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Notice of Committee Meeting - Monday 1 March 2010

A meeting of the Environmental Policy Committee will be held in the Council Chambers, District Council Administration Building, Seymour Street, Blenheim on **Monday 1 March 2010 commencing at 1.30 pm.**

B U S I N E S S

As per Agenda attached.

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Marlborough District Council

**Meeting of the ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY COMMITTEE
to be held in the Council Chambers, District Administration Building, Seymour Street,
on MONDAY 1 MARCH 2010 commencing at 1.30 pm.**

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Staff	Kathy Payne (Committee Secretary)

Open Meeting

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1. Southern Marlborough Urban Growth Project - Draft Report for Public Consultation (E225-M01 (S))

(Report prepared by Francis Pauwels)

Purpose

1. The purpose of this paper is to update the Committee on progress with the Southern Marlborough Urban Growth Project (SMUGP) and to gain approval to initiate a public consultation process.

Background

2. The SMUGP is the second phase of urban growth planning for Marlborough. The first being the Blenheim Town Centre design and the next phase being Northern Marlborough (Picton, Havelock, Sounds communities).
3. The Draft Report was received from Urbanism Plus Limited (Urbanism+) in December 2009. Initial feedback has been provided to Urbanism+ by Council and the report has been revised by Urbanism+ (This should be completed by 22 February 2010).
4. The Regional Policy Statement (RPS) review is well underway with 13 of 16 chapters drafted and ready for work-shopping. The RPS review is awaiting key input from this series of three urban growth projects in terms of Central Business Zone and growth policies to manage urban design and growth over the next 25 year timeframe.
5. The combined 'Marlborough Resource Management Plan' review has been started and will rely heavily on this series of three projects to inform policy and rules on zoning (commercial, residential, mixed use, medium density etc) and town centre management (e.g. urban design guidelines, town centre management).

Comments

6. All these projects, depending on final acceptance and prioritisation, have extensive lists of sub-projects which impact on work planning and budgeting for various staff teams within Council, primarily Assets and Services and Policy.
7. Once there is a document in final draft form it is suggested that Council follow the Special Consultative Process under the LGA (i.e. consultation, submissions, hearings, decisions).
8. Council is aware of possible development aspirations for Urban Residential, Large Format Retail and Rural Residential pending in the immediate to short term and it is desirable that Council provides guidance on those issues.
9. There is a question of timing given that any formal consultation would likely span two to three months, the Annual Plan consultation will be underway and elections are pending later in the year.

Summary

10. Progress is moving well with the Southern Marlborough Urban Growth Project. There exists a timing opportunity to put the Draft Report out now for public consultation and to elevate the status of the Report as a planning document.

11. **A presentation will be provided at the meeting to give an overview.**

RECOMMENDED

That the Committee approve that formal consultation be undertaken through the Special Consultative Process under the Local Government Act 2002 once the Urban Growth report is ready for that process.

2. Blenheim Town Centre Urban Design Project (E225-B07)

(Report prepared by Francis Pauwels)

Purpose

1. To adopt the Blenheim Town Centre Strategy and to assign responsibility for implementing the projects.

Background

2. The Blenheim Town Centre Urban Design Project started in February 2009 with extensive consultation at focus groups, public meetings and with Council technical staff. Design workshops were held in March where a comprehensive and integrated series of projects were identified. The Draft Report was received on 10 June 2009 and the Final Report received on 24 August 2009. A public consultation programme was initiated and the results reported back to Committee on 16 November 2009. A decision was taken at that meeting to confirm the location of the Blenheim i-site due to the potential impact of this project on the Alfred Street car park design.
3. The report is to be finalised by agreeing and prioritising the complete list of projects to be undertaken. The emphasis will then shift to implementation of the strategy by incorporating the projects into the work programmes of Council sections and departments for scheme development and to secure resources, overseen by the appropriate committee. This includes inputting relevant content from the report onto the emerging resource management plans.

