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Ask For: Mr Porter

Notice of Committee Meeting - Thursday, 17 April 2014

A meeting of the Regional Planning & Development Committee will be held in the Council Chambers, District Council Administration Building, 15 Seymour Street, Blenheim on Thursday, **17 April 2014 commencing at 9.00 am.**

B U S I N E S S

As per Agenda attached.

ANDREW BESLEY
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

**Meeting of the REGIONAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
to be held in the Council Chambers, District Administration Building, Seymour Street,
on THURSDAY, 17 APRIL 2014 commencing at 9.00 am.**

Committee

Clr T E Hook (Chairperson)
Mayor Sowman (Deputy)
Clr G I T Evans
Clr P J S Jerram
Clr J C Leggett
Clr D D Oddie
Clr T M Sloan

Staff

Mr P Hawes (Manager, Environmental Policy) and Mr N Henry
(Manager, Strategic Planning & Economic Development)

Kathy Payne (Committee Secretary)

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1. Plan Changes 27 & 62 New Dairy Farms

(Report prepared by Mark Caldwell)

Reference W045-15-62-04 & M135-15-27-04

Purpose

1. The purpose of this report is to approve plan changes addressing the conversion of land to new dairy farms.

Background

2. Plan Changes 27 to the Marlborough Sounds Resource Management Plan and Plan Change 62 to the Wairau/Awatere Resource Management Plan were heard by Councillor Barsanti and Commissioners Ross Beech and Shonagh Kenderdine acting under delegation on the 4 and 5 September 2013.
3. The new provisions comprise policies and methods relating to the requirement for a land use consent to be obtained for the establishment and operation of any new dairy farm and policy to guide the determination of applications.
4. The decisions made by the delegated committee were publicly notified on the 5 December 2013.

Comments

5. As no appeals have been lodged with regard to the decisions, the next step in the process is for those provisions to be approved so that they may be incorporated into the Resource Management Plans.
6. Once the provisions have been approved then an operative date for the provisions can be publicly notified.
7. The operative date of the plan changes has to be publicly notified 5 working days prior to the operative date. It is proposed to notify the operative date in the combined Council advertisement in the Marlborough Express on the first Thursday after the next full Council meeting.

RECOMMENDED

1. **That the decisions on Plan Change 27 to the Marlborough Sounds Resource Management Plan and Plan Change 62 to the Wairau/Awatere Resource Management Plan be approved in accordance with Clause 17 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991.**
2. **That the operative date for the approved plan change provisions be notified on the first Thursday after the next full Council meeting.**

2. Marlborough Ridge Rezoning Plan Change

(Report prepared by Mark Caldwell)

W045-15-72-01

Purpose

1. The purpose of this report is for the Committee to consider Plan Change 72 to the Wairau/Awatere Resource Management Plan and for the Committee to formally adopt the Section 32 Report for the proposed rezoning and to approve the notification of the plan change.

Background

2. The Marlborough Ridge Zone was formulated to accommodate development of tourist and recreational facilities and to provide for limited comprehensive and co-ordinated medium to low density residential development to give a variety of residential and rural opportunities, lifestyle options and land uses.
3. Since the inception of the zone the following development has been undertaken:
 - Subdivision of approximately 150 lots for residential and rural residential purposes. Approximately 100 of these lots range in area from 800m² to 2,200m² and the remainder from 3,000m² to 3,500m². The lots generally have single unit dwellings constructed on them. The site has reached its subdivision potential with the site subdivided or resource consents issued for subdivision. It is estimated there are approximately 40-50 vacant consented sites available for building.
 - The establishment of a Conservation area, lake and wetland.
 - The establishment of viticulture.
 - The balance of the site has continued to be grazed by stock and contains an existing dwelling.
4. The site has generally reached its maximum development potential consisting primarily of residential housing. Hotel development, which was one of the primary drivers of the zone, has not occurred and there is negligible likelihood of this occurring in the future because of a lack of market demand and available space in the zone.
5. It is apparent that the development that has occurred on the site does not in many respects reflect the original intention of the zone. In addition a number of the zone provisions are difficult to interpret and administer. Accordingly it is proposed to delete the existing Marlborough Ridge Zone in its entirety and replace it with the existing Wairau/Awatere Resource Management Plan Residential Township, Rural 4, Conservation and Local Recreation zones including some minor amendments to the rules.
6. At its last meeting the Committee discussed a plan change to address issues that have arisen in respect of the Marlborough Ridge Zone. It was decided that in order to reflect development that has occurred at the Marlborough Ridge and to enable easier administration of the area as well as retaining the integrity of the Wairau/Awatere Resource Management Plan it was appropriate for a plan change to rezone the land be prepared and then brought back to the Committee for consideration.

