy and Strategy resolution REG/2016/92)	<b>Strategic direction</b> on the approach to a friendly, inclusive, diverse city.		Q3	Q4 (Apr-May)	Q1	Q2
3		Smoke-free Policy	Improve policy and implementation	<b>Decision</b> on updated Smokefree policy		Q3	Q4 (May-Jun)	Q1	Q2
3 and 5		Social Enterprise approaches for youth and long term unemployed	Improved understanding of social enterprise reach, impacts, costs and benefits	<b>Strategic</b> direction on councils approach to social enterprise.		Q3	Q4	Q1 (Jul)	Q2
3 and 5		Youth volunteer programmes	Intervention assessment of youth volunteer programmes on long term education and employment – understanding impacts, costs and benefits	<b>Strategic</b> direction on interventions approach		Q3	Q4	Q1 (Jul)	Q2
3		Events Policy	A review of what is working well and what isn't			Q3	Q4	Q1 (Sep)	Q2
		Grant Policy Monitoring	Audit of the application of the Grants Policy	<b>Decision</b> on audit results		Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
3		Thriving Communities Action Plan	A review of the Action Plan to understand what we are doing well and where there are areas for improvement	<b>Decision</b> on current state results		Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2 (Nov)
3		Toi Whitiki Strategy	Targeted analysis of social return on investment on specific art and culture investment			Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2 (Dec)
3		Public Art	Review of the Public Arts Policy: what's working what's not.  Decisions relating to major public arts	<b>Decision</b> on review results		Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2 (Dec)
<b>LEGISLATION/CENTRAL GOVERNMENT</b>									
2		National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management	To update the committee on the Progressive Implementation Plan  The National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management is being implemented, with periodic reporting to council committee on progress, and responding to ongoing central government	<b>Direction</b> on the Plan and to receive updates		Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2

			refinement of the framework for achieving water outcomes.						
2		National Environmental Standards	Council response on the National Direction for aquaculture expected following scheduled release of consultation document in April 2017. The National Direction is likely to address matters relating to re-consenting, bay-wide management, innovation and research, and biosecurity.	<b>Direction</b> Committee agreement to a council submission on the National Direction for Aquaculture		Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
<b>LAND ACQUISITIONS</b>									
3		Strategic acquisition issues and opportunities	Understanding current acquisition issues and options.			Q3	Q4 (May)	Q1	Q2
2		Land acquisition for stormwater purposes	Delegated responsibility of the committee. To acquire land for stormwater management and development purposes, to either support a structure plan or ad-hoc development.	<b>Decision</b> to acquire land. Reports will come to committee as required.		Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
<b>OTHER</b>									
		Long-term Plan	Informing the development of the 2018-2028 Auckland Council Long-term Plan			Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2