Comments

4. The summarised final list of projects is set out below. Council has previously indicated that two projects should be deleted from this list (i) SH1 bypass and associated roadworks (see '9 Traffic Movement – vehicular' with * notation and (ii) uses for old library and art gallery buildings (see '12 Capital Projects' with ** notation). Kobus Mentz of Urbanism Plus has indicated that he recommends their retention in the final list, and has provided additional information and context for their consideration on these projects.
5. Kobus Mentz recommended that the investigation of possibilities and routes for the close-in SH1 bypass option be retained in the list. There are three key reasons for this – firstly it is considered that simply having traffic lights some time in future would not address the traffic problems in Grove Road / Sinclair St / Main St and the associated approach intersections. Secondly by keeping the project as a desired development could assist should NZTA funding or interest come available. Thirdly if a bypass is constructed this would significantly assist in 'regaining' Sinclair Street for further development and pedestrian movement as well as calming the approaches into the town centre. It is recognised that a bypass through or near the suggested route will have various degrees of impact on private properties in the vicinity.
6. There is a series of projects based around re-uses for the current library and art gallery should they eventually move. The intent of these projects is to encourage further activity, both community service based and business development based to assist in building the vitality of the town centre and to create a vibrant axis and hub along Queen Street.

7. Streetscape projects:

Project	Comment	Priority	Committee	Service
Logo and name for town centre projects		High	Community and Financial Planning	Strategic Policy
Integrated design and programming of streetscape planning and works		High	Assets and Services	Reserves and Amenities
Install i-Site signs 5km out of town centre on SH1 and SH6		High	Assets and Services	Marlborough Roads
Signpost alternative walkway from CBD to Pollard Park to make it safer and more direct	Pending site visit; extra work needed before decision on where and when can be made	TBC	Assets and Services	Reserves and Amenities
Improve town centre signage on three major entrances to town centre: intersections Nelson and Hutcheson Sts; Alfred and Sinclair Sts; Main and Sinclair Sts		High	Assets and Services	Marlborough Roads
Investigate installing live signage in town centre showing car parking vacancies	May be needed in future but not necessary for current car parking situation	Low	Assets and Services	Marlborough Roads
Prepare a Town Centre Development Design Guide as a non-statutory planning tool		High	Environmental Policy	Strategic Policy
Provide heritage, way finding and information signage		Medium	Assets and Services	Reserves and Amenities and Strategic Policy
Produce a Heritage Walking Route Map for Blenheim town centre		High	Assets and Services	Reserves and Amenities, Strategic Policy and GIS
Street trees in the CBD		High	Assets and Services	Reserves and Amenities
Replace existing palm trees in Market St		Medium	Assets and Services	Reserves and Amenities

Project	Comment	Priority	Committee	Service
Footpaths/Streetscape Improvements		High	Assets and Services	Marlborough Roads & Reserves and amenities
Investigate a street design review to move some of the physical clutter		Medium	Assets and Services	Marlborough Roads & Reserves and Amenities
Investigate the alteration of lamp posts		Medium	Assets and Services	Marlborough Roads
Install themed public art, street furniture and signage			Assets and Services	Reserves and Amenities & Arts, Culture & Heritage
Install clusters of themed sculptures for people to play on			Assets and Services	Reserves and Amenities & Arts, Culture & Heritage
Illuminate town centre trees and Taylor River reserves; install mood lighting along Taylor River walkways		High	Assets and Services	Reserves and Amenities

8. Community spaces

Project	Comment	Priority	Committee	Service
Open Space reconstruction of Market Place	Pending further discussion. Go back to Kobus Mentz to design Market Place in conjunction with town centre markets and urban green space functioning better together	TBC	Assets and Services	Reserves and Amenities & Strategic Policy
Open Space construction of Bythell Place	Pending further discussion. Go back to Kobus Mentz to design Market Place in conjunction with town centre markets and urban green space functioning better together	Medium	Assets and Services	Reserves and Amenities & Strategic Policy
Develop an urban pocket park on the Queen St car park		High	Assets and Services	Reserves and Amenities

