



WAIRARAPA COMBINED DISTRICT PLAN JOINT COMMITTEE

Agenda for the Meeting to be held in
the Hurunui o Rangī Meeting Room,
50 Holloway Street, Carterton

THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER 2022 at 9.30am

MEMBERSHIP

David McMahon (Chairperson, Independent Commissioner)

Cr Craig Bowyer (MDC)
Frazer Mailman (MDC)

Cr Brian Deller (CDC)
Cr Robyn Cherry-Campbell (CDC)

Cr Alistair Plimmer (SWDC)
Brian Jephson (SWDC)

Rangitāne o Wairarapa Representative
Ngāti Kahungunu Representative

AGENDA

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To:	Chair and Members, Wairarapa Combined District Plan Joint Committee
From:	Governance Advisor
Date:	8 December 2022
Subject:	Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous Meeting
DECISION	
Recommendation: That the Wairarapa Combined District Plan Joint Committee confirms the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 15 September are a true and correct record.	

The minutes of the Wairarapa Combined District Plan Joint Committee held on Thursday 15 September 2022 are attached for confirmation (see Attachment 1).

WAIRARAPA COMBINED DISTRICT PLAN JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING**HELD AT THE HURUNUI O RANGI MEETING ROOM, CARTERTON DISTRICT COUNCIL, ON
THURSDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 10.08AM****PRESENT**

David McMahon (Chair), Councillors Tina Nixon (MDC), Robyn Cherry-Campbell (CDC), Brian Deller (CDC), Alistair Plimmer (SWDC) and Brian Jephson (SWDC), and iwi representative Jo Hayes (from 10.25am).

IN ATTENDANCE

South Wairarapa District Council: Group Manager Planning and Environment (Russell O'Leary), James Witham (Planning Manager), Kendyll Harper (Intermediate Planner)

Carterton District Council: Manager Planning and Regulatory (Solitaire Robertson)

Masterton District Council: Regulatory Services Manager (Steve May), Planning Manager (Christine Chong), Consultant Planner (Sue Southey) and Cat White (Communications Advisor), Senior GIS Analyst (Alan Flynn on Teams)

Boffa Miskell: Hamish Wesney, Kate Searle. and Charles Horrell , Alia Cederman (by Teams), Erica Jane (by Teams)

APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Ra Smith and Councillor Frazer Mailman.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No additions to the register were recorded

ADOPTION OF DRAFT WAIRARAPA COMBINED DISTRICT PLAN FOR CONSULTATION

(117/22)

The report seeking adoption of the Draft Wairarapa Combined District Plan for consultation was presented by the Planning Manager, South Wairarapa District Council who noted that the complete Wairarapa wide model for flood hazard was not yet available and the chapters on mana whenua, the sites and areas of significance to Māori and papakāinga were also not complete. The flood modelling and those chapters would be available for inclusion in the proposed plan for notification in the new year.

The parallel process of the Featherston Masterplan was discussed. It was noted that the masterplan was not yet finalised but would be brought into the process in due course. A replacement map of Featherston for the map viewer was tabled. It was advised that the current zoning was proposed to be retained in the map viewer at this stage and that once the master planning process with the community was complete, any proposed changes would be incorporated.

(Jo Hayes joined the meeting at 10.25am)

Whether any comments received on the draft masterplan become deemed comments on that component of the draft district plan and how staff were proposing to handle that was raised. It was advised that staff would send through any feedback received on the masterplan in relation to reserve areas, final density, any zoning change for the main street and mainstreet activation. It was

noted that it may not be an issue as the close of feedback for the draft district plan could coincide with the release of the draft masterplan for consultation.

In relation to the Joint Committee itself, it was advised that Masterton and Carterton District Councils had resolved that the Joint Committee would continue following the election with the composition of the Committee to be determined by the new councils. The matter would be considered by South Wairarapa District Council on 21 September 2022.

A workshop would be held in the first week of December to provide a high level overview of the feedback received and a work programme for the following year.

The meeting agreed that the change to the Featherston map viewer, as per the tabled map, fell within the delegation to the Chair to approve any inconsequential amendments prior to the release of the draft plan, so no further resolution to endorse the map was needed.

Moved by Councillor Tina Nixon

That the Wairarapa Combined District Plan Joint Committee:

i. Receives Report 117/22.

Seconded by Councillor Robyn Cherry-Campbell and CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Robyn Cherry-Campbell

That the Wairarapa Combined District Plan Joint Committee:

ii. Adopts the draft Wairarapa Combined District Plan (the District Plan) for consultation.

