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Memorandum 3 July 2020

To: Councillor Richard Hills, Chair Environment and Climate Change Committee

Subject: Engagement with Mana Whenua and consideration of Māori perspectives within Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland’s Climate Plan

From: Alec Tang, Chief Sustainability Office, APSR

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Purpose

1. To update the Chair of the Environment and Climate Change Committee on engagement with Mana Whenua and consideration of Māori perspectives within Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland’s Climate Plan.

Summary

2. Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland’s Climate Plan (the Plan) responds to council’s commitment to establish a regional plan consistent with a 1.5 degree rise and a precautionary approach to planning for change. The Plan provides the direction and evidence-based priorities for the region.

3. A review draft of the Plan was presented to committee members at a 24 June committee workshop.

4. Following the workshop, staff were asked by the Chair of the Environment and Climate Change committee to provide details on the nature of Mana Whenua engagement through the development of the Plan as well as broader activities undertaken to integrate te ao Māori.

5. Engagement with Mana Whenua, Mataawaka and the integration of te ao Māori perspectives within the Plan has occurred through three distinct phases of the Plan’s development:
   - Preparatory work;
   - Public consultation and targeted engagement of Māori communities; and
   - Finalisation of the Plan.

6. A specialist Māori advisory group involving Mana Whenua and Māori subject matter experts from across council has also been established to support the robust assessment of potential climate-focused programmes for the 2021–2031 Long Term Plan against te ao Māori values.
Context

7. Te Tāruke-a-Tāwhiri: Auckland’s Climate Plan (the Plan) responds to council’s commitment to establish a regional plan consistent with a 1.5 degree rise and a precautionary approach to planning for change.

8. The Plan provides the direction and evidence-based priorities for the region. A concurrent programme of work is underway to develop detailed actions and costs and to measure the impact of council’s contribution to delivery of the Plan.

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13. This memo provides a high-level overview of these activities and includes outreach to Mana Whenua undertaken following the 24 June committee workshop.

Preparatory Work


15. In September 2018, all iwi were invited to participate in workshop hui to input into scoping the action areas for the draft climate action framework. Ngāti Whātua o Kaipara / Ngā Maunga Whakahī o Kaipara and Ngati Whanaunga attended these hui, with Ngāti Te Ata contributions via email.

16. On 18 April 2019, a MWKF work group was set up with the remit to “ensure a Mana Whenua footprint in the consultation draft”. The group comprised two Mana Whenua representatives (Tame Te Rangi and Johnnie Freeland), two Māori subject matter experts (Lucy Tukua (NativebyNature) and Dr Jarrod Walker (Tātaki Ltd)), and one senior advisor from council.

17. The work group provided contributions to the draft climate action framework through a series of hui (workshops and meetings). The final whakaaro for inclusion into the draft climate action framework (for consultation) were approved by the MWKF on 20 June 2019.

18. In addition to the interactions with Mana Whenua outlined above, broader activities to integrate te ao Māori perspectives within the draft climate action framework included:
   - The inclusion of two Māori climate change experts within the Mayoral-appointed Independent Advisory Group: Dr Rhys Jones (Te Kupenga Hauora Māori, University of Auckland / Ora Taiao: New Zealand Climate and Health Council); and Associate Professor Maria Bargh (Te Kawa a Māui, Victoria University of Wellington).
Public Consultation and Targeted Engagement of Māori Communities

19. A targeted approach to engaging Māori communities on the draft climate action framework was developed and piloted in partnership with MWKF and Māori community organisations. Feedback was gathered through various routes including hard copies of forms, online and through a series of activations across the region. A website was developed (https://www.tetarukeatawhiri.maori.nz/) that provided opportunities to learn about the Tāmaki Makaurau perspective of climate change through videos, pictures and recordings of kōrero directly from iwi representatives, kaumatua and rangatahi. The website also provided a route to give feedback online using a custom feedback form.

20. On 19 September 2020, all iwi were invited to help in leading the discussions around climate change from their own whakaaro, to support the draft climate action framework consultation process.