Project	Comment	Priority	Committee	Service
Develop a small riverside park on 2 High St location		High	Assets and Services	Reserves and Amenities
Develop a riverside walkway between Sinclair St (northern bank Taylor River) and Dillons Point Road (western bank Opawa River)		Low	Assets and Services	Reserves and Amenities & Rivers
Develop a landscape master plan and implementation strategy for changes to Taylor River and associated areas		High	Assets and Services	Reserves and Amenities
Implement landscape master plan		High	Assets and Services	Reserves and Amenities
Plan for Small Group Congregation Points in the town centre		Medium	Assets and Services	Reserves and Amenities
Investigate opportunities to accommodate markets in town centre	Underway		Community and Financial Planning	Strategic Policy and Reserves and Amenities
Revision of the Open Space Strategy to consider the possibility of delivering recreational open space within easy walking distance 200-500m of 75-100% of residents	Underway		Assets and Services	Reserves and Amenities
Develop a strategy for reduction of stream maintenance, mowing and carbon associated costs	Underway		Assets and Services	Rivers and Land Drainage and Reserves and Amenities
Installation of landscaping and street art to create stronger visual links between the Taylor River and Market Place		Low	Assets and services	Reserves and amenities and Arts, Culture and Heritage

9. Traffic movement - vehicular

Project	Comment	Priority	Committee	Service
Investigate realignment of SH1*	See 5 above. Consider retaining original planned route (i) to address traffic problems there (ii) for NZTA future consideration (iii) regaining Sinclair St for the town	Low	Assets and Services	Marlborough Roads
Widen roundabout Nelson St-Sinclair St to allow for increased traffic turning at Auckland St intersection onto newly aligned SH1*	See above	Low	Assets and Services	Marlborough Roads
Signalisation of Main St-Freswick St intersection*	See above	Low	Assets and Services	Marlborough Roads
Signalisation of Auckland St-Sinclair St intersection*	See above	Low	Assets and Services	Marlborough Roads
Pedestrian signals at existing crossing at intersection of Market St, Main St, Scott St and Maxwell Rd	More investigation needed to make sure this functions effectively	High	Assets and Services	Marlborough Roads
Signalisation of Nelson St-Hutcheson St intersection	Very long term	Low	Assets and Services	Marlborough Roads
Signalisation of Symonds St-Main St intersection	Very long term	Low	Assets and Services	Marlborough Roads
Signalisation of Redwood St- Kinross St intersection	See Kinross St item below	Medium	Assets and Services	Marlborough Roads
Signalisation of Seymour St-Maxwell Rd intersection	Very long term	Low	Assets and Services	Marlborough Roads
*All above include pedestrian crossings	Very long term	Low	Assets and Services	Marlborough Roads
Investigate inclusion of Kinross St in the 30km/h zone in conjunction with streetscape improvements	Investigate this once the Aquatic Centre is complete and see the cause and effect relationships created by this, integrated street design important	Medium	Assets and Services	Marlborough Roads

Project	Comment	Priority	Committee	Service
Investigate traffic calming in Stephenson St between Weld St and Scott St		Medium	Assets and Services	Marlborough Roads
Replacing one-way system of Market Place between High St and Wynen St by a two-way system	Needs investigation, include in redesign of Market Place	TBC	Assets and Services	Marlborough Roads
Viewing corridor/gateway study focussing on approaches from Picton, Christchurch and Nelson		High	Environmental Policy	RM Policy and Strategic Policy

10. Pedestrian and cycling

Project	Comment	Priority	Committee	Service
Pedestrian crossing + island at Curry St-Nelson St	Pending site visit	TBC	Assets and Services	Marlborough Roads and Reserves and Amenities
Build staircase and/or ramps between the footpaths on both sides of Hutcheson St	Look at this in conjunction with the construction of the new Theatre	TBC	Assets and Services	Reserves and Amenities and Rivers
Extend Russell Terrace as a walkway from Alfred St to river		Medium	Assets and Services	Reserves and Amenities
Improve access to the Taylor River and cycling and hiking trails		Underway	Assets and Services	Reserves and Amenities
Investigate cycle lanes on Maxwell Rd between Seymour St and Alabama Rd		Underway	Assets and Services	Marlborough Roads and Bike/Walk co-ordinator
Cycle lanes on Hutcheson St between Nelson St and Alfred St		Underway	Assets and Services	Marlborough Roads and Bike/Walk co-ordinator
Cycle lanes on Seymour St between High St and Maxwell Rd		Underway	Assets and Services	Marlborough Roads and Bike/Walk co-ordinator