Seconded by Councillor Brian Deller and CARRIED

Moved Councillor Alistair Plimmer

That the Wairarapa Combined District Plan Joint Committee:

iii. Delegates authority to the Chair of the Joint Committee to approve any inconsequential amendments prior to release of the draft plan.

Seconded by Councillor Tina Nixon and CARRIED

Moved Councillor Robyn Cherry-Campbell

That the Wairarapa Combined District Plan Joint Committee:

iv. Notes public consultation is scheduled from 25 October to 6 December 2022.

Seconded by Councillor Brian Deller and CARRIED

The meeting closed at 11.00am

To:	Chair and Members, Wairarapa Combined District Plan Joint Committee
From:	Boffa Miskell
Date:	8 December 2022
Subject:	Resource Management Reform Update
INFORMATION	
Recommendation: That the Wairarapa Combined District Plan Joint Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none">i) receives the Resource Management Reform Update; andii) agrees to continue with Option 3: Partial Review (progress a partial review of the District Plan to address a broader set of key issues, in addition to addressing plan implementation issues and ensuring consistency with national direction (e.g. National Policy Statements, National Environmental Standards documents)).	

The Resource Management Reform Update from Boffa Miskell is attached (see Attachment 1).

Wairarapa Combined District Plan Joint Committee

8 December 2022

Resource Management Reform Update

1 Purpose of this Report

1. The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the Wairarapa Combined District Plan Review Joint Committee on the resource management reform and implications for the Wairarapa Combined District Plan Review. In particular, this update relates to the two new Bills recently released that would replace the Resource Management Act.

2 Background and Context

2.1 Previous options analysis

2. The Committee considered four options for the District Plan Review at its November 2020 meeting (see 'Scope of District Plan Review' report dated November 2020 in Appendix 1). These options are summarised as follows:
 - **Option 1 – Pause and wait** – hold all plan review work until the Government announces its work programme for RMA reform.
 - **Option 2** – Simple/discrete plan changes - progress simple/discrete plan changes that are targeted at addressing specific plan implementation issues, and/or ensure the Combined District Plan is consistent with current national direction (e.g. NPS-UD).
 - **Option 3 – Partial review** – progress a partial review of the District Plan to address a broader set of key issues, in addition to addressing plan implementation issues and ensuring consistency with national direction (e.g. National Policy Statements, National Environmental Standards documents). This option would entail a more substantial review of plan content (e.g. approximately half to two-thirds of the current plan).
 - **Option 4 – Full review** – full review of the District Plan originally anticipated by the Councils. All chapters would be reviewed and a new District Plan would be prepared to replace the existing District Plan. The new District Plan would be prepared to implement all the requirements in the National Planning Standards.
3. The recommendation at the November 2020 meeting, which was accepted by the Committee, was to undertake a **partial review**, and to continue to monitor announcements and progress on RMA Reform.
4. In February 2021, the Committee re-considered these options following the government's announcement (on 10th February 2021) on the proposed timeframes for the reform. This announcement confirmed the scope of the reform and updated timeframe (at that time) as set out below.

RMA Reform

On 10 February 2021 the Government confirmed its intent to repeal and replace the RMA, and set out a work programme for the initial stages of the review. The Reform package broadly accepts the recommendations of the Resource Management Review Panel¹ in its June 2020 report on “new directions for resource management in New Zealand”².

The key elements of reform are the repeal and replacement of the RMA with three new acts.

- National and Built Environments Act (NBA)
- Strategic Planning Act (SPA)
- Climate Change Adaptation Act (CCA).

The broad scope and aspirations for each piece of legislation was set out in the Scope of District Plan Review report, and these have not changed significantly as a result of this latest announcement.

Timeline

The Ministry for the Environment (MfE) has set out the following timeline for reform:

- **May–September 2021:** An initial ‘exposure draft’ of the Natural and Built Environment Bill will be agreed by Cabinet and then referred to a special select committee inquiry. The Strategic Planning Bill and Climate Change Adaptation Bill will be developed in a parallel process with the latter managed out of the Minister for Climate Change office.
- **December 2021:** The Natural and Built Environments Bill and the Strategic Planning Bill will be introduced to Parliament in late 2021. A standard select committee process will consider them. The Climate Change Adaptation Bill will be developed in a similar timeframe.
- **December 2022:** It is intended that all three pieces of legislation are passed by the end of 2022.

Transition to new system

It is likely that transition provisions will be developed to ensure that the planning standards, other national direction and the RMA as a whole remain in effect until their replacements are developed. This is likely to take several additional years (beyond 2022).

