

Memorandum

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To: Environment and Climate Change Committee; Local Boards and IMSB

Subject: Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri - Auckland's Climate Action Framework: Consultation Summary Report

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Purpose

1. To share key findings from the public consultation on Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri - Auckland's Climate Action Framework and provide an update on next steps.

Summary

2. Consultation on Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri - Auckland's Climate Action Framework opened on 17 July and closed on 30 September 2019.
3. 2,967 responses were received, including above average responses from Māori (n=578), Pacific Peoples (n=500) and youth (n=556 in the under 25 age bracket).
4. These were analysed by the project team to identify key findings and proposed changes to the framework.
5. Overall there was broad support for the framework.
6. 91% of respondents thought that the framework either fully, or partially takes us in the right direction to act on climate change
7. 79% of respondents thought that Auckland Council should facilitate action and bring stakeholders together
8. 93% either fully, or partially fed back that the key moves were right for Auckland
9. 86% supported or partially supported the view that the key moves will drive organisational action
10. However, a range of improvements were also suggested. A summary of feedback and proposed changes are in **Appendix 1**. These proposed changes will be workshopped with the Environment and Community Committee in February/early March and will be reported to Committee on 12th March for decision prior to finalisation of the text.
11. Local Boards will also be consulted for formal feedback on the proposed changes in March.
12. Final text for the plan will be taken to the Environment and Community Committee in May with an aim for the final digital plan to be launched in July 2020.

Context

13. In February 2018, the Environment and Community Committee approved the development of an integrated climate action plan for the Auckland region to address both emissions reduction (mitigation) and preparing for the impacts of a changing climate (adaptation).

14. In June 2019, the Environment and Community Committee approved the consultation draft and associated documentation for Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri - Auckland's Climate Action Framework.
15. Consultation on the framework opened on 17 July and closed on 30 September 2019.
16. 2,967 responses were received, and a report of key findings and proposed changes are provided in **Appendix A**.

Discussion

17. Four specific questions were asked during the consultation period, with an opportunity to provide further feedback if needed.
18. Of those that responded directly to the questions:
 - 91% of respondents thought that the framework either fully, or partially takes us in the right direction to act on climate change (n=1,543)
 - 79% of respondents thought that Auckland Council should facilitate action and bring stakeholders together (n=1,798)
 - 93% either fully, or partially fed back that the key moves were right for Auckland (n=1,796)
 - 86% supported or partially supported the view that the key moves will drive organisational action (n=1,502)
19. Responses were received from 80 organisations, representing major businesses such as energy providers and industry; subject matter expert networks such as New Zealand Green Building Council and Forest and Bird; academic institutions; community groups; trade unions; and youth (amongst others).
20. Targeted engagement also took place during the consultation period resulting in above average responses from Māori (n=578), Pacific Peoples (n=500) and youth (n=556 in the under 25 age bracket).

Key overall findings

21. Extensive and detailed feedback was received, much of which is informing on-going development of an implementation plan as well as the framework itself.
22. Overall a number of key themes emerged:

Urgency and scale of action needs to be better articulated throughout. This was strongly reflected in the feedback with many comments suggesting it does not accurately reflect the climate emergency declaration. The scale of change required was regularly cited with a need to better articulate this with Aucklanders.

Bolder, accelerated targets are needed across key moves and overall.

There is a lack of clarity on how key moves work together with a view that the current format implies prioritisation and doesn't demonstrate interlinkages.

Clarity of roles and responsibilities is seen as key, with a request for more information on who is responsible for actions at each level and the need for partnerships, particularly in relation to Central Government, rangatahi and mana whenua.

Transparent monitoring and evaluation was also highlighted. In addition, there was a strong appetite for independent bodies to monitor progress and support action development, including representation from communities and rangatahi.

Greater focus on equity came through across feedback points and was seen as needing greater definition in the framework.

