
Agenda for a hearing by the Strategy & Finance Committee (Growth & Economic Development Strategy) to be held in the Council Chambers, District Office, 15 Galileo Street, Ngaruawahia on **TUESDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2020** commencing at **9.30am**.

The hearing for this matter is scheduled to continue on Wednesday, 12 February 2020 and Thursday, 13 February 2020, if required.

1. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

2. CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA

3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

4. HEARING REPORT

- 4.1 Draft Waikato 2070 – Waikato District Council Growth & Economic Development Strategy Hearing Report 2

The submissions can be viewed at the following website, or at the Council's office at 15 Galileo Street, Ngaruawahia:

<https://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/your-council/public-consultations/current-consultations/waikato-2070/>

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Open Meeting

To	Strategy & Finance Committee
From	Jim Ebenhoh Acting General Manager Community Growth
Date	3 February 2020
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Chief Executive Approved	Y
DWS Document Set #	GOV1318 / 2483656
Report Title	Draft Waikato 2070 – Waikato District Council Growth & Economic Development Strategy Hearing Report

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Draft Waikato District Council Growth & Economic Development Strategy (Waikato 2070) was approved by Council for public consultation on 12 November 2019. Prior to the public notification of the strategy, pre-consultation was undertaken with stakeholders within Waikato District Council and externally with parties such as Future Proof, Ministry for Housing and Urban Development and the New Zealand Transport Agency. Ngaati Tamaoho, Waahi Whanui, Ngaa Karu Atua o te Waka and Waikato-Tainui & Tainui Group Holdings also provided comments during the development of Waikato 2070.

Waikato 2070 was notified for public consultation via Waikato District's website, Facebook and regional and local newsletters on the 13th November 2019 with submissions closing on 24th January 2020. Council representatives and councillors held drop in sessions at locations throughout the district.

In addition to this, the Waikato 2070 document and submission form were made publicly available via our Waikato District offices, libraries and website. An online tool, "Social Pin-point" was also available for those who wanted to provide feedback online and enabled submitters to identify specific locations they wished to submit on.

In total, 84 submitters made submissions on Waikato 2070 and approximately 45 submitters wish to be heard in support of their submission.

2. RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report from the Acting General Manager Community Growth be received;

AND THAT the Strategy and Finance Committee read and consider the submissions received on the Draft Waikato District Council Growth & Economic Development Strategy and hear from the submitters that wish to be heard;

AND FURTHER, that the Strategy and Finance Committee advises staff of any changes to the Draft Waikato District Council Growth & Economic Development Strategy following its consideration of all the submissions received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Committee notes that staff will report back to the Strategy & Finance Committee with a final draft strategy for recommendation to Council for approval.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 ORIGINS

The Waikato District Council's ("Council") Blueprint (dated June 2019) listed as District Wide initiative DW5.1 "Review the District Development (Growth) Strategy based on revised population and household projections". The Blueprint, along with the development of the Proposed Waikato District Plan ("PWDP") sought the need for further guidance and direction for growth to support the social, economic, environmental and economic wellbeing of the district. It is also acknowledged that the district has/is subject to significant growth pressures from Hamilton and Auckland, as well as being recognised as a primary focus area for Central Government, particularly as a result of the Hamilton to Auckland Growth corridor initiatives. As a result, there is a need for a growth and economic development strategy that will guide growth that takes into consideration the constraints and opportunities within our district to inform development and promotion of activities that will support the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of residents. Upon discussions with the Economic and Community Development Team, it was decided that to achieve guidance and the four wellbeing's for our district, the Economic Development Strategy and the District Development Strategy be combined to create the Waikato 2070.

3.2 TECHNICAL WORK

A variety of technical work was undertaken to inform the strategy such as

- Revision of population projections and demand analysis
- Capacity modelling was undertaken to understand the existing capacity under the Operative District Plan, and the capacity for residential housing proposed under the Proposed Waikato District Plan and areas identified in Waikato 2070.
- Economic analysis by Prosperous Places.
- Business land stocktake including retail, business and industry.
- Site assessments

- Additionally, assessments of the relevant policies under the Waikato Regional Policy Statement, Future Proof Strategy, National Environmental Standards and National Policy Statements etc. were considered and acknowledged.
- An assessment of the constraints and opportunities, such as:
 - Slope/Topography;
 - Significant Natural Areas and Natural Environment;
 - PWDP Zoning Extent;
 - Rezoning submissions received on the PWDP;
 - High-class soils; and
 - Flooding/Natural Hazards.

3.3 PRE-CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

Pre-consultation was carried out with key internal and external stakeholders to gauge and inform the growth areas proposed within the Waikato 2070.