In making this recent announcement, the government advised that in the interim, Councils should continue with business as usual, and any plan review work should place a particular emphasis on reviewing the performance of their plans and establishing implementation practices that could be carried over into a future system.

¹ The review was conducted by the independent Resource Management Review Panel chaired by retired Court of Appeal Judge, Hon Tony Randerson, QC.

² See <https://www.mfe.govt.nz/rmreview> for links to the Panel’s full and summary reports

5. In February 2021, the Committee resolved to continue a **partial review** of the District Plan and maintaining a 'watching brief' on the resource management reform and new legislation.
6. Since the government announcement above, the 'exposure draft' of the Natural and Built Environment Bill was released in June 2021 and the select committee released a report with its recommendations on 1 November 2021. The Government responded to this report in February 2022. No other significant updates on the resource management reform were made by the government until the release of the two new Bills in November 2022 as detailed below.

3 Summary of New Bills

3.1 Overview of the new legislation

7. The Government plans to repeal the Resource Management Act and enact three new pieces of legislation this parliamentary term. The new laws are the:
 - a. Spatial Planning Act (SPA) which requires the development of long-term regional spatial strategies to help coordinate and integrate decisions made under relevant legislation
 - b. Natural and Built Environment Act (NBA), the main replacement for the RMA, to protect and restore the environment while better enabling development
 - c. Climate Adaptation Act (CAA) to address complex issues associated with managed retreat, and funding and financing climate adaptation.
8. The Natural and Built Environment Bill (NBE Bill) and Spatial Planning Bill (SP Bill) were introduced to Parliament in November 2022.
9. The Climate Change Adaptation Bill is likely to follow in 2023.

Purpose of the NBA

10. The NBA will be the primary piece of legislation to replace the RMA. Like the RMA, the NBA will be an integrated statute for land use and environmental protection.
11. Te Oranga o Te Taiao is an integral concept in the new NBE Bill. It is an intergenerational ethic that emphasises the importance of the health and wellbeing of te taiao (the environment) for current and future generations. The NBE Bill supports this by requiring any use of the environment to comply with environmental limits and targets. The environmental limits will be set at the current state of the natural environment at the time the NBE Bill is passed to avoid further degradation. Associated targets will also be required to drive improvement in the natural environment. In areas that are already unacceptably degraded, minimum level targets will be required to improve the state of the environment ensuring that existing degradation is not locked in.
12. The NBE Bill also set out how the environment is to be protected and enhanced. It will specify positive outcomes to be promoted for the natural and built environments. This is a shift from the RMA which focuses on managing adverse effects rather than achieving

positive outcomes. These limits, targets and outcomes will be provided by the National Planning Framework, a key component of the NBE Bill, that consolidates what is known as 'national direction' in the existing resource management system (i.e. existing National Policy Statements, National Environmental Standards, etc.)

13. The new NBE Bill requires anyone exercising powers, functions or duties under the Act to give effect to the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and recognise Te Ao Māori. Under the current legislation, decision-makers are only required to 'take into account' those principles.
14. The new NBE Bill consolidates planning documents into a single Natural and Built Environment Plan (NBE Plan) for each region. NBE plans will have similar functions to those performed by regional policy statements, and district and regional plans under the current system, in regulating land use and natural resource use in each region through rules and policies.

Purpose of the SPA

15. The Spatial Planning Act will provide a more strategic and coordinated approach to long-term regional planning. It will require spatial planning at the regional level through the development of regional spatial strategies (RSSs).
16. Regional spatial strategies will see central government, local government and Māori working together, in consultation with the community, to identify how their region will grow, adapt and change over the next thirty-plus years. They will focus on significant issues and opportunities facing the region.
17. Regional spatial strategies will set out a vision and objectives to guide a region's development accompanied by a set of priority actions to turn the vision into a reality. They will identify areas that:
 - a. are suitable for development
 - b. may require protection, improvement and restoration
 - c. require infrastructure
 - d. are particularly vulnerable to the effects of climate change and natural hazards.
18. Key high-level decisions and trade-offs will be identified and resolved during the development of regional spatial strategies. This is likely to reduce disputes later during the development of Natural and Built Environment plans (NBE plans) and consent applications.
19. Regional spatial strategies will be directed by the National Planning Framework (NPF) and will provide strategic direction for NBE plans, putting the emphasis on upfront and robust planning. The regional spatial strategies will provide greater clarity on the spatial parameters within which the NBE plans operate. This will flow through to fewer decisions needing to be made at the consenting level.