21. Nine activations were held between September and October, with over 350 people attending. Activations were delivered using a partnership arrangement between iwi, Māori community organisations and Auckland Council. These activations included:

- A wānanga at Wharekawa Marae, hosted by Ngāti Paoa.
- The kaupapa was raised at Whaataapaka Marae Poukai by Ngāti Tamaoho.
- The kaupapa was raised at a Te Kotahi a Tamaki (Auckland Marae Collective) wānanga by Ngāti Te Ata.
- A wānanga hosted by Hapai te Hauora Māori Public Heath in west Auckland.
- A wānanga hosted by Te Ora o Manukau at Papakura Marae.
- An activation stall at Manurewa Marae Market Day.
- An activation stall at Hīkoia te Kōrero.
- A rangatahi wānanga hosted by representatives from Pakaurua Consultants, Kawai Catalyst, Parakore ki Tāmaki and UNESCO.

22. The activations were further promoted through Māori Television and Radio Waatea news outlets.

23. The activations and targeted approach to engaging Māori communities generated a strong response, with 25% of respondents to the draft climate action framework consultation coming from Māori.
Finalisation of the Plan

24. In March 2020, all iwi were provided with a copy of the post-consultation summary report and invited to comment on the proposed structural changes to the Te Tārake-ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland’s Climate Plan.

25. Following approval of the proposed structural changes at the March 2020 Environment and Climate Change committee, further work with the expanded Climate Change Work Group of the MWKF (Tame Te Rangi, Johnnie Freeland, Tracy Davis, Gavin Anderson, Paulette Reidy and Martin Te Moni) was undertaken to develop content for the Plan. This included drafting specific sections of the Plan, such as He Takutaku, He Mihi, Te Ora o Tāmaki Makaurau and the Te Puāwaitanga o te Tātai priority as well as providing the approach to an overarching te ao Māori weave through the Plan.

26. The final review draft of Te Tārake-ā-Tāwhiri, including the aspects drafted by the Climate Change Working Group were presented to the MWKF at a hui on 18 June 2020.

Long Term Plan Preparation

27. A specialist Māori advisory group involving Mana Whenua and Māori subject matter experts from across council has also been established to support the assessment of council’s contribution to climate change action within the 2021–2031 Long Term Plan.

28. The focus of this advisory group is to provide advice on progressing a set of programmes/projects that support delivery of the Te Puāwaitanga o te Tātai priority, and support the robust assessment of potential climate-focused programmes for the 2021–2031 Long Term Plan against te ao Māori values.

Next steps pre-Committee consideration

29. On 25 June 2020, all iwi were invited to comment on the final review draft of Te Tārake-ā-Tāwhiri, as suggested at the committee workshop. The chairperson(s) for each of the 19 iwi authorities was sent an electronic copy of the review draft and attempts to engage directly with them has been made. As of the date of issue of this memo, the following connections and discussions have occurred:

- Telephone discussions with and/or email input from Ngāti Tai ki Tāmaki, Ngāti Tamaoho, Ngati Tamatera, Ngati Whanaunga, Te Patukiriki, Te Uri o Hau, Te Akitiai and Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei on Te Tārake-ā-Tāwhiri and their perspectives around climate change broadly.
- Initial contact via telephone has been made with Ngāti Maru, Ngāti Paoa, Ngāti Te Ata and Ngāti Manuhiri.
- Telephone and follow up e-mail messages have been left with Te Ahiwaru, Te Kawerau a Maki, Ngāti Rehua Ngāti Wai ki Aotea, Ngāti Wai, Ngā Maunga Whakahīi o Kaipara Trust, Te Runanga o Ngāti Whātua.

30. Efforts to engage with all of the 19 iwi will continue, both specifically to inform the final draft of the Plan as well as to discuss how council and Mana Whenua can work together to support implementation of the climate plan.

31. Work will continue with the Climate Change Work Group of the MWKF on further refinements to the Māori content of the Plan and broader engagement through the wider MWKF.

32. The final draft of the Plan will be presented to the Environment and Climate Change Committee on 21 July 2020 for adoption.