11. Safety

Project	Comment	Priority	Committee	Service
Additional lighting Alfred St between Seymour St and Seventh Lane		High	Assets and Services	Marlborough Roads
Additional lighting High St between Seymour St and Queen St		High	Assets and Services	Marlborough Roads
Develop lighting and access policy for Town Centre Lanes (First-Fourteenth Lanes)		High	Community and Financial Planning	Community Safety
Commission a town centre wide CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) review		High	Community and Financial Planning	Community Safety
Undertake a detailed CPTED assessment of the alleyway from the Warehouse car park, along the rear of the Post Office Building to Market St		High	Community and Financial Planning	Community Safety
Undertake CPTED improvements within Pollard Park		High	Assets and services	Community safety and Reserves and amenities
Formalise CPTED considerations into the District Plan Review for all new development and building redevelopment		High	Environmental Policy	RM Policy
Ensure any Council commissioned works go through a professional CPTED review prior to its formalisation		Underway	Assets and Services	Assets and services
Upgrade existing CCTV network to improve reliability and extend coverage		Medium	Assets and Services	Services and operations

12. Capital projects

Project	Comment	Priority	Committee	Service
Develop a new library in a central location		High	Community and Financial Planning	Libraries and Executive Management
Develop a new art gallery in a central location		High	Community and Financial Planning	Arts, Culture and Heritage and Executive Management
Develop new theatre in proposed location next to Convention Centre		Underway	Community and Financial Planning	Arts, Culture and Heritage and Executive Management
2 High St purchase for development of small riverside park and to encourage development of hotel and/or restaurant on site		Underway	Community and Financial Planning	Executive Management
Redevelop old library building as a Community Services Cluster**	See 6 above. Investigate activities that could be located in centre of town to create more vitality and community support	Low	Community and Financial Planning	Community Support and Strategic Policy
Redevelop old art gallery building as a Multi-media and Sound Studio**	See above	Low	Community and Financial Planning	Arts, Culture and Heritage
Small Business Incubator (old library building)**	See above	Low	Community and Financial Planning	Strategic Policy
Community and Small Business Support Centre (old library building)**	See above	Low	Community and Financial Planning	Community Support and Strategic Policy
Community Arts Centre (part of proposed new art gallery)**	See above	Low	Community and Financial Planning	Arts, Culture and Heritage
Life Long Learning Centre (part of proposed new library)**	See above	Low	Community and Financial Planning	Libraries
Develop new i-Site and downsize the current i-Site		Underway	Community and Financial Planning	Executive Management

Project	Comment	Priority	Committee	Service
Alfred St car park design		Underway	Community and Financial Planning	Executive Management
Encourage sleeve development on the Queen St car park	Warrants further investigation	Medium	Community and Financial Planning	Executive Management
Refit existing old Marlborough Clubs building	Subject to owners consent	High	Community and Financial Planning	Executive Management
Encourage development of a hotel and/or restaurant on 2 High St site		Underway	Community and Financial Planning	Executive Management
Investigate options for fire station relocation and encourage development on the land for commercial uses		Low	Community and Financial Planning	Executive Management
Integrate Queen St public toilets with new library/new art gallery		High	Assets and Services	Reserves and amenities and Executive Management
Integrate public toilets with new Alfred St car park		High	Assets and Services	Reserves and amenities and Executive Management

13. Town centre

Project	Comment	Priority	Committee	Service
Promote a Development Vision for future town centre		High	Environmental Policy	Strategic Policy and Urban Design Panel
Prepare indicative designs for developments on strategic sites		High	Environmental Policy	Strategic Policy and Urban Design Panel
Develop the first demonstration projects to showcase good quality affordable developments		Medium	Community and Financial Planning	Executive Management
Complete a		High	Community and	Executive