20. It's proposed that regional spatial strategies will be reviewed with full public engagement every nine years with the possibility of partial or full reviews occurring within that timeframe.

Regional planning committees

21. The NBE Bill requires Regional Planning Committees to be established in each region, comprising members from local government, Māori, and central government (though central government members only participate in relation to RSS).
22. Regional Planning Committees will be established as committees of all councils in the region. They will be stewards of RSS and NBE plans under the new system. Regional Planning Committees will prepare RSS and NBE plans covering every local authority in the region, with local authorities retaining responsibility for implementing and administering NBE plans.
23. The composition of the Regional Planning Committee would be agreed following a regionally led process (with the Local Government Commission deciding if agreement is not reached). This is intended to allow each committee's composition to reflect its region's specific circumstances. All local authorities in the region will have direct representation on Regional Planning Committees where that is their preference. Māori will appoint a minimum of 2 members.

4 Transitioning from the RMA

During the transition period

24. The transition to the new resource management system is expected to take about 10 years before there is a complete national application of the SPA and NBA. The 10-year timetable is set out in Appendix 1 to this report.
25. A staged approach is anticipated, whereby three regions will begin the RSS development process, followed by another group of regions 12 months later. The NBE plan development timeframe is prescribed at four years, and this four-year period must commence within 40 working days of a Regional Planning Committee adopting their RSS.
26. Various parts of the NBA will come into effect at different times and will replace Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) provisions through a staged approach. The staged approach will enable new RSS and NBE plans to be in place before any resource consents are considered under the new legislation and to ensure the current resource management system can continue to operate with minimal disruption.
27. RMA plans, consenting, and decision making will continue to apply in each region until the Regional Planning Committee has made decisions on the Independent Hearing Panel's recommendations on a new NBE plan. At this time, the NBE plan for the region will apply, and NBA provisions for processing and decision making for consents and designations will apply. This means that different regions will 'switch' from the RMA system to the new resource management system under the NBA and SPA at different times. RMA plan changes will remain available under the RMA until an RPC adopts the RSS.

28. The requirement to commence RMA plan reviews will cease upon enactment of the NBA. Existing reviews underway may continue. RMA national direction will remain in force to continue directing RMA plans, policy statements, and decision making during the transition (i.e., before a region has an NBE plan with legal effect in place). This includes national direction for developing new plans.

5 Options and Analysis

29. Following the release of the two new Bills, the Advisory Group has re-considered options for the District Plan Review. In many respects, the options are the same as those presented to the Joint Committee in November 2020 and February 2021, in that the new Bills confirmed matters previously understood to be the government's intention. Therefore, the opportunities and implications of the options are similar to those previously presented. However, the new Bills contained details on the transitional arrangements.
30. The full implementation of the resource management reforms is expected to take approximately 10 years. There are three main influences on this timeframe.
31. Firstly, Regional Planning Committees will be established, and they will be required to prepare an RSS for the region. While there is no indication of when it will be the Wellington region's turn to prepare an RSS, it is currently anticipated that all RSSs will be complete by 2030.
32. Secondly, the NBE plan that will replace the Wairarapa Combined District Plan will not start being prepared until an RSS for the Wellington region is complete. After the Wellington RSS has been prepared, the corresponding NBE plan that includes the Wairarapa is expected to take approximately four years to prepare.
33. Thirdly, under the current resource management system, district plans are required to be reviewed every 10 years. With the current timeline, the new Wairarapa Combined District Plan would serve most of its statutory term before being replaced with an NBE plan. In addition, the updated data, analysis, and new provisions prepared for the Wairarapa Combined District Plan will help inform the new NBE plan.

6 Considerations

6.1 Tangata Whenua

34. The Minister has directed that the NBA will require all persons who exercise functions and powers under the NBA to 'give effect to the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi'. This is a much stronger direction than the RMA requirement to 'take into account' the principles of Te Tiriti. Maintaining strong relationships with mana whenua throughout the plan review process will therefore be critical to undertaking a robust review and setting a direction in the District Plan that can carry through to the development of a regional plan under the new legislation.

6.2 Climate change

35. Climate change considerations will be made through the review process, including the topics to be reviewed.

6.3 Financial

36. There are no changes to overall costs as a result of this update.

6.4 Community engagement

37. There are no changes to community engagement requirements as a result of this update.

6.5 Risks

38. There is an ongoing risk that the details and timeframes for RMA reform will change. The Advisory Group will actively monitor for any updates and announcements.