Comments

7. A report prepared under Section 32 of the Resource Management Act has now been prepared for the proposed plan change (**attached separately**). The assessment required under Section 32 considers whether the changes proposed will be effective and efficient in achieving the purpose of the Act. The assessment has also taken into account the benefits and costs of the changes.

8. When approval to prepare the Plan Change was sought from this Committee it was stated that the current landowners would be consulted on the proposed rezoning.
9. Discussions have been held with the current developer Mr Greg Smith regarding the proposed Plan Change. Mr Smith is supportive of the proposed rezoning.
10. A public meeting with the residents of the Marlborough Ridge was held on the 27 February 2014 at the Fairhall Hall. The main issues raised by the residents were with regard to covenants, the difference between the current and proposed zone rules and rating. (Notes from the meeting are in appendix 4 of the Section 32 Report).
11. Adopting the Section 32 Report and notifying the Plan Change does not pre-empt the outcome of the First Schedule process, it merely triggers the commencement of the process. The plan change will go through two rounds of public submission and a hearing process. At the end of this process, the Council retains the discretion to decline or approve the rezoning or to approve the rezoning with modifications.
12. It is recommended that the Committee accept the Marlborough Ridge Rezoning Plan Change for notification in accordance with Clause 5 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Summary

13. The existing Marlborough Ridge Zone has in many cases not achieved its objectives particularly in respect of hotel development. The site development does not necessarily reflect the Zone provisions including the Development Plan and some of the Zone provisions are difficult to interpret.
14. In order to reflect development that has occurred and to enable easier administration of the area as well as retaining the integrity of the Wairau/Awatere Resource Management Plan, it is appropriate to rezone the site. Utilisation of existing provisions of the Wairau/Awatere Resource Management Plan, with minor amendments to reflect the characteristics of the site, is considered the most appropriate efficient and effective method to achieve the purpose of the Resource Management Act 1991.

RECOMMENDED

1. **That the Section 32 report for Plan Change 72 to the Wairau/Awatere Resource Management Plan, as attached be adopted.**
2. **That the Committee approve notification of the Plan change 72 - Marlborough Ridge Rezoning for notification as soon as practicable.**

3. Approval of Item 6 of Plan Change 61

(Report prepared by Mark Caldwell)

Reference W045-15-61-04

Purpose

1. The purpose of this report is to approve Item 6 of Plan Change 61 to Wairau/Awatere Resource Management Plan.

Background

2. Plan Change 61 to the Wairau/Awatere Resource Management Plan was heard by Councillors Dew, Jerram, Arbuckle and Barsanti acting under delegation on Wednesday 14 August 2013.
3. The decisions made by the delegated committee were publicly notified on the 17 October 2013.
4. All items making up Plan Change 61 other than Item 6 were approved by this Committee at its last meeting. At the time of that meeting Item 6 could not be approved as it was subject to appeal.
5. The decision on Item 6 of Plan Change 61 was to include a definition for utility in the Wairau/Awatere Resource Management Plan.

Utility Means a network utility operation as that term is defined in section 166 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

6. The decision to include the Utility definition in the Wairau/Awatere Resource Management Plan was appealed by TrustPower Limited.

