

# Memorandum

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**To:** Planning Committee

**Subject:** Government and Auckland Council Joint Programme of Work on Auckland Housing and Urban Growth

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## Purpose

1. To explain the background to the Government and Auckland Council Joint Programme of Work on Auckland Housing and Urban Growth being reported to the Planning Committee on 5 March 2019.

## Context/Background

2. On 14 September 2018 Mayor Goff, Deputy Mayor Cashmore and Councillor Darby met with Minister Twyford and Minister Parker to discuss greater collaboration to deliver better housing and urban development outcomes for Auckland. Following the meeting, Deputy Mayor Cashmore requested a formalised arrangement with an agreed programme of work overseen by a Political Governance Group.
3. Minister Twyford agreed to this approach and directed officials from the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (MHUD) and Ministry for the Environment (MfE) to work with Council officers to develop a joint programme of work.

## Discussion

4. Crown and Council officials have worked together to develop a proposed Terms of Reference and initial programme of work.
5. An item on the 5 March 2019 Planning Committee agenda asks the committee to endorse the proposed Terms of Reference including the initial workstreams and projects.
6. By formalising the arrangements, the programme will ensure a more coordinated effort where officials believe 'greatest value add' can be achieved by working collaboratively to:
  - remove blockages/enable faster delivery of private and public projects in multiple locations where planning is already well advanced
  - focus on areas where Council and Crown agencies are strongly aligned
  - avoid spreading Council and Government resources too widely.
7. The terms of reference specify the purpose of the joint work programme as:
  - aligning and prioritising objectives
  - effective co-ordination and delivery
  - improving ways of working together
  - supporting new/amended policies, legislation and tools.

## Next steps

8. The agenda item provides more detail on the Terms of Reference, initial workstreams and projects, and composition of the political governance group.