7 Recommendation

39. Given the Operative Wairarapa Combined District Plan has been in place since 2009, the Wairarapa Combined District Plan needs to be updated to address resource management issues affecting Wairarapa prior to the timeline for any new NBE plan.
40. Accordingly, the Officer Advisory Group recommends continuing with Option 3: Partial Review.
41. At this time, Option 3 remains the most appropriate option as it enables the key issues to be addressed and would be efficient and effective use of Council and community resources in the context of this reform.

Report prepared and reviewed by:

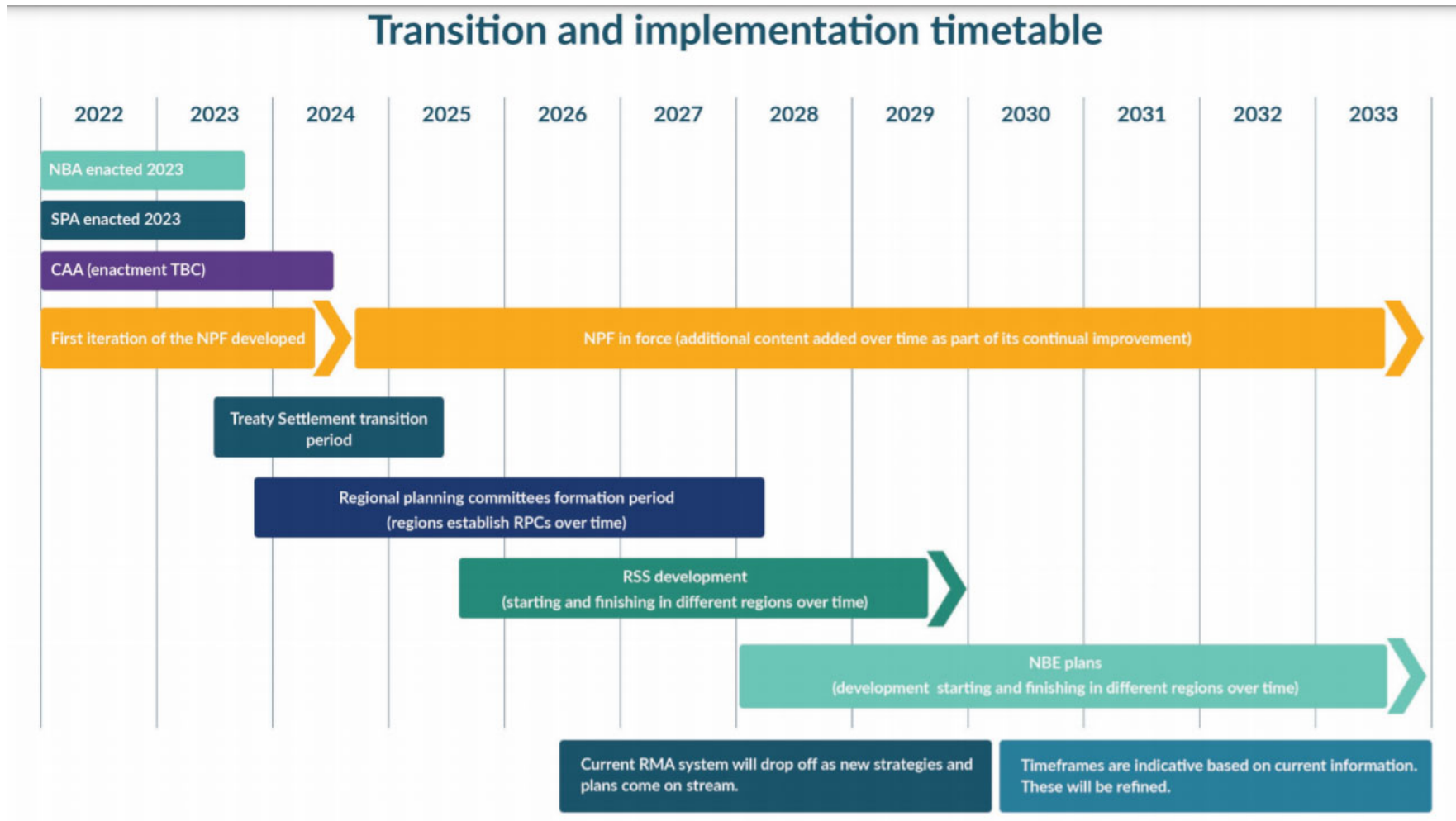
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Appendix 1: Indicative implementation timetable



To:	Chair and Members, Wairarapa Combined District Plan Joint Committee
From:	Boffa Miskell
Date:	8 December 2022
Subject:	2023 Work Programme and Updated Project Plan
DECISION	
Recommendation: That the Wairarapa Combined District Plan Joint Committee i) receives and adopts the 2023 Work Programme in Report 139/22. ii) receives and adopts the 2023 Joint Wairarapa Combined District Plan Joint Committee Meeting dates in Appendix 1 to Report 139/22.	