Comments

7. The Council has been advised by the Environment Court that TrustPower Limited has now withdrawn their appeal on Item 6.
8. As item 6 is no longer subject to appeal it can now be approved. Once the provision has been approved then an operative date can be publicly notified and the provision incorporated into the Wairau/Awatere Resource Management Plan.
9. The operative date of the plan change has to publicly be notified 5 working days prior to the operative date. It is proposed to notify the operative date in the combined Council advertisement in the Marlborough Express on the first Thursday after the next full Council meeting.

RECOMMENDED

1. **That the decision on Item 6 of Plan Change 61 to the Wairau/Awatere Resource Management Plan be approved in accordance with Clause 17 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991.**
2. **That the operative date for the approved Plan Change provision be notified on the first Thursday after the next full Council meeting.**

4. Marlborough Regional Events – 12 Month Review

(Report prepared by S Witehira)

E100-002-001-01

1. The following is an update of the progress with Regional Events support over the past 12 months. The major aspect of the support is the Events Co-Ordinator role which took effect from 4 March 2013. There is also a small budget available for projects.
2. The measurable targets for Regional Events support are listed below in three parts:
 - (1) Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for the first year of employment of the post holder which were agreed as part of the establishment of the post in October 2012. Susie Witehira took up the role on 4 March 2013.
 - (2) Progress with Year 1 actions from the Regional Events Strategy, which was adopted in September 2013.
 - (3) Other achievements.

1. KPIs of the Post Holder

3. The KPIs for the role as agreed by the Community and Financial Committee on the 16 October 2012. Note that the original target dates for completion of the KPIs were adjusted due to the fact that the post was not filled until March 2013.

KPI	Outcome as at 31 March 2014
Completed and communicated to local stakeholders a Regional Events Strategy for Marlborough including regional event framework and criteria.	Achieved. The Marlborough Regional Events Strategy 2013-2016 was adopted by the Council on the 19 September 2013 following consultation with the events community.
A solution (preferably online) is identified and set up to collate and share regional event commitments.	In-progress. The Event Planner on the MDC website was established in July 2013. This lists all 'annual' events and relevant 'one-off' events that occur within Marlborough. Additional resources such as the Event Calendar are currently being designed to be operational by May 2014. ** http://www.marlborough.govt.nz/Recreation/Events/Marlborough-Event-Planner.aspx
One economic impact report completed and communicated for a major event.	Achieved. The Economic Evaluation of Classic Fighters was completed in June 2013 and presented to the Community and Financial Planning Committee on the 18 July 2013. http://www.marlborough.govt.nz/Recreation/Events/Economic-Evaluation-Classic-Fighters.aspx
Regional networks are established and regular meetings are planned and underway.	Achieved. An Event Managers meeting was established in May 2013, meeting quarterly, four meetings have been held. As at February 2014 there are 44 members.

KPI	Outcome as at 31 March 2014
Establish regular meetings with the Grow Marlborough Forum.	Achieved. Attendance and reporting to four Grow Marlborough Committee meetings (quarterly) in 2013.
Establish relationships with Major Events New Zealand and NZ event community.	Achieved. Attendance at the Regional Workshop (representing Marlborough) hosted by Major Events NZ. Attendance at the NZAEP Conference in August 2013 for networking within the events industry. Regular communications and coordination with Major Events NZ and local event managers. In December Marlborough hosted the NZAEP Development Seminar for Event Managers in the Upper South Island. http://newzealandassociationofeventprofessionals.createstd4.com/t/ViewEmail/r/82D488F6F8CCE6AA2540EF23F30FEDED/BDE27FC5171972E96CBD507C784BD83B

** While Destination Marlborough has been contracted to host the website in accordance with specific deliverables, MDC and the Events Coordinator retain overall responsibility, content control, day to day maintenance and marketing of the calendar.

