

RAINBOW COMMUNITIES ADVISORY PANEL WORK PROGRAMME 2017-2018

Priority areas:		The Rainbow Communities Advisory Panel will:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A safer Auckland for rainbow communities • More rainbow-friendly community initiatives including community facilities for rainbow activities • International recognition as a rainbow-friendly city through funding and celebrating rainbow events 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • contributes to improving the outcomes of rainbow communities and social cohesion as set out in the Auckland Plan • advises on council's effective engagement with rainbow communities • is focused on regional issues that have a high impact, aligned with the forward work programme of the Environment & Community Committee. 				
Council initiative	Description	Panel's input	Expected timeframes for advice Quarter (month if known)			
			2017		2018	
			Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun
Auckland Plan Refresh	<p>The Auckland Plan acts as the common platform for getting agreement on and working towards Auckland's long-term future. Legislatively required, it must set a 20-30 year strategic direction for Auckland's growth and development, integrating social, economic, environmental and cultural objectives. The plan provides the ability to coordinate and align land use and infrastructure planning and provision to match the rapid growth in Auckland.</p> <p>The current Auckland Plan was adopted in 2012. The plan is now being refreshed, and will be clearer and more focused on the key issues.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrated panel workshops on 26 April 2017 helped the panel build awareness of the Auckland Plan Refresh, process and timing. • The panels offered additional feedback in May and provided advice on community groups. • Staff organised community workshops in May/June with community organisation stakeholders recommended by the panel. • The panel will advise on engagement channels and approach with the rainbow communities prior to the formal consultation in Feb/March 2018. • The panel will consider a community forum as a way of supporting the formal consultation of the Auckland Plan Refresh. 	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
Long-term Plan 2018-2028	<p>The Long-term Plan sets out the priorities and funding for council activities that are planned over a 10-year period. It includes financial and non-financial information for the council and council-controlled organisations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The panel will advise on the needs and priorities of rainbow communities • An integrated panel workshop will be organised for 30 October 2017 for panels' input prior to public engagement. 	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
Engagement approach	<p>The council is thriving to achieve best community engagement processes and practices for engagement with rainbow communities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The panel advised on council's engagement approach to rainbow communities to the Citizens and Engagement unit. • The panel advise on the review of the Auckland Council Engagement Guidelines 	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
Inclusive Auckland (diversity and inclusion) Framework	<p>The council has developed a diversity and inclusion framework to guide council staff in working more inclusively and effectively with Auckland's diverse populations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To advise on council's approach to working inclusively with diverse groups • Staff will seek the panel's view in September 2017. 	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
Voter participation	<p>The council is developing a long term strategy to address the issue of low voter turnout. The expected outcomes of Voter Participation Initiative are to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> identify and address barriers to voter participation, particularly within communities that are less likely to vote increase a candidate pool that reflects the communities of Auckland and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The panel will advise on their own experience of voter participation, to help the council identify and mitigate any specific barriers to participation. The Voter Participation Project looks to update the panel regularly throughout the development of community based solutions in the lead up to 2019 Local Elections. 	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2

	iii) increase understanding of council and local elections.					
Community forums	The panel is entitled to organise one or more community forum(s) within an operating budget to engage with rainbow communities on council's substantial issues or issues important to the communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The panel will organise its community forum(s) to bring rainbow communities to discuss council issues and/or issues important to rainbow peoples. 	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
Tākaro – Investing in Play	The council seeks panel's input to ensure that council's investment is directed to where it can deliver the greatest value to the most people.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To advise on council's strategic approach to council investments in play areas 	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
Regional Facilities Auckland	Regional Facilities Auckland thrives to offer cultural and social programmes, particularly for diverse communities by enabling services and processes that meet the needs of Pacific communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To advise RFA on more inclusive services and programmes for Pacific communities. 	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
Community Services	The Community Services Directorate delivers services to offer greater value for Aucklanders. the Directorate covers the operations of parks, recreation, community empowerment, community centres, events and arts and culture.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To advise on regional community initiatives to ensure community programmes and projects are accessible and inclusive of rainbow communities. 	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
Investing in Aucklanders	The Community Policy Unit is starting a qualitative engagement process to elicit Aucklanders views on their lived experiences of inclusion and belonging, exclusion and social isolation. This work will also focus on the barriers to participation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To identify challenges for Auckland is how to respond and adapt to growth and a changing population An integrated panel workshop will be organised in September 2017 for panels' input. 	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
Homelessness	The council is developing its position on homelessness, and will engage with the panel on the development and implementation plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To advise on council's policy approach to affordable housing and homelessness issues, including vulnerable groups. 	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2

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Public Safety and Nuisance Bylaw Review	The council is reviewing the Public Safety and Nuisance Bylaw. Main areas of the bylaw for panels' advice include begging, car window washing and fireworks amongst many other issues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The panel advised on the Public Safety and Nuisance Bylaw Review in May 2017 The engagement period for the bylaw review ended on Friday 30 June. All feedback received and research undertaken during the engagement period will now be collated and a findings report will be presented to the Regulatory Committee. Staff will develop a report to the Regulatory Committee in September 2017. 	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2