Development Opportunities Study to investigate potential strategic property development opportunities			Financial Planning	Management
Benchmark a number of NZ towns to determine appropriate fit for a town centre management organisation		High	Community and Financial Planning	Strategic Policy

14. Town centre management – regulatory approach

Project	Comment	Priority	Committee	Service
CBZ applications must consult with the Urban Design Panel and be approved before it goes to the Hearings Panel		High	Environmental Policy	RM Policy and Strategic Policy

15. Town centre management – non-regulatory approach

Project	Comment	Priority	Committee	Service
Town centre annual progress check/survey		High	Environmental Policy	Strategic Policy

16. District Council policies – regulatory approach

Project	Comment	Priority	Committee	Service
Undertake a review of plan provisions for new structures in CBD. Prepare a plan change for the Primary Shopping/CBZ zones to provide greater control of built form and streetscape quality.		High	Environmental Policy	RM Policy
Encourage redevelopment of the area bound by Nelson St, Hutcheson St, Taylor and Opawa Rivers for residential and commercial uses		High	Community and Financial Planning	RM Policy and Strategic Policy and Urban Design Panel

Project	Comment	Priority	Committee	Service
Consider striking a special benefit rate for land owners within the town centre to fund town centre management organisation		High	Community and Financial Planning	Strategic Policy and Treasury
MDC Development Contributions Policy relating to new development in Blenheim		Medium	Community and Financial Planning	Treasury
Inform a District Plan Change to revise and expand the Heritage list (including class A, class B, and the introduction of a new class C)		High	Environmental Policy	RM Policy and Strategic Policy
Undertake a technical investigation of all identified heritage and character buildings plus places of interest (class A, B, C)		High	Environmental Policy	Strategic Policy
Inform NZHPT of buildings worthy of Historic Places Trust listing		High	Environmental Policy	Strategic Policy
Establish character precincts (riverside/wharf)		High	Environmental Policy	RM Policy and Strategic Policy
Insert a Controlled Activity provision on the modification/demolition of proposed class C heritage buildings		High	Environmental Policy	RM Policy
Provide financial incentives to owners of heritage assets listed in the District Plan through the introduction of Heritage Improvement and Incentive Grants	Investigate funding options	TBC	Environmental Policy	Arts, Culture and Heritage and Strategic Policy
Fund the review of pre resource consent applications of class A-C buildings by a	Concept needs further development	TBC	Community and Financial Planning	Arts, Culture and Heritage, Strategic Policy &

Project	Comment	Priority	Committee	Service
conservation architect/heritage specialist				Treasury
Require a heritage/conservation assessment report in resource consent applications for class A heritage buildings. (i) Assessment of a building's heritage value and condition (ii) conservation plan to guide ongoing management	Concept needs further development	TBC	Environmental Policy	RM Policy and Resource Consents

17. District Council policies – non-regulatory approach

Project	Comment	Priority	Committee	Service
Prepare a Town Centre Development Design Guide which also covers heritage/character as a non-statutory planning tool to guide appropriate responses to new development and adaptive reuse development		High	Environmental Policy	Strategic Policy
Influence built form and streetscape quality through non-regulatory methods, e.g. financial incentives for desirable design - could be linked to Urban Design Panel	Support for concept of both regulatory and non-regulatory means for influencing built form and streetscape	High	Environmental Policy	Strategic Policy and Urban Design Panel
Consider funding town centre management organisation from existing Council resources		High	Community and Financial Planning	Strategic Policy
Introduce a heritage steering committee comprised of key representatives	Introduce as part of Urban Design Panel, and include expert heritage advisors in specific heritage cases	High	Community and Financial Planning	Strategic Policy