33. Work on potential climate-focused programmes for the 2021–2031 Long Term Plan will continue and will be presented to Elected Members as part of the formal Long Term Plan process.
Memorandum

9 July 2020

To: Environment and Climate Change Committee members
Cc: Chairs, Local Boards
Chief Executive, Independent Māori Statutory Board
Rural Advisory Panel members

Subject: Auckland Council’s Strategic Approach to Planting Group

From: Dave Allen Manager, Natural Environment Strategy
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Purpose

1. To introduce elected members to the cross-council Strategic Approach to Planting working group and its workstreams. The group aims to improve coordination and maximise outcomes of Auckland Council’s tree planting and revegetation activities in both urban and rural areas.

Summary

2. Trees and vegetation help deliver many positive environmental, social, cultural and economic outcomes. Tree planting and revegetation programmes support many Auckland Council and central government strategies and policies across key areas, including climate change mitigation and adaptation, biodiversity, water quality, and sustainable and healthy urban environments.

3. Various council departments (and council-controlled organisations) deliver planting projects for various purposes. There are several operational challenges and strategic issues relating to tree planting and revegetation, yet there are opportunities for improved coordination, delivery efficiencies and best-practice sharing to deliver maximum benefit.

4. In February 2019, the Natural Environment Strategy Unit (Auckland Plan Strategy and Research Department) led the establishment of the Strategic Approach to Planting working group, consisting of representatives from operational and strategic departments involved in planting and revegetation. The purpose of the group is to improve and formalise the coordination between council departments involved in tree planting and revegetation activities and improve alignment with strategic outcomes.

5. The group identified six workstreams:
   - three operational workstreams to improve tree asset data, better project planning, implementation and maintenance, and upscaling planting activities
   - three strategic workstreams to achieve multiple outcomes from planting, develop a strategic direction on carbon plantings, and enhance indigenous plantings in rural areas.

6. Highlights of the group’s progress to date include improved sharing of information between departments, establishing a Revegetation Dashboard as a single database for all council plantings, and capitalising on external funding opportunities.

7. The group continues to meet monthly to progress the agreed six workstreams. The Natural Environment Strategy Unit will provide an annual update to Environment and Climate Change Committee members on progress made by the group.
Context

8. Revegetation and tree planting are identified as priorities in various Auckland Council strategies and plans, including the Auckland Plan 2050’s Environment and Cultural Heritage outcome, Auckland’s Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy, Auckland’s Indigenous Biodiversity Strategy, the Parks and Open Space Strategic Action Plan, the Auckland Climate Plan (currently under development), and various local board plans.

9. Central government is also progressing various strategies, policies and initiatives relating to revegetation and tree planting, which will impact council and landowner activities going forward. This includes the Action for Healthy Waterways package and associated policy instruments, the New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy and National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity, climate change related initiatives such as the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Act and revisions to the Emissions Trading Scheme, and Te Uru Rakau’s Billion Trees initiative and Aotearoa Forest Strategy. Central government’s Covid-19 response also includes a focus on environmental enhancement and ‘green’ jobs.

10. The benefits of planting more trees and vegetation are numerous in both rural and urban areas, spanning social, cultural, environmental and economic outcomes. These include enhanced mauri, improved air and water quality, biodiversity benefits, climate mitigation and adaptation, visual amenity, and recreation, along with contributing to healthy, shaded urban living environments.

11. Planting and revegetation activities are currently undertaken by various business units across the council. These are undertaken for numerous purposes, achieving varying combinations of the outcomes listed above. There has previously been a lack of coordination between planting programmes, resulting in lost opportunities to collaborate and achieve multiple outcomes.

12. Improved coordination of council tree planting activities would enable:
   - improved tracking of progress against council and central government strategies and objectives
   - optimised benefits from major planting programmes such as Te Uru Rakau’s Billion Trees funding scheme and the Mayor’s Million Trees programme
   - increased understanding of greenhouse gas removals for the council’s emissions inventory.

