

Seachange Initiative	Related Chapter(s)	Key Seachange Outcomes and objectives	Key council function?	Council high level activities	Future direction and implementation	Council department alignment	Summary of assessment		Responders
Weaving the Strands	Chapter 2 - Mana Whenua / Mana Moana	Sustaining the Mauri of the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park, its resources, its inhabitants and places, as an icon worth preserving.	Auckland Council actively protects and enhances the environment through its focus on environmental management and active restoration. Council's planning direction reflects the importance of the Hauraki Gulf.	Council supports the health of the gulf in its strategic direction, detailed in the Auckland Plan (Directive 7.12). The Unitary Plan contains rules aimed at protecting and enhancing the health of the Hauraki Gulf, and reflects the requirements of the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement.	Continued policy development (implementation of Unitary Plan, and Refresh of the Auckland Plan).	All	Broadly supported by Auckland Council. The tone of the plan's focus on elevating the Hauraki Gulf as the key planning responsibility, as outlined in the plan does not consider the growth forecast in the region.		All
Mahinga Kai - a Fish Stock and Aquaculture initiative	Chapter 4 - Fish Stocks	Protecting and maintaining a bountiful food basket, though active fisheries and environment management, including Marine protected areas and recreational fishing parks	Fisheries management, including quota and method management, is not a statutory responsibility of Auckland Council and would be delivered by Ministry for Primary Industries. Auckland Council would collaborate with lead agencies to deliver changes, due to responsibilities to manage the CMA.	Council is not active in Fisheries management as this responsibility falls to MPI. Council may be involved with consultation and development of future MPAs but would not be the lead agency.	Marine Protected Area Consultation, Central Government Agencies	Central Government Agencies	Best led by central Government Agencies.		All
	Chapter 5 - Aquaculture	Prosperous aquaculture activity positively contributes to the health and wellbeing of the people and environment of the Hauraki Gulf.	Auckland Council's involvement in aquaculture is generally limited to the consenting phase, currently delivered through rules recently developed in the Unitary Plan, and biosecurity management of existing farms. National policy direction for Aquaculture is currently being developed	Granting and monitoring resource consents, Identification of appropriate Aquaculture areas through planning process. Setting of appropriate planning controls in Unitary Plan. Giving affect to National Policy Statements.	National Direction for Aquaculture consultation 2017 proposes national changes for Aquaculture, including easier consenting and a requirement for councils to identify areas suitable for Aquaculture. Some aquaculture provisions suggested in the Plan would require a plan change to implement, (e.g. re-consenting of existing farms). Many of these are also included in the future direction for Aquaculture consultation, meaning it may be sensible to conduct all required plan changes at the same time.	Resource Consents, Plans and Places, Biosecurity	7 Seachange actions responded to would require a plan change to deliver, e.g. A regional coastal plan review.	5 Seachange actions responded to (e.g. robust monitoring of farms) are already possible under the Operative Unitary Plan.	Plans And Places
				Biosecurity monitoring of existing farms and rules for transport of material, both between farms and outside of the region.	Biosecurity 2025 vision, Pest free NZ.	Biosecurity, Resource Consents	Council is developing a marine biosecurity program. Aquaculture will be included in this.	National Direction for Aquaculture implementation mat require plan changes once finalised to deliver. May be more efficient to incorporate all required plan changes in one package.	Biosecurity, Plans and Places, Resource Consents
Biodiversity and habitat restoration initiative	Chapter 6 - Biodiversity	Restore the lost natural ecosystem function in the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park.	Auckland Council works to protect and enhance biodiversity, through monitoring, species management and research.	Biodiversity is actively managed by Auckland Council, through species and habitat management.	Auckland Council is already implementing ecosystem based decision making processes and has identified our most significant and vulnerable areas and species, (SEAs) and species recovery programs	Further inter-agency collaboration, especially with DOC, CRIs and Universities	Broadly, framework to deliver these goals exists as SEAs. Guidance material is available for improved biodiversity outcomes		Biodiversity
				Extensive research around biodiversity, including seabirds, pests and terrestrial vegetation.			Research topics are generally appropriate, but individual projects and locations may need refinement. Availability of funding is difficult.	RIMU and Biodiversity	
A Gulf sediment initiate	Chapter 7 - Water Quality	Reduce sediment entering the coastal marine area, to levels which support healthy marine environments.	Managing the effects of development and land use on receiving environments is a key Auckland Council function.	National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management implementation.	Council is implementing the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management which sets attributes, values and bottom lines for freshwater. Many of the objectives in Seachange could be delivered through this process (e.g. integrated catchment management plans).	Healthy Waters, RIMU, Plans and Places, DPO, Auckland Transport	Auckland Council is implementing the NPS-FM. Several of the objectives (e.g. Integrated catchment management plans, note differing scheduled roll out) are already underway, or will be delivered through this program.		Healthy Waters
				Wai Ora Healthy Waterways program.			Preparation of 10 integrated watershed management plans	Outside of the NPS-FM, Auckland Council is also investing in improved wastewater infrastructure, water sensitive design principles and rules in the Operative Unitary Plan.	Healthy Waters, Plans and Places
				Delivery of programmes to improve water outcomes across the marine and freshwater environments across the region by focussing on core issues, such as identifying and remedying from urban and rural activities managing our urban lakes, managing water outcomes from urban growth and managing heavy metal, sediment and nutrients from urban and rural land.	Continued monitoring and research		Some proposed actions may require a plan change or additional resources to deliver fully (e.g. best practise monitoring, forestry management plans, one-on-one land management advice, wetlands for consent offsetting)	Healthy Waters, Plans and Places, RIMU, AT	