18. Community and Visitor attractions

Project	Comment	Priority	Committee	Service
Promote the Four Hour Coastal Drive. Promote observation areas, wine and craft experiences along the way	Refer to Destination Marlborough as part of the overall tourism strategy. Link to SH1 Strategy via Frank Porter	High	Community and Financial Planning	Strategic Policy and Marlborough Roads
Run a regular programme of events on the river bank. Beginning monthly and progressing to weekly Friday evening and weekend events	Include in Marlborough 4 Fun brief. However, only as many events as are practical, rather than weekly	High	Community and Financial Planning	Strategic Policy and Community Support
Create free evening laser light shows at night and weekends. Consider projecting them on to misting fountain in the Taylor River, viewed from the existing amphitheatre, river café and river bank	Suggestion to Marlborough4Fun, Civic Theatre	High	Community and Financial Planning	Strategic Policy and Community Support

19. The Environmental Policy Committee will maintain an oversight of the progress of the whole strategy by receiving an annual progress report from March 2011.

Summary

20. The report details the full list of projects that are proposed for inclusion in the final Blenheim town centre strategy, their priority and via which committee and section they should be implemented.
21. Council has already made a decision on the location of Blenheim i-site.
22. Council has previously indicated that two projects should be deleted (Blenheim bypass and associated roading improvements, and uses for existing library and art gallery if vacated). Urbanism Plus has provided advice that these projects should be included but given low priority.
23. The Environmental Policy Committee will receive an annual report on how the overall project implementation is progressing.

RECOMMENDED

1. That the Committee adopts the Blenheim Town Centre strategy.
2. That annual reports are provided to the Committee on progress of strategy implementation.

3. Plan Changes 8, 17, 23, 55, 56 and 58 (M135-15 - 8, 17, 23, W045-15-55, 56, 58)

(Report prepared by Tania Bray)

Purpose

1. The purpose of this report is to provide an update on six plan changes (Frost Fans and Heritage) and to recommend the authority to hear and make decisions on the submissions on the plan changes be delegated to a sub-committee.

Background

2. On the 24 September 2009 the Council notified the following six plan changes.

Plan Change 8 - The Marlborough Sounds Resource Management Plan - Heritage Tree Update:

3. This plan change proposes the protection of 29 additional heritage trees within the Heritage Register (Appendix A), the removal of one tree from the Register and amendments to the Volume 3, maps to show the proposed changes.

Plan Change 17 - The Marlborough Sounds Resource Management Plan - Heritage Buildings, Places and Sites Update:

4. The proposed plan change seeks to further protect the Oparapara (Samson Bay) Argillite Quarries, which is currently recognised by the NZHPT as a Class A historic place. Two additional quarry sites within the Samson Bay area are proposed to be protected within the Marlborough Sounds Resource Management Plan (the Plan), along with amendments to fix planning map errors associated with the existing Argillite Quarries heritage listing within the Plan. The proposed plan change also seeks to list the Tory Channel Leading Lights, and the former oil store shed associated with the lights, on the Register of Significant Heritage Resources within the Plan. The Tory Channel Leading Lights serve as both an important navigation tool within the Tory Channel, and as an historic reminder of local marine history. It is proposed that they are protected as a Class A heritage resource.

Plan Change 23 - The Marlborough Sounds Resource Management Plan - Frost Fans:

5. The proposed plan change involves the change in status of frost fans from a permitted activity to a controlled activity and includes the introduction of amended noise standards. The new requirements are proposed as a means for Council to proactively manage the adverse noise effects resulting from new frost fans. In order to manage reverse sensitivity effects associated with frost fans, a new rule is also proposed to establish a noise standard applicable to new habitable buildings located in close proximity to existing frost fans.

Plan Change 55 - The Wairau/Awatere Resource Management Plan - Heritage Buildings, Places and Sites Update:

6. The proposed plan change seeks to protect the Pilot's House, Wairau Bar as a Class A building. The plan change also proposes to amend several minor errors in the register and maps, with respect to the listing and mapping of Leefield Station as an historic place.

Plan Change 56 - The Wairau/Awatere Resource Management Plan - Heritage Tree Update:

7. This plan change proposes that 171 additional heritage trees be protected within the Heritage Register (Appendix A), the removal of six trees from the Register and amendments to the Volume 3 maps to include the new trees and to amend existing errors in the maps.