The Strategic Approach to Planting Working Group

13. The Natural Environment Strategy Unit established the Strategic Approach to Planting working group in February 2019. The purpose of the group is to enhance and formalise the coordination of tree planting and revegetation activities undertaken by business units across the organisation.

14. The Strategic Approach to Planting working group meets monthly. The group works collaboratively to identify opportunities for multiple outcomes and address operational challenges and barriers to implementing relevant plans and strategies.

15. The scope of the working group’s consideration includes planting and revegetation of both native and exotic species conducted through council business units on public and privately-owned land in both urban and rural areas. The scope includes planting conducted by volunteers, staff or contractors, along with ancillary activities, such as data, funding, monitoring and procurement.

16. The working group currently only includes business areas within Auckland Council. The intent is to expand the group to include relevant council-controlled organisations (including Auckland Transport, Panuku and Watercare) once improved internal alignment has been achieved.

17. As well as enabling collaboration, the Strategic Approach to Planting group has identified key operational challenges and strategic issues relating to planting that they are working to resolve. Operational challenges include plant data capture and consistency, project planning, and maintenance. Staff also identified limited capacity to deliver and achieve optimal benefits from major planting programmes such as the Mayor’s Million Trees and the Billion Trees initiative. Strategic priorities include improving alignment of planting activities with broader objectives, management of carbon plantings, and expanding planting in rural areas and on private land.
Workstreams

18. Considering the identified challenges and issues relating to planting and revegetation, the Strategic Approach to Planting working group has a set of six workstreams. The workstreams, along with progress made in the first year of the programme, are as follows:

- **the Tree Asset Data workstream** focuses on improved data capture and the need for a single database to capture all council planting activities. The Bio-Information team in Natural Environment Design has developed a Revegetation Dashboard, where operational teams input locations and information for existing, planned and potential planting projects. The next step for this workstream is to make the Revegetation Dashboard publicly available to provide a story map and digital portal of council planting activities to Aucklanders.

- **the Project Planning, Implementation and Maintenance workstream** focuses on operational processes, such as planting plans, maintenance budgets, nursery supply and survivability monitoring. It also focuses on integrating principles identified in Auckland’s Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy into council work programmes. Since the establishment of the group, members from Parks, Healthy Waters, Environmental Services and Community Facilities have been able to share best practices and learnings from planting projects. The focus for the coming year is progressing principles for tree protection/removal on council land.

- **the workstream Upscaling Planting Activities** aims to ensure the council group is prepared to take advantage of large-scale planting programmes, such as the Mayor’s Million Trees, and funding opportunities from central government and other external parties. Opportunities for improvement from the first Mayor’s Million Trees programme have been identified, such as the need for long-term nursery contracts. Progress on a council-supported Billion Trees bid is underway, and exploring opportunities for further bids is the current focus of this workstream.

- **the Right Plants, Best Places, Multiple Outcomes workstream** focuses on strategically directing planting activities to ensure resilient plantings that deliver multiple benefits. This includes identifying synergies between different planting projects, aligning planting activities to strategic directions, and providing consistent revegetation and planting advice. This workstream also aims to utilise research and technology, such as biosecurity risk studies, the Freshwater Management Tool and the Build Ecological Corridors functional connectivity model, to inform planting species and locations.

- **the Carbon Plantings workstream** focuses on developing a strategic direction on managing carbon credits, Emissions Trading Scheme obligations, and incorporating planting into the council’s emissions reduction targets. Group members from the Chief Sustainability Office, Sustainability Initiatives and Community Facilities teams are leading this.

- **the Rural and Private Land Plantings workstream** focuses on enhancing and expanding indigenous tree plantings in rural areas for multiple outcomes. While some progress has been made by different parts of council, there has been limited coordination and collaboration on this workstream to date.

Next steps

19. The Strategic Approach to Planting working group will continue to meet monthly, enabling collaboration and coordination, while continuing to progress the group’s six workstreams.

20. Key focus areas for the group for the coming year include:

- delivering effective operational planting programmes (including the Mayor’s 1.5 Million Trees) that incorporate past learnings
- exploring opportunities to utilise central government and other external funding opportunities
- improving linkages between strategic directions and on-the-ground planting activities
- improving understanding of carbon plantings and sequestration potential
- improving council-wide planting programming and delivery efficiencies.