				Water Quality State of Environment monitoring and Research programs			Some contaminant management options and research proposals (e.g. heavy metals) are controlled by central government legislation (EPA, Building code etc.)	Barriers to implementing some actions due to their broadness - (e.g. green infrastructure in all development). Council supports in principal but more detail may be required.	Healthy Waters, Plans and Places, RIMU, AT
							Unsure how the timeframes identified will operate, and whether the proposed programs align with the Healthy Waters program.	Auckland Transport	
Kaitiakitanga / Guardianship	Chapter 8 - Inspiring Community	Encourage community involvement in the Hauraki Gulf through education, volunteering and consistent communication messages.	Council conducts a rang of environmental education and communication programs aimed at increasing community involvement and developing communities connectedness to their environments.	Heathy Waters Partnership program	Align current community engagement programs with vision to protect the Hauraki Gulf. Could be delivered though visitor strategy development.	Local Boards, Parks Sport and Recreation, Panuku, RIMU	General support for education, volunteering and education opportunities. Each may objective will need some refinement to align with council activities, as most are proposed without recognising existing programs and sequencing.		Parks Sport and Recreation
				Various community engagement programs across council - e.g. working with Ngati Whatua on community shellfish monitoring Council has large network of volunteers through a range of programs - e.g. Local and regional Parks, Environmental services and biodiversity. PSR and Environmental education programs.			Support for general outcomes and goals, but need to understand who would lead and who would integrate goals into work programs.	Panuku Development Auckland	
	Chapter 9 - Providing Access	Provide and support tools to manage visitor experience and access, including improved transport strategies.	Council actively provides opportunities for access to the coast and Hauraki Gulf through Regional and local Parks, supported by coastal development planning. Council supports improved transport links through the Hauraki Gulf through transport strategies	Council uses place-based design making in urban development projects - e.g. Panuku Development Auckland uses Te Aranga Maori Design principles.	Local Boards be involved in Place - based design making.	Plans and Places, Auckland Transport, APSR, Panuku, Development program office, parks sport and recreation, Local Board Services, Coastal Engineering	Support for improved visitor experience and access initiatives. Identification of significant landscapes and appropriate management tools have been identified through the Unitary Plan.		Parks Sport and Recreation
				Council development projects use place based approach but are guided by council planning guidelines and rules.	Place based design making may need incorporation into Unitary Plan.		Visitor and transport strategy development are both supported, but are large pieces of work requiring cross-council collaboration and leadership. Public coastal land stocktake is also a large piece of work, but could be a very useful tool.		
				Council currently identifies cultural sites of significance for planning provisions - Coastal Compartment Management Plans	AT developing a Future Ferry Strategy which will link closely to the Blue Highway and Walking on Water concepts.		Needs to be consistent with existing AT strategic documents Any public transport services (which are not deemed as exempt under legislation) can only be provided and funded via the Regional Public Transport Plan (RPTP).		Auckland Transport
				Council active in transport strategy development - ATAP, TFUG	Review of Visitor/Camping strategy				
	Chapter 10 - Coastal Infrastructure	Embed environmentally sensitive design principles, and support consistent design across the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park.	Auckland Council is currently embedding improved design principles in consenting, urban development and infrastructure.	Council supports sensitive design through a range of functions - Consenting rules and requirements - Auckland Design Manual, Auckland Design Panel, Structure planning consultation.	Consenting Made Easy program - streamline consenting and provide faster turn around for simple consents	Plans and Places, Healthy Waters, Resource Consents, Coastal Engineering, Parks Sport and Recreation, Local Board Services	Council already uses a similar set of principles, but they are not wrapped up in a package such as this. There are potentially many existing functions which could contribute to delivering this - e.g., ADO, Auckland Design Manual.		Resource Consents, Parks Sport and Recreation
				Management of marine pollution from stormwater sources	Delivered through Healthy Waters stormwater infrastructure upgrade program and Unitary Plan stormwater provisions		Unsure how a streamlined consenting process for qualifying projects would operate, and how Mana Whenua involvement would operate through the consenting cycle.		Resource Consents
Water Sensitive design in new urban developments									
Wastewater infrastructure upgrades - (e.g. Central Interceptor, on site waste water treatment)									
		Auckland Council has design principles for new assets	Blue design principles trigger a streamlined consenting process, with Mana Whenua involvement which is not inline with current Consenting mechanism.		AT already consult with mana whenua on projects. Infrastructure within a coastal environment is often constrained in design due to coastal processes. The design panel would need to include technical experts to ensure that all aspects are considered.		Auckland Transport		
			Development of blue design principles with community, including Mana Whenua and local boards						
Ahu Moana initiative	Chapter 11 - Implementation	Establish mechanism to allow Mana Whenua and local communities to work together in the future to manage their coastal areas.	Auckland Council contributes to local governance and management, especially through Local Boards and public consultation.	Local boards, existing co-management arrangements, relationship with Mana Whenua and IMSB	The changes to governance proposed are significant and will require consideration across council on how best to implement these.	All, Legal, Co-governance, Treaty of Waitangi team.	The initiative as proposed has little detail on how the process and governance of the arrangement would work. No structure is proposed, making assessment challenging.		All,
							Generally the plan suggests many changes to governance, but its unclear how these would be implemented and managed. Upcoming Treaty of Waitangi settlements are an important consideration here too.		Legal, Co-governance

Key
Aligns with Council Direction, and in progress
Some alignment with Council Direction, but needs refinement
Does not align with Council Direction or is other agency responsibility