2. Regional Events Strategy Action Points

4. The Regional Events Strategy was adopted in September 2013 and is to be reviewed in June 2014. Key Action Points and progress from Year One are listed below from June 2013 through to December 2014.

Action	Due Date	Comments
2.2 Facilitate quarterly Event Managers meetings to discuss and share info, update event managers and event sector personnel.	June 2013	Completed. Initiated in May 2013 and on-going.
3.4 / 3.8 / 3.13 Deliver an interim event planner to assist the community, businesses and event managers.	Aug 2013	Completed. Established July 2013.
1.7 Coordinate and promote a database of potential event ideas for Event Managers to consider.	Sept 2013	On-going as an evolving list. As part of Toolkit.
1.8 Analyse regional events to identify potential leverage to become a major event.	June 2014	In-progress. Working with Garden Marlborough at present.
1.9 Retain and attract new regional events with a one stop shop approach to assist with Council regulatory requirements.	June 2014	Partial completion with checklist. Further work being done on processes.
3.1 Confirm the dates for major events at least 2 years in advance and give priority to these events in the calendar.	June 2014	Completed. Established April 2014.
3.9 Review the community programme and make suggestions to groups on optimal times to run events to encourage maximum participation.	June 2014	In-progress. Working with groups that ask for assistance.

Action	Due Date	Comments
3.11 Deliver a web based events calendar in line with the specifications developed.	June 2014	In-progress due to go live May 2014.
5.1 Provide a toolkit, checklist and info on all regulatory and compliance requirements for Event Managers.	June 2014	Completed. Toolkit available on the MDC website.
5.9 Develop procedures to assist event managers through the Council processes.	June 2014	Completed – checklist available on MDC website.
7.5 Develop a Regional Event Risk Analysis to be distributed to Event Managers for completion prior to events.	June 2014	Partial completion. As part of toolkit.
6.5 Marlborough events and tourism packages will be promoted during events to encourage repeat visitation to the area.	Aug 2014	Working with Event Managers.
1.11 Consider the provision for 'in-kind' or subsidies to community initiated events.	Dec 2014	In-progress, highlight existing grants.
2.7 Info on events and conferences will be shared with the business sector through websites and newsletters.	Dec 2014	To be rolled out once Events Calendar established and live in May 2014.
7.1 Event Managers will be encouraged to use sustainable practices including recycling, compostable products and efficient energy practices.	Dec 2014	Partially completed – recycling grants given to 5 events.

3. Other Achievements

- Creation of an Events Toolkit available on the MDC website.
<http://www.marlborough.govt.nz/Recreation/Events/Event-Toolkit.aspx>
- Identified an event opportunity and approached Media Works to investigate Stan Walker including Marlborough on his world tour of NZ. A substantial Facebook competition and national radio coverage secured the event. Communications with the singer's promoter confirmed Marlborough was the 4th largest show in NZ behind Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch. From this success they have promised to schedule Marlborough into their future itineraries.
- Initiated and secured Public Place Recycling and Love NZ funding for 5 Marlborough events to cover recycling costs for their events.
- Advised numerous event managers on preferred dates to avoid event clashes (for example avoiding a clash with the recent Bush Pilot Champs and Wine and Food Festival).
- Sharing of information with the event managers regarding the Local Alcohol Policy and arranging meetings with relevant Council staff to discuss further.
- Production of a Marlborough Event Promotion Brochure for Event Managers.
<http://www.marlborough.govt.nz/Recreation/Events/Event-Toolkit/~media/Files/MDC/Home/Recreation/Events/PromotingYourEventBrochure.ashx>
- Coordinated and worked alongside 3 events to assist them with Resource Consent.
- Development of a proposal to establish a Commercial Events Fund in 2014/15.

