

# **Auckland Council SeaChange – Tai Timu Tai Pari Hauraki Gulf Marine Spatial Plan Political Reference Group**

## **Terms of Reference**

**(proposed for consideration at the Environment and Community Committee meeting of 12 September 2017)**

### **Purpose**

1. To provide oversight and guidance to Auckland Council group<sup>1</sup> activities focusing on prioritisation and integration of the work programme and outcomes.
2. To, where possible, integrate the Auckland Council work programme with the work programme of other agencies in the Hauraki Gulf and the Hauraki Gulf Forum.

### **Background**

The SeaChange – Tai Timu Tai Pari Marine Spatial Plan (the plan) was completed by an independent group of stakeholder interests in December 2016. Following referral of the plan to key agencies for their consideration (Auckland Council, Waikato Regional Council, Ministry for Primary Industries, Department of Conservation, Hauraki Gulf Forum), an initial high level assessment was completed by mid-2017. For Auckland Council, this assessment was provided to the Planning Committee on 2 May 2017.

The Planning Committee acknowledged the shared vision and intent of the plan and Auckland Council's goals, which both seek to improve the health of the Hauraki Gulf. The Planning Committee directed the Auckland Council group to report to the Environment and Community Committee within four months on:

- a) How to implement the plan, including additional analysis of the implications for the council group, including the extent to which existing work programmes implement the plan;
- b) A proposed work programme of activities consistent with the outcomes envisaged by the SeaChange – Tai Timu Tai Pari Hauraki Gulf Marine Spatial Plan, and within Auckland Council's statutory responsibilities, including prioritisation, timing and funding;

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<sup>1</sup> The Auckland Council group includes Auckland Council and its council controlled organisations, particularly Watercare, Auckland Transport, Punuku Development Auckland, and Auckland Tourism, Events and Economic Development.

- c) Options for where actions could be delivered in collaboration with other agencies that share similar goals and responsibilities, including the role of the Hauraki Gulf Forum;
- d) Consideration of these updated and proposed work programmes for incorporation into the Auckland Council Long-term Plan 2018-28 and other relevant processes and opportunities;
- e) Terms of reference for a SeaChange – Tai Timu Tai Pari Hauraki Gulf Marine Spatial Plan political reference group.

The agenda report of September 2017 sets out the purpose of the Auckland Council Coastal Political Reference Group, which generally seeks to ensure that Auckland Council group activities are cognisant of the shared vision to improve the status of the Hauraki Gulf (and other coastal waters), to ensure that the Auckland Council Coastal Political Reference Group acts as a key liaison point for the Hauraki Gulf Forum and for central and local government contact with parties in relation to Auckland Council's response to SeaChange.

### **Membership**

The Chair of the Auckland Council Coastal Political Reference Group is the Chair of the Environment and Community Committee (or the Deputy Chair in her absence).

Membership reflects the desire to reflect inter-related responsibilities and membership from the Planning Committee and the Environment and Community Committee, with the inclusion of the Deputy Mayor, Cr Wayne Walker, and two Local Board representatives – one from the Gulf Islands and one from the adjoining mainland (geographic preference would be either be a representative from either Franklin, Hibiscus and Bays, or Rodney local boards). A member from the Independent Maori Statutory Board is included, with an alternate identified.

Members may be replaced as required, while retaining the relative mix of representatives from differing backgrounds and interests.

Chair, Environment and Community	Cr Penny Hulse
Deputy Chair, Environment and Community Committee	Cr Alf Filipaina
Chair, Planning Committee	Cr Chris Darby
Deputy Mayor	Cr Bill Cashmore
Councillor	Cr Wayne Walker
Islands local board member	John Meeuwsen
Mainland local board member	Franklin or Hibiscus Coast & Bays, or Rodney
Independent Maori Statutory Board	Liane Ngamane (alternate: David Taipari)

### **Meetings and sharing of information**

Meetings are proposed to be called as required, with an expectation of no more than four meetings per year. Members will be provided information for their consideration prior to any such meeting.

### **Quorum**

Four members, with at least one being the Chair or Deputy Chair of the Environment and Community Committee shall form a quorum.

### **Tenure**

The scope, currency and need for the Auckland Council Coastal Political Reference Group should be reviewed by the Environment and Community Committee prior to September 2019.