A strong Māori voice with widespread support for working with Māori, using mātauranga Māori and Māori practices in designing and implementing climate action

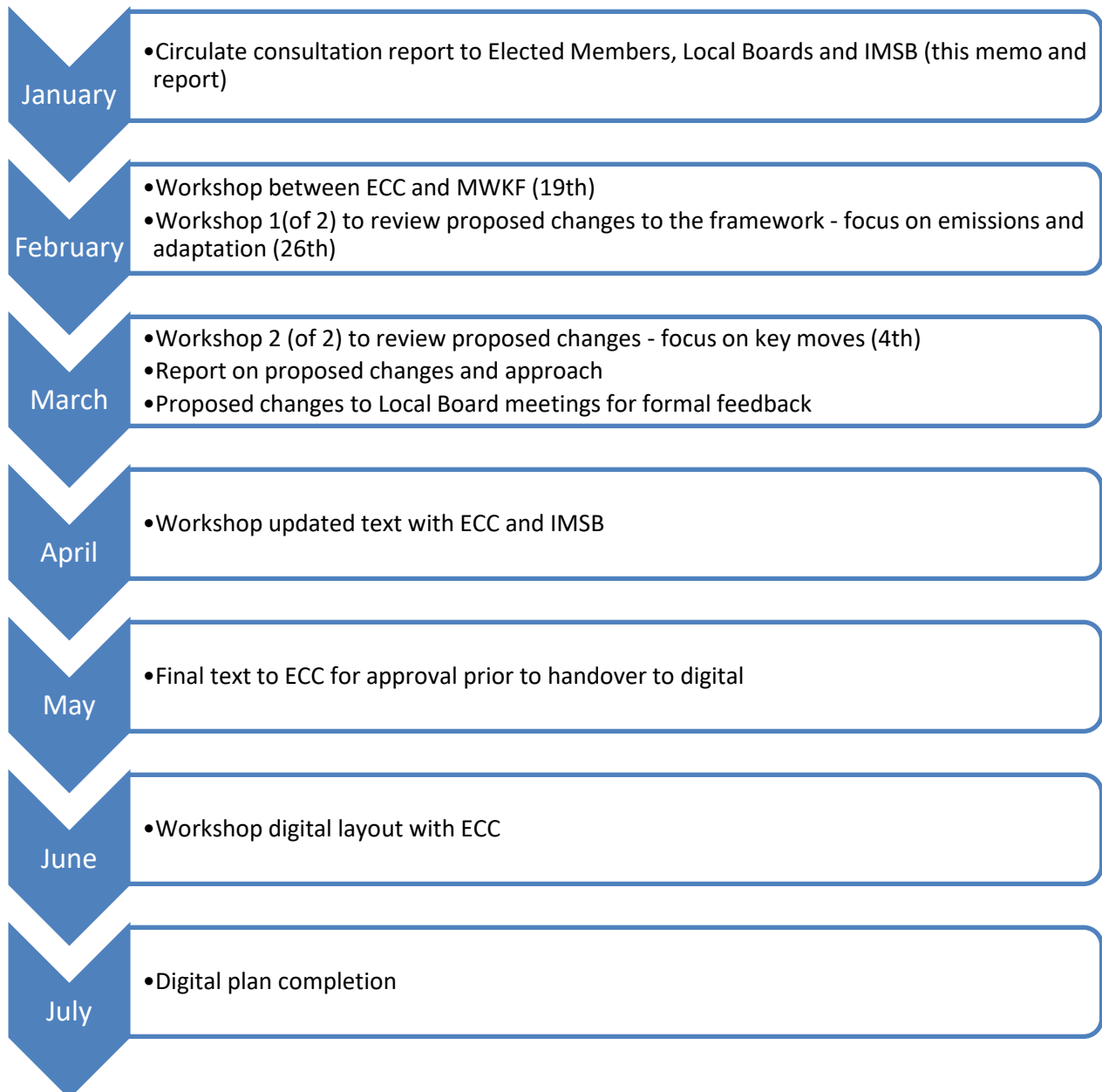
Clear policy and regulation and leading by example was a key piece of feedback, with a strong appetite for Council to lead and increase direction for the region.

Communication and behaviour change was strongly supported with a request for campaigns to raise awareness across the region and enable action at an individual level.

Of all key moves, transport was the most cited as needing significant change, with the identified actions supported but needing to be delivered at pace and scale.

Next steps

23. This memorandum and report provides an overview of feedback received and will inform the next stages as set out below



Attachments

- Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland's Climate Action Framework Consultation Summary