

Memo

30 March 2017

To: Planning Committee Members

From: Cr Chris Darby - Chair Planning Committee

Subject: Future Urban Land Supply Strategy (FULSS) Refresh Timeline

This memo is sent to advise Planning Committee members that the FULSS Refresh reporting will take place at the 4 July 2017 Planning Committee meeting.

Context

The FULSS was drafted in 2015 to address the sequencing of Future Urban development in relation to infrastructure provision. The FULSS is currently being updated to reflect changes since that time, most notably those stemming from the adoption of the Unitary Plan in 2016.

The FULSS Refresh public engagement period opened yesterday (29 March 2017) and is set to take place until 18 April 2017. This process invites feedback on the proposed changes to sequencing identified in the FULSS. At the 7 March 2017 Planning Committee meeting it was resolved to establish a deliberations panel to consider feedback, consisting of six Planning Committee members, including one member of the Independent Maori Statutory Board. The deliberations panel will assess public feedback and advise staff and the Planning Committee respectively.

It was intended that the deliberations panel would consider public feedback in May, with view to see the FULSS Refresh adopted at the 6 June 2017 Planning Committee, and the 28 March Planning Committee confirmed a 6 June 2017 date for the FULSS Refresh to be reported and finalised accordingly. This report will now be presented at the 4 July Planning Committee meeting, for the reasons articulated below.

Reasons for Extending Timeframe

1. This will allow adequate time for the deliberations panel to meet and consider public feedback received on the FULSS Refresh. Time in April and May is under significant demand due to Easter and Annual Budget decision making.
2. The current timeframe between the close of submissions and the proposed date for the deliberations panel to meet is very short and allows limited time for staff to code and analyse the submissions. It is also constructive to note that:
 - The number of submissions received, and detail of submissions cannot be determined from the outset.
 - Due to the complex nature of the FULSS work stream, staff analysis on submissions and corresponding advice to councillors needs to be robust. This will help to avoid adverse consequences further along the line.

3. An additional advantage of extending the FULSS Refresh timeframe by a month is that the public engagement period can be extended by a week. There has already been discontent in the Northern region about the short nature of the public engagement period, so this should allow appeasement of these concerns.

Other Implications

The FULSS Refresh has attracted significant interest from stakeholders and affected parties, particularly in the rural North and South. Delaying the FULSS Refresh Report by one month may invite concern from these parties.

Council staff have generally advised stakeholders that the report will be confirmed by July. In theory this means that confirmation of the FULSS Refresh will arrive four days later than anticipated. In practice this will not have a significant impact as the work will still be able to begin in July following adoption of the FULSS Refresh at Planning Committee.

Further Information

Should you have further queries on this matter, do not hesitate to contact Jacques Victor – GM Auckland Plan Strategy & Refresh - Jacques.Victor@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

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