The Work Programme report from Boffa Miskell is attached (see Attachment 1).

Wairarapa Combined District Plan Joint Committee

8 December 2022

2023 Work Programme

1 Purpose of this Report

1. This report has been prepared for the Wairarapa Combined District Plan Joint Committee to present and confirm the proposed work programme for 2023 for the review of the Wairarapa Combined District Plan (WCDP). The Project Plan has also been reviewed based on this work programme, with no material changes required.

2 Background and Context

2. The Masterton District Council (MDC), Carterton District Council (CDC) and South Wairarapa District Council (SWDC) have resolved to continue having a Combined District Plan for all three districts, and to jointly review the Operative Combined District Plan.
3. During 2021 and 2022 the Operative Combined District Plan was reviewed and a new 'Draft' Combined District Plan was prepared. This review and preparation of the new Combined District Plan involved input from stakeholders, drew on earlier community feedback, took direction from local strategic documents, as well as national and regional policy direction, and reflected technical advice. The new Draft Combined District Plan was publicly released in October 2022 for community feedback. Feedback on the Draft Combined District Plan closes on 6 December 2022.
4. Following receipt of this feedback, the District Plan Review will move into the final part of Stage 2 of the Review process, which is considering this feedback and preparation of the Proposed District Plan and Section 32 evaluation reports. It is anticipated this phase of work will take 6-9 months, with the Proposed Combined District Plan to be publicly notified for 8 weeks between July – October 2023.
5. The Advisory Group has prepared a work programme for 2023 which reflects statutory requirements and takes into account feedback on the Draft Combined District Plan.

3 Legislative Framework

6. Meeting the obligations of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) is a key driver for the District Plan Review. The process and timeframe for the review have been designed to comply with the requirements of the RMA. These requirements include the nature and level of engagement (particularly with iwi) and the nature and level of evaluation of alternatives.

Resource Management Reform Update

7. Resource Management reform by central Government has influenced the nature and scope of the District Plan Review. The Joint Committee resolved that the review should

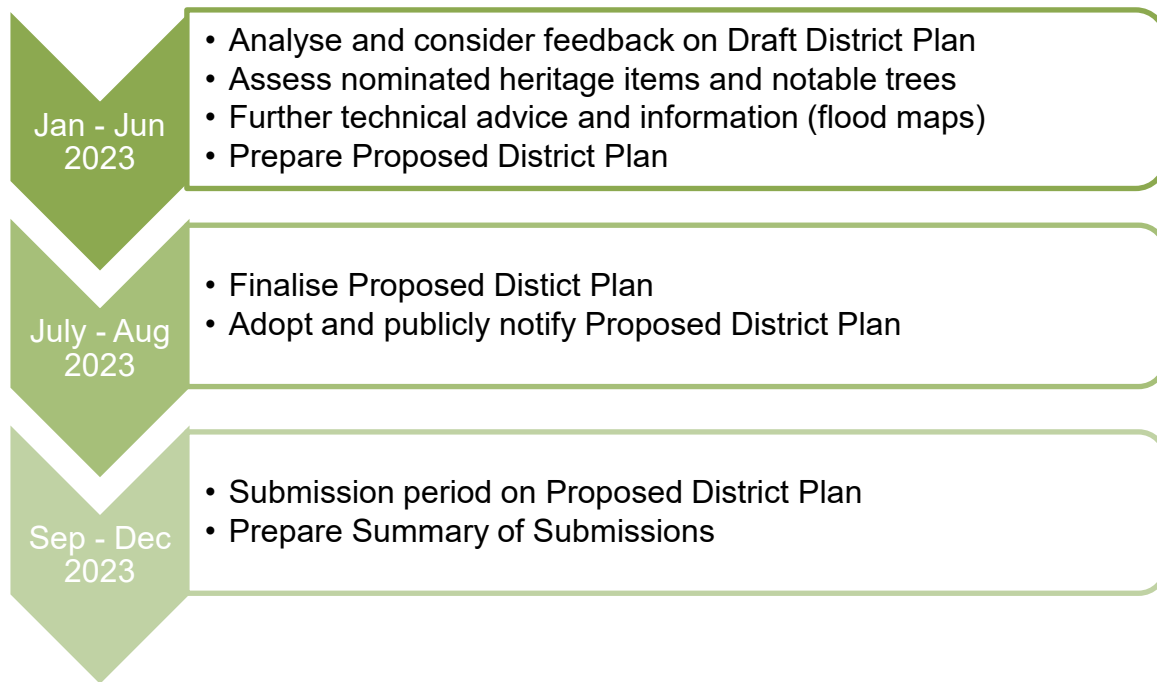
be a 'partial review' with the focus on the highest priority issues in light of this pending reform. A 'watching brief' has been maintained on the reform and potential opportunities and implications for the District Plan Review.