Plan Change 58 - The Wairau/Awatere Resource Management Plan - Frost Fans

8. The proposed plan change is the same as Plan Change 23 above, and involves the change in status of frost fans from a permitted activity to a controlled activity and includes the introduction of

amended noise standards. The new requirements are proposed as a means for Council to proactively manage the adverse noise effects resulting from new frost fans. In order to manage reverse sensitivity effects associated with frost fans, a new rule is also proposed to establish a noise standard applicable to new habitable buildings located in close proximity to existing frost fans.

9. A number of submissions and further submissions were received on the six plan changes and the plan changes are now ready for hearing.
10. The authority to hear and make decisions on plan changes is delegated to the Environmental Policy Committee. However, due to the impracticalities of having the whole Committee attend the hearings the authority is usually delegated to a sub-committee, specially formed for the purpose of hearing and making decisions on the plan changes.

Comments

11. **Plan Changes 23 and 55 - Frost Fans**, have been set down for hearing on the 22 - 26 March 2010. Given the complexity of the plan changes and the issues raised in the submissions it is recommended that a sub-committee be formed consisting of an accredited independent commissioner and two Councillors. Mr Ron Crosby and Councillors Jerram and Taylor have agreed to sit on the sub-committee.
12. **Plan Changes 8, 17, 55 and 56 - Heritage Trees and Buildings**, have been set down for hearing on the 3-6 May 2010. It is recommended that a sub-committee of three be formed consisting of at least one Councillor who is accredited under the Making Good Decisions programme and two other Councillors from the Environmental Policy Committee.

Summary

13. Plan Changes 8, 17, 23, 55, 56 and 58 are ready for hearing and it is recommended that two sub-committees be formed and delegated powers to hear and make decisions on those plan changes.

RECOMMENDED

1. **That the information be received.**
2. **That a sub-committee be formed consisting of Mr R Crosby (chair), Councillors Jerram, and Taylor and that sub-committee be delegated the power to hear and make decisions on Plan Changes 23 and 58 - Frost Fans).**
3. **That a sub-committee be formed and delegated the power to hear and make decisions on Plan Changes 8, 17, 55 and 56 (Heritage Trees and Buildings). That the sub-committee consist of at least one accredited Councillor and two others, and that the membership is determined at the Committee meeting.**

4. Policy Review Updates (S360-01)

(Report prepared by Francis Pauwels)

Purpose

1. The purpose of this report is to update the Committee on Policy Team priority projects for 2010.

Background

2. The Policy Team has been involved in a wide range of work over the last 12 months including the Regional Policy Statement (RPS) review, significant 'building block' projects (e.g. Urban Design/Growth, Water reallocation, Outstanding Natural Landscapes), plan maintenance and servicing appeals and plan changes.
3. Key work such as the aquaculture provisions and family flats would be better served by being rolled into the RPS/Plan review process.
4. Various other plan change work is at or near completion and will continue including:
 - (a) PC 53 and 16 - Allocation of Authorisations. This essentially would remove the default tendering process for any new aquaculture space and is a NZ King Salmon promoted plan change.
 - (b) PC 56 and 8 - Heritage Trees. A sub-committee is scheduled to hear this plan change the first week in May.
 - (c) PC 55 and 17 - Heritage Resources. As above.
 - (d) PC 58 and 23 - Frost Fans. A sub-committee is scheduled to hear this plan change the week of 22 March 2010.
 - (e) PC 21 (MSRMP) - Waikawa Marina extension and Moorings Management Area. A Plan Change is expected to be lodged by Port Marlborough NZ in late February 2010.

RECOMMENDED

That the information be received.

5. Information Package

RECOMMENDED

That the Environmental Policy Information Package dated 1 March 2010 be received and noted.

6. Decision to Conduct Business with the Public Excluded

Decided That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

- Landscape Study

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Landscape Study	In order to protect the privacy of natural persons, as provided for under Section 7(2)(a).	That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under Section 7 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.