The Strategic Planning team commenced an early and ongoing engagement process with key internal stakeholders, such as the Consenting, Roding, Waters (now Watercare), Reserves and Strategic Acquisition teams to understand the constraints and barriers to enabling growth within the Waikato District. The internal stakeholders informed the likelihood or ability for each growth area and town/village to be effectively serviced and the current works and time-frames each town/village is subject to.

Early engagement was also undertaken with iwi, including Ngaati Tamaoho (5th September 2019), Waahi Whanui (19th September 2019), Ngaa Karu Atua o te Waka (14th October 2019 and 2nd December 2019) and Waikato-Tainui & Tainui Group Holdings (30th September 2019). Many of the matters raised were holistic in nature and related to social, cultural and environmental wellbeing of the district.

Additionally, the Strategic Planning team sought comments and advice from Future Proof, to ensure alignment between the Waikato 2070 and Future Proof Strategy. The Ministry for Housing and Urban Development also provided in-depth advice, with particular interest in Pokeno, Ohinewai and Huntly. The New Zealand Transport Agency also provided their comments, particularly around the location of industrial/commercial clusters.

The feedback received from the internal and external stakeholders informed the drafting of the Waikato 2070 strategy.

3.4 CONSULTATION

The Special Consultative Procedure under s83 of the Local Government Act 2002 (“LGA”) was followed to advise the public of the proposed changes, and staff used the following communication methods:

- Media Release/Public Notice within the Waikato Times, Te Kauwhata Chatter, Raglan Chronicle, North Waikato News, and Facebook;
- Information drop in the Link (October and December 2019)
- Statement of Proposal;
- Online tools, including maps and Social Pin-point;

- Information to Community Boards and Committees; and
- Drop-in sessions

On 13 November 2019, Waikato 2070 was publicly notified in accordance with section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002, with submissions closing on 24 January 2020. During the submission period a total of 84 submissions were received via written form, email and Social Pin-point.

The Waikato 2070 was available for the public to review at Waikato District Council offices, libraries and website. A submission form was provided for those who wanted to provide written/email feedback and an online tool (Social Pin-point) was made available for those who wanted to provide feedback online.

Council representatives and councillors attended drop in sessions at the following locations:

- Raglan: The Raglan House , 35 Bow Street, 10am-1.30pm, Saturday 23 November;
- Te Kauwhata: St John, 4 Baird Avenue, 3pm-7pm, Monday 25 November;
- Tuakau: Tuakau Memorial Hall, 70 George Street, 3pm-7pm, Tuesday 26 November;
- Pokeno: Pokeno Town Hall, 19 Market Street, 4pm-8pm, Thursday 29 November;
- Ngaruawahia: Ngaruawahia Library, 9am-12noon, Saturday 30 November;
- Ohinewai: Ohinewai Hall, 1 Lilley Lane, 3pm-7pm, Tuesday 3 December;
- Pokeno: Pokeno Town Hall, 19 Market Street, 4pm-8pm, Thursday 29 November;
- Ngaruawahia: Ngaruawahia Library, 9am-12noon, Saturday 30 November;
- Ohinewai: Ohinewai Hall, 1 Lilley Lane, 3pm-7pm, Tuesday 3 December;
- Mangatangi: Mangatangi Hall, 1517 Kaiaua Road, 3pm-6pm, Tuesday 3 December ;
- Matangi: Matangi Hall, 478 Tauwhara Road, 3pm-7pm, Wednesday 4 December;
- Te Kowhai: Te Kowhai Hall, 612 Horotiu Road, 3pm-7pm, Thursday 5 December;
- and
- Huntly: Riverside rooms, 148 Main Street, 3pm-7pm, Wednesday 11 December.

All submissions to the Waikato 2070 have been acknowledged. Further consideration and explanation of the submissions should be made in a hearing process.

4. DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

4.1 SUMMARY OF SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED

Submissions were received on both specific localities within the Waikato District and on the general matters/areas that affect the communities. 84 submissions were received on the Waikato 2070.

4.2 ANALYSIS OF RESULTS

The overall purpose of the Waikato 2070 was supported by the majority of the submitters. However, the specific approaches to growth within particular parts of our district where

questioned by a number of submitters. Despite the overall support of the purpose, each of the submissions seeks amendments relating to the text and/or growth areas within Waikato 2070.

Summary

84 submissions were received, and sought amendments relating to an array of issues, such as:

- Amend the growth areas provided for in Waikato 2070 by adding/removing land areas;
- Amend the Introduction and Vision set out in section 1.0 of the Waikato 2070;
- Amend section 02.0 Our Opportunities and What We Must Treasure, to include additional opportunities within our district;
- Amend section 03.0 Focus Areas to acknowledge additional areas of interest to the district;
- Amend the Natural Environment Map in section 02.0 to give consideration to further matters;
- Amend the Development Plans in section 04.4 to alter time-frames, include/remove land areas within growth areas, and include further potential growth areas.

