

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
- 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)	Expected timeframes Quarter (month if known)			
				FY17		FY18	
				Jan-Mar 14 Feb 14 March	Apr-Jun 4 April 16 May 13 June	Jul-Sep 18 July 8 Aug 12 Sept	Oct-Dec 17 Oct 14 Nov 5 Dec
Environment							
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	Decision on the final strategy, approve 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.	Strategic direction and endorse 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	Decision and endorsement 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.	Decision 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	Decision and endorsement of strategic framework	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2

1	Waste Management and Minimisation Plan Review	To review the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan.	<p>Direction on the key issues that arise through the review of the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan and the waste assessment.</p> <p>Endorse a draft plan for consultation, using the special consultative procedure.</p> <p>Progress to date:</p> <p>Decision: A Waste Political Advisory Group was established Resolution ENV/2016/6 Item 11</p>	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
1	Waste assessment endorsement	The Waste Minimisation Act 2008 requires the committee to endorse the findings of the waste assessment	<p>Endorse the findings of the waste assessment</p>	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	<p>Decision on the annual allocation of the Waste Minimisation and Innovation Fund for the 2017-2018 financial year.</p> <p>Progress to date:</p> <p>Decision: Approval of allocation of September 2016 funding round Resolution ENV/2016/19 Item C5</p>	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2 (Dec)
1	Air Quality	Approve action plan to help achieve compliance with the National Environment Strategy on Air Quality	<p>Decision on air quality action.</p>	Q3	Q4	Q1 (Jul)	Q2
2	Pest Free Auckland	To eliminate weed and animal pests from Auckland	<p>Strategic direction and oversight, and to endorse the programme.</p> <p>Progress to date:</p> <p>An update was provided at 14 March 2017 meeting: Bio News Item 16</p>	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.	<p>Decision and Strategic direction on weed and plants that will be subject to statutory controls.</p> <p>To approve the draft Regional Pest Management Plan for consultation by December 2017.</p> <p>Progress to date:</p> <p>Decision: Agreed to the inconsistencies in ACT at the 14 Feb 2017 ENV/2017/7 Item 12</p>	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.	<p>Strategic direction and endorse new programmes – for input into Long-term Plan preparation.</p>	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
1 and 2	Kauri Dieback	To protect Auckland's Kauri forests	<p>Decision on options for management of Kauri dieback – for input into the Long-term Plan preparation</p> <p>Progress to date:</p> <p>Update was provided at the 14 Feb 2017 meeting Item 23</p>	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2

2		Safeswim	To consider best future options for the delivery of Safeswim	<p>Decision on future forecasting options</p> <p>Progress to date: Endorsed the recommended improvements by 1 Nov to the programme on 14 Feb meeting Item 16. Requested a report on costs and benefits of “white box” model A further update was provided on 14 March 2017 on food safety for seafood gatherers Item 14</p>	Q3 (Feb)	Q4	Q1	Q2
1 and 2		Auckland Growing Greener	<p>Statutory obligations under the Resource Management Act, Biosecurity Act and Local Government Act.</p> <p>Consideration of items to give effect to the adopted commitment of Auckland Council to grow greener.</p>	<p>Strategic direction and oversight into council’s role to improve the natural environment, and to endorse proposed incentives.</p> <p>This may include endorsing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a framework to ensure planning and growth decisions are underpinned by relevant environmental data proposed incentives for green growth recommendations arising from a current state statutory obligations review. 	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
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.	Strategic direction 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	Decisions on governance and/or resourcing arrangements	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
Parks, Sport and Recreation								
3		Sport and Recreation Strategic Action Plan	Annual report on implementation plan	Direction 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	<p>Decision on issues papers</p> <p>Draft Plan approval</p> <p>Finalise and adopt investment plan</p> <p>Progress to date: Evaluation of current sports facilities investments and proposed changes was adopted on 14 March Resolution at Item 13 with the final draft investment plan to be adopted prior to consultation.</p>	Q3 (Feb & Mar)	Q4 (May)	Q1	Q2 (Sept – Oct)
3		Golf Investment Plan	Council’s strategic approach to outcomes, priorities and investment in golf.	<p>Decision on issues papers</p> <p>Draft Plan approval</p>	Q3 (March)	Q4 (May)	Q1	Q2 (Sept – Oct)

