

Memorandum

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To: Planning Committee

cc: Steve van Kampen – Team Leader, Auckland-wide Planning
Nina Siers, Relationship Manager, Local Board Services

Subject: Proposed Waikato District Plan – Auckland Council Submission

From: Angela Fulljames, Chair Franklin Local Board

Purpose

- To:
 - Endorse the council's submission to the Waikato District Council on the notified Proposed Waikato District Plan.
 - Emphasise the need for continued collaboration between Waikato District Council, the Auckland Council governing body and Franklin Local Board in identifying and managing the shared implications of development and growth.

Summary

- Franklin Local Board generally supports the proposed plan and endorses the amendments suggested in the Auckland Council submission.
- The board notes that, in endorsing development in Tuakau and Pokeno, Auckland Council acknowledges there will be an impact on the use of local facilities in Franklin, as well as opportunities for shared delivery, that will require additional resources to address.
- The board stresses the need for a pragmatic and collaborative approach to the delivery of services and facilities to local communities and to realising shared opportunities across local governance boundaries.

Context/Background

- The Waikato District Council has notified the Waikato District Plan ('the proposed plan') for submissions.
- A draft submission has been prepared by council staff to be endorsed by the Planning Committee of the Auckland Council governing body.
- Franklin Local Board is part of Auckland Council and has governance responsibility for the planning and use of local community facilities. The local board is responsible for identifying and communicating the views of local people on regional strategies, policies, plans and bylaws to the governing body, and providing input to the governing body on any regional decision that impacts on the local board area.
- The effective management of growth is a publicly endorsed priority for Franklin Local Board (Outcome 4 of the Franklin Local Board Plan 2017: 'Growth is dealt with effectively').
- How growth and development is managed in north Waikato has a direct impact on planning for and the management of facilities and services, on the local environment and on the local economy within the Franklin Local Board area.

Discussion

- Franklin Local Board generally supports the proposed plan and concurs with the Auckland Council draft submission, specifically:
 - Supports avoiding further loss of high-quality rural land on the basis that soil protection and food security is a local economic development issue that crosses local governance boundaries. Attention is drawn to the Deloitte report commissioned by Horticulture New

Zealand ('New Zealand's Food Story: the Pukekohe Hub'), which highlights the value of the local horticulture industry.

- Supports the inclusion of reverse sensitivity controls in rural areas in the interests of protecting local industry, employment and prosperity.
 - Supports the provision of future growth around Tuakau and Pokeno with amendments that manage urban sprawl and provide for alternative housing types so as not to create negative implications for transport and soil protection.
 - Supports urban growth around existing towns and villages that aligns with the Future Proof growth strategy (November 2016).
8. The board concurs with the governing body's position that cross-boundary issues and opportunities should be addressed in collaboration with Auckland Council, including the Franklin Local Board, as the neighbouring local authority.
 9. Growth in Tuakau and Pokeno, along with the significant growth in Pukekohe, will generate additional pressure on community and recreational facilities in neighbouring centres. It is critical that expanded town and local centres provide local facilities, social infrastructure and job opportunities alongside housing. Waikato District Council and Auckland Council should work together closely on the strategic planning of neighbouring centres and ensure that new or improved services and facilities are delivered.
 10. A pragmatic approach to the provision of services across boundaries will be important to local communities and initiatives such as shared access to libraries should continue.