Special Consultation Procedure and Consideration of the voice of the Community

The special consultative procedure requires under section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002 (“LGA”) “that local authority must:

- (a) *prepare and adopt –*
 - (i) *a statement of proposal; and*
 - (ii) *if the local authority considers on reasonable grounds that is necessary to enable public understanding of the proposal, a summary of the information contained in the statement of proposal (which summary must comply with section 83AA); and*
- (b) *ensure that the following is publicly available:*
 - (i) *the statement of proposal; and*
 - (ii) *a description of how the local authority will provide persons interested in the proposal with an opportunity to present their views to the local authority in accordance with section 82(1)(d); and*
 - (iii) *a statement of the period within which views on the proposal may be provided to the local authority (the period being not less than 1 month from the date the statement is issued); and*
- (c) *make the summary of the information contained in the statement of proposal prepared in accordance with paragraph (a)(ii) (or the statement of proposal, if a summary is not prepared) as widely available as is reasonably practicable as a basis for consultation; and*
- (d) *provide an opportunity for persons to present their views to the local authority in a manner that enables spoken (or New Zealand sign language) interaction between the person and*

- the local authority, or any representatives to whom an appropriate delegation has been made in accordance with Schedule 7; and*
- (e) *ensure that any person who wishes to present his or her views to the local authority or its representatives as described in paragraph (d)-*
- (i) *is given a reasonable opportunity to do so; and*
 - (ii) *is informed about how and when he or she may take up that opportunity.”*

The process outlined in section 83 of the LGA directed the design of the consultation and engagement undertaken by the Waikato District Council representatives, as noted in section 3.2 of this report.

Council must consider each submission received, and make a determination on each of the issues raised. Each submitter will have the opportunity to speak to their submission at the hearing and is entitled to be informed of the outcome of their submission, including the reasons for the decision at a hearing. A hearing is scheduled on Tuesday 11 February 2020.

5. CONSIDERATION

5.1 FINANCIAL

It is not envisaged that Waikato 2070 strategy will not require any extra funding. Funding implications will need to be considered as part of the implementation of the strategy.

5.2 LEGAL

Waikato 2070 has been undertaken following the special consultation procedure under section 83 of the Local Government Act 2008.

The Waikato 2070 strategy will provide appropriate direction and guidance on development and growth within the district that will better support the community's economic, social, cultural and environmental wellbeing of the district and avoid adhoc and unconnected developments and communities.

The Council is also required to comply with section 82 of the LGA to ensure effective consultation is undertaken with our community.

Council staff determined that the process as detailed in the special consultative procedure under s83 of the Act is appropriate in the circumstance as it enables the community to respond to the proposal and for council to hear any concerns in a public hearing.

5.3 STRATEGY, PLANS, POLICY AND PARTNERSHIP ALIGNMENT

As noted previously, there are a number of policies, plans and strategies that relate to the Waikato 2070 and are mentioned in section 3.0 of the report.

5.4 ASSESSMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT POLICY AND OF EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS

This bylaw triggers Council's Significance and Engagement Policy as the Special Consultative Procedure was required and undertaken.

Highest levels of engagement	Inform	Consult	Involve	Collaborate	Empower
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<i>Tick the appropriate box/boxes and specify what it involves by providing a brief explanation of the tools which will be used to engage (refer to the project engagement plan if applicable).</i>	Public Notice via newsletters, newspapers and online media. Summary of statement Public Open Days/Drop-in sessions Letters/Emails to/from key stakeholders Meetings with some key stakeholders Meetings with iwi Online submission process (social pin-point) Written submissions Hearing				

State below which external stakeholders have been or will be engaged with:

Planned	In Progress	Complete	
		✓	Internal
	✓		Community Boards/Community Committees
		✓	Waikato-Tainui, Ngaati Tamaoho, Waahi Whanui, Ngaa Karu Atua o te Waka and Tainui Group Holdings
	✓		Households
	✓		Business
	✓		Other: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Future Proof Partners (Waikato Regional Council, Hamilton City Council, Waipa District Council, New Zealand Transport Agency, Tangata Whenua) - Ministry for Housing and Urban Development - New Zealand Transport Agency - Ministry of Education

6. CONCLUSION

The Draft Waikato Growth and Economic Development Strategy 2070 has been notified for public consultation. 84 submissions were received and have been summarised, and Council staff recommend that each willing submitter be heard in a hearing on Tuesday 11th February 2020.

7. ATTACHMENT

Submission Received - Draft Waikato Growth and Economic Development Strategy 2070

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