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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	Decision on scope and phasing	Q3	Q4 (Apr)	Q1	Q2
3		Open Space management: issues paper	Understanding open space management, issues and options	Decision on potential solutions and next steps	Q3	Q4 (Apr)	Q1	Q2
3		Regional Sports Grants	Improving monitoring and evaluation of sports grants	Decision on monitoring and evaluation framework	Q3	Q4 (May)	Q1	Q2
3		Indoor Courts	Strategic business case for indoor courts investment	Decision 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	Decision – 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	Decisions on funding allocation of Community Access grants	Q3	Q4 (May)	Q1	Q2
3		Community School Partnerships	Improve Community Access to school facilities	Decision and direction on investment and development of partnerships with schools	Q3	Q4 (April)	Q1	Q2
3		Regional Sport and Recreation Grant Programme	Contestable grant programmes	Decision – funding decisions on allocation of Regional Sport and Recreation grants	Q3	Q4 (April)	Q1	Q2
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT								
1		The Southern Initiative (TSI)						
5		Tripartite Economic Alliance	Provide direction on preparation for Guangzhou 2017 Tripartite summit and seek approval for the renewal of the Tripartite Economic Alliance <i>2017 Tripartite Summit funded out of Global Partnerships and Strategy budget, CCO's budget and through sponsorship.</i>	Direction and approval of the extension of the Tripartite Economic Alliance beyond its initial three year period. Progress to date: Update provided at 14 March 2017 meeting – summit in Sept 2017 item 16	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. <i>Funded</i>	Strategic direction of Auckland Council's global engagement strategy and priorities	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 direction 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 direction 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 direction 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 direction relating to trade and exports. ATEED has responsibility for supporting the increase of Auckland's trade competitiveness.	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
SOCIAL, COMMUNITY, CULTURAL INFRASTRUCTURE								
3		Libraries	Work around the integration with customer services	Decision 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.	Decision 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)	Decision on scope Decision on role and direction addressing homelessness Progress to date: Approved the scope policy 14 Feb Item 17	Q3 (Feb)	Q4 (May)	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.	Strategic direction on interventions to pursue	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
4		Affordable Housing Intervention	Understanding NZ and international interventions to address affordable housing	Decision 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)	Direction relating to priorities and to receive update on strategic direction and implementation progress Approve 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	Decide direction and receive the strategic review	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2

3		Facilities Partnerships	Identify the range of current council approaches to facility partnerships, issues, opportunities and agree next steps	Decision on facility partnership approach Decision to adopt Facility Partnership Framework in December 2017 Progress to date: Update was given at 14 February meeting on Phase 1. Approval was given on the proposed timelines for Phase 2 : Minutes 14 February Item 14	Q3 (Feb)	Q4	Q1	Q2 (Dec)
3		Intercultural Cities Network	Consideration of a proposal to join the Intercultural Cities Network to support implementation and monitoring of progress on 'Inclusive Auckland' actions.	Decide whether Auckland should be a member of the network	Q3	Q4 (Jun)	Q1	Q2
3		Friendly City	Identify issues and opportunities for an inclusive friendly city (Regional Policy and Strategy resolution REG/2016/92)	Strategic direction on the approach to a friendly, inclusive, diverse city.	Q3	Q4 (Apr-May)	Q1	Q2
3		Smoke-free Policy	Improve policy and implementation	Decision 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	Strategic 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	Strategic 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	Decision 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	Decision 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	Decision on review results	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2 (Dec)
LEGISLATION/CENTRAL GOVERNMENT								
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	Direction on the Plan and to receive updates	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2

			ongoing central government 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.	Direction Committee agreement to a council submission on the National Direction for Aquaculture	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
LAND ACQUISITIONS								
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.	Decision to acquire land. Reports will come to committee as required.	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
OTHER								
		Long-term Plan	Informing the development of the 2018-2028 Auckland Council Long-term Plan		Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2

COMPLETED								
3		I am Auckland - Youth Strategy	Implementation of strategy. Identify areas of success and improvement opportunity	Decision: Approval for the development and an implementation plan was considered on 14 Feb 2017 Resolution ENV/2017/10 Item 15	Q3			
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)	Decision: Endorsement was given at 14 March Resolution ENV/2017/35 Item 10	Q3 (March)	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	Decision: Appointment by the Mayor to a Political Advisory Group - Committee agenda 14 Feb 2017 Item 23	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	Decision: Allocation of the Regional Environmental Natural Heritage Grant for the 2017-2018 financial year was made on 6 Dec 2016_ENV/2016/11 Item 15	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2 (Dec)