8. Under this reform programme, central Government has recently released two new Bills. There is a separate paper on these two new Bills and implications for the District Plan Review.

4 Options and Analysis

9. The primary options for the 2023 work programme reflect the time need for considering feedback received on the Draft Combined District Plan as well as further engagement with the community and stakeholders, evaluation of alternative provisions, and obtainment of any necessary further technical advice. An option with a shorter timeframe would involve less further engagement, less consideration of alternatives and less technical advice in preparing the Proposed Combined District Plan. Conversely, the alternative option requires a longer timeframe involving more further engagement, exploring and evaluating of more alternatives, and commissioning additional technical advice.
10. The Advisory Group has compiled the list of matters below to be addressed in preparing the Proposed Plan:
 - Analyse and consider feedback on all chapters of the Draft Combined District Plan
 - Commission technical assessment of nominated heritage sites/buildings/items and notable trees, including consulting with property owners where nomination is not from the property owner
 - Receipt of the final flood hazard maps from Greater Wellington Regional Council in March 2023
 - Receipt of sites and areas of significance to Māori as identified by Rangitāne o Wairarapa and Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa in March 2023
 - Outcomes of further engagement with Rangitāne o Wairarapa and Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa
 - Giving effect to the recently gazetted National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land
11. At the time of preparing this report, the extent and nature of written feedback received on the Draft Combined District Plan is unknown. However, based on the number of people attending the drop-in sessions and queries received via the Wairarapa Plan website (www.wairarapaplan.co.nz) and through Council offices so far, a moderate level of feedback is expected. The original estimated timeframe of 6-9 months for analysing and considering this feedback and preparing the Proposed Combined District Plan is still considered reasonable in light of the interest expressed in the Draft Combined District Plan to date.
12. It is recommended the Joint Committee meets at regular intervals (every 4-5 weeks) in a similar manner to preparation of the Draft Combined District Plan in 2022. Below is the recommended high-level work programme for 2023 with timing and key milestones noted:

Figure 1: High-Level Work Programme



13. A more detailed work programme is below:

Table 1: 2023 Work Programme, including Key Milestones

Timing	Key Tasks
By end February 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical assessments of heritage buildings/items/sites and notable trees completed Further technical advice received responding to feedback on Draft Combined District Plan (e.g. noise, transport, landscape) First group of chapters (Strategic Direction, Residential Zones, Rural Zones, Open Space Zones) reported to Joint Committee with analysis of feedback and recommended provisions for Proposed Combined District Plan. Provision of advice on giving effect to National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land.
By end March 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receipt of flood hazard maps from Greater Wellington Regional Council Receipt of sites and areas of significance to Māori as identified by Rangitāne o Wairarapa and Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Report results of further heritage and notable tree assessments to Joint Committee Second group of chapters (Energy, Infrastructure, Transport, Heritage, Natural Environment Values, Light, Noise) reported to Joint Committee with analysis of feedback and recommended provisions for Proposed Combined District Plan.

By early May 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report to Joint Committee on the Flood Hazard maps and associated Combined District Plan provisions - Report to Joint Committee on sites and areas of significance to Māori and associated Combined District Plan provisions - Report to Joint Committee on outcomes of further engagement with Rangitāne o Wairarapa and Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa - Third group of chapters (Natural Hazards, Hazardous Substances, Contaminated Land, Coastal Environment, Commercial and Industrial Zones, Future Urban Zone, Māori Purpose Zone) reported to Joint Committee with analysis of feedback and recommended provisions for Proposed Combined District Plan. - Report to Joint Committee seeking approval to notify the 'Documents to be Incorporated by Reference' in the Proposed Combined District Plan for public feedback
By early June 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report back to the Joint Committee on matters reported in previous months, including final draft chapters for Proposed Combined District Plan. - Comments close on the 'Documents to be Incorporated by Reference'
By early July 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report back to the Joint Committee on matters reported in previous months, including final Draft Chapters for Proposed Combined District Plan and feedback on documents to be incorporated by reference
By end July 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adoption of Proposed Combined District Plan for public notification by Joint Committee.
By end August 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public notification of Proposed Combined District Plan for submissions.
By end of October 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Submissions close on Proposed Combined District Plan.
November – December 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preparation of Summary of Submissions (decisions requested) on Proposed Combined District Plan. Summary of Submissions to be publicly notified for further submissions in February 2024.