21. Staff from the Natural Environment Strategy Unit will provide an annual update to Environment and Climate Change Committee members on progress made against the group’s workstreams.
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NOTES

Minutes of a workshop of the Environment and Climate Change Committee held remotely via Skype for Business on Monday, 31 August 2020 at 11.16am.

PRESENT
Hon Phil Goff, CNZM, JP
Deputy Mayor Bill Cashmore
Cr Cathy Casey
Cr Fa’anana Efeso Collins
Cr Pippa Coom
Cr Linda Cooper, JP
Cr Angela Dalton
Cr Chris Darby
Cr Alf Filipaina
Cr Shane Henderson
Cr Richard Hills
Cr Tracy Mulholland
Cr Desley Simpson, JP
Cr Sharon Stewart
Cr Wayne Walker
Cr John Watson
IMSB Member Glenn Wilcox
IMSB Member Karen Wilson
Cr Paul Young

Until 12.10pm
From 11.22am, Until 12.36pm
Until 12.33pm
Until 12.39pm
Until 12.35pm
From 11.23am
From 11.36am

APOLOGIES
Cr Josephine Bartley
Cr Hon Christine Fletcher, QSO
Cr Daniel Newman, JP
Note: No decisions or resolutions may be made by a Workshop or Working Party, unless the Governing Body or Committee resolution establishing the working party, specifically instructs such action.

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Purpose:

The purpose of the meeting is:

1. Seek feedback from the committee on proposed governance and partnership arrangements for implementation of Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland’s Climate Plan
2. Outline the process and approach to developing a climate action package for the next Long-term Plan

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1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cr Christine Fletcher, Cr Daniel Newman, Cr Josephine Bartley for absence and Cr Linda Cooper for early departure were noted.

2. Declarations of Interest

Members are reminded of the need to declare any conflict that may arise between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Implementing Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland’s Climate Plan _ Overview of what is required

Alec Tang, Chief Sustainability Officer/Sarah Anderson, Principal Specialist Climate Resilience

A powerpoint presentation was provided.

4. Governance and partnerships for Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland’s Climate Plan

Sarah Anderson, Principal Specialist Climate Resilience was in attendance and provided a presentation.

A brief summary was provided on the governance and partnerships for Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland’s Climate Plan. There will be a report at Environment and Climate Change Committee meeting on 10 September 2020.

6. Climate action and the Long-term Plan

- Overview of base case – what we are already doing
- Actions that we can progress outside Long-term Plan process
- Prioritising climate programmes for Long-term Plan

Lucy Hawcroft, Climate Action Programme Manager (acting), Sarah Anderson, Principal Specialist Climate Resilience, Matthew Blaikie, Principal Specialist Climate Mitigation were in attendance and provided a presentation.

Workshop closed at 12.48pm
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Manukau Harbour Outcomes and Forum Role
NOTES

Minutes of a workshop of the Environment and Climate Change Committee held remotely via Skype for Business on Wednesday, 2 September 2020 at 10.04am

PRESENT
Hon Phil Goff, CNZM, JP
Deputy Mayor Bill Cashmore
Cr Josephine Bartley
Cr Cathy Casey
Cr Fa'anana Efeso Collins
Cr Pippa Coom
Cr Linda Cooper, JP
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APOLOGIES
Cr Chris Darby
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IMSB Karen Wilson
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**Purpose:**
The purpose of the meeting is to:
- For the Environment and Climate Change Committee to consider effective and efficient approaches for improving the health of the Manukau Harbour.
- Within this broader purpose, the workshop will consider recommendations made in the externally sourced *Manukau Harbour Forum Governance and Management Support Review*, including the role and function of the Manukau Harbour Forum within the wider council mandate for improving Manukau Harbour outcomes.

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*Cr W Walker joined the meeting at 10.27am*
- Background
- recommendations from the external review
- suggested responses/ways forward

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The workshop closed at 11.25am