14. As noted above, the options for the work programme present shorter or longer timeframes depending on the nature and extent of further engagement, depth of consideration of alternatives and the extent of obtaining technical advice.

15. A shorter timeframe (e.g. adoption and notification of Proposed Plan in June/July 2023) would be the shortest practical timeframe. However, this timeframe is likely to involve minimal further engagement, minimal consideration of alternatives, and minimal further technical advice. Further engagement would involve working with those who provided detailed feedback on the Draft Combined District Plan, such as discussing revised provisions and obtaining feedback on these revisions. This timeframe would be achievable

if feedback on the Draft Combined District Plan is generally supportive. However, if it raises new issues or numerous requests for changes, then it would not be achievable.

16. A longer timeframe (e.g. adoption and notification of Proposed Plan in November/December 2023) would provide additional time for further engagement with the community and stakeholders, more thorough consideration of alternative approaches and provisions, and further technical advice. The primary constraint on a longer timeframe is the statutory requirement that the District Plan is to be formatted and structured under the National Planning Standards by April 2024. A longer timeframe means this requirement is unlikely to be met. The Councils could however, request an extension to this timeframe from the Minister for the Environment.
17. A longer timeframe is also likely to increase the cost of preparing the Proposed Combined District Plan.
18. Direction is sought from the Joint Committee on whether a shorter or longer work programme is appropriate based on the reasons noted above.
19. In addition, based on the above work programme, the following Joint Committee meeting dates have been identified:
 - Thursday 16th February
 - Thursday 30th March
 - Thursday 4th May
 - Thursday 8th June
 - Thursday 6th July
 - Thursday 27th July
20. With these meeting dates, council staff have advised South Wairarapa District Council may have committee meetings scheduled for 30 March, therefore an alternative date may be required. In addition, it is noted Masterton District Council and Carterton District Council typically do not schedule Council/Committee meetings during July. In addition, it is noted the 2023 LGNZ Conference is to be held on 26-28 July in Christchurch. The Committee may wish to look at alternative meeting dates for July for these reasons which could influence the timing for adoption of the Proposed Combined District Plan.

5 Considerations

5.1 Tangata Whenua

21. One of the objectives in the Project Plan is to review the Combined District Plan in partnership with iwi. Two iwi representatives have been appointed to the Joint Committee to meet this objective. In addition, engagement with Rangitāne o Wairarapa and Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa has occurred in preparing the Draft Combined District Plan and will continue in preparing the Proposed Combined District Plan.

5.2 Climate Change

22. Climate change considerations will be made through the review process, including the topics to be reviewed.

5.3 Financial

23. The recommended work programme outlined in this report is based on working within the existing budgets for the District Plan Review. A longer timeframe may result in an increase in costs associated with more engagement, evaluation of alternatives and obtaining additional technical advice.

5.4 Community Engagement

24. Broad engagement across the districts has been the primary mechanism for testing the District Plan Review with the community so far. For the next stage, (preparation of the Proposed Combined District Plan) the recommended work programme includes provision for targeted engagement. This could include, for example, supplying previous submitters with feedback on the Draft Combined District Plan and revised provisions to obtain further feedback.
25. The recommended work programme also takes into account timing for the statutory requirement to publish and seek feedback on documents to be included by reference. These documents are typically the technical standards referred to in the District Plan rules – for example, noise measurement standards and transport standards.
26. Further community engagement would occur when the Proposed Combined District Plan is notified for submissions.

5.5 Risks

27. The Project Plan sets out potential risks that may arise during the plan review process. No new or changed risks have been identified in preparing the 2023 work programme.

6 Recommendation

1. Receive and adopt the 2023 Work Programme in this report.
2. Receive and adopt the 2023 Joint Wairarapa Combined District Plan Meeting Dates in Appendix 1.

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Appendices

Appendix 1: Wairarapa Combined District Plan Joint Committee – 2023 Meeting Dates

- Thursday 16th February
- Thursday 30th March (subject to change)
- Thursday 4th May
- Thursday 8th June
- Thursday 6th July
- Thursday 27th July