Communications:

- Liaison with Scenic Hotels (conferencing), Destination Marlborough and the Stadium regarding the closure of the Trafalgar Centre in Nelson.
- Attendance at committee meetings for the Wine and Food Festival and Classic Fighters to help connect the Council departments and other agencies into the events where necessary.
- Working with Destination Marlborough, Chamber of Commerce, Wine Marlborough, Police, Public Health, CBD groups and the Hospitality Association. Attending meetings and speaking where required.
- Providing regular stories regarding event info to the MDC Thursday page in the Marlborough Express.
- Coordinating combined marketing programmes for groups of events occurring within close proximity to each other e.g.; in November initiating Marlborough Show Week.

Development work:

- Provision of advisory services to Event Managers around the Council requirements and legislation. Numerous phone calls a week seeking various information / assistance on projects.
- Event promotion and investigating additional ways to promote events around Marlborough to locals and visitors alike. Currently working with Phantom Billstickers for the proposed use of buildings, walls and signs.
- Working alongside the Arts Community to help promote events in Winter to showcase the region. The long term legacy is to create a substantial winter arts event.
- Working with the Council Departments to streamline practices and efficiencies with event requirements e.g. Parks and Rec Booking Form, new draft plans for the RMA to provide classification to events etc.
- Working with Year 13 Geography students studying the 'Impacts of events' and assisting with an economic study they are performing on The Grape Ride 2014.
- The development of an Event Registration Form to capture event information in Marlborough to assist with Resource Consents.
- Capturing event information for entry into the Event Planner ensuring information is correct and up-to-date.
- Working with Event Managers and the community to consider new and creative ideas that have the potential to grow into 'major' events. e.g. extensive work is being undertaken to develop a proposal for Scouts NZ for the National Jamboree to be held in Marlborough.

Summary

5. Of the six KPIs, five have been completed and one is in-progress. Fifteen Event Strategy Year 1 actions (to December 2014) have been listed and are underway, four are completed and three partially completed. A number of other achievements are also noted.

RECOMMENDED

That the information be received.

5. Marlborough Regional Events Strategy Update

(Report prepared by S Witehira)

E100-002-001-01

Purpose

1. To update Councillors on progress with the Marlborough Regional Events Strategy.

Background

2. The Marlborough Regional Events Strategy (MRES) is a direct result of Grow Marlborough's initiative to develop and support a regional approach to events. The purpose of Susie's role is to support the development of the events sector in Marlborough to ensure that it maximises the economic return to the region.

Comments

Major Events

3. The Wine and Food Festival was very successful this year, the Committee has continued building the Culinary Pavilion, the VIP experience was improved and food was increased at the event. Becoming R18 and increasing security has helped with the licencing issues. At next year's event an Economic Impact Report will be performed as per action point 1.4 of the Event Strategy (*'Develop an economic impact report for all Major Events held in Marlborough'*).
4. The Scout Jamboree has the potential to be a major event for Marlborough (action point 1.3 of the Event Strategy *'to proactively seek to identify a further major event by 2016'*). With around 5000 scouts and volunteers staying for 10 days participating in activities around Marlborough. At present Marlborough is being considered along with Christchurch for hosting rights.
5. The National Manager and Operations Manager from Scouts NZ visited Marlborough to discuss potential sites for the Jamboree in December 2016 / January 2017. The Giesen Centre and Sports Grounds in Renwick is the favoured site but there are issues with water, grey water and sewerage that will need to be addressed and costs considered.

Regional and Niche Events

6. Marlborough Art Month which is to be held in July is progressing well. The month will begin with Matariki celebrations and end with a Writers' Festival. The month will include NZ Highland and National Dancing Championships, Maori Language Week, Smokefree Rockquest and Performing Arts and Art events during July. This covers action point 4.3 of the Events Strategy (*'combined marketing programmes showcasing groups of events in Marlborough will be developed.'*) and highlights events held at off-peak times.
7. Work has continued with assisting one-off events such as the NZ Ploughing Championships, May 2014, NZ Silver Fern Rally, November 2014, South Island Primary Schools Cricket Tournament, January 2015 and a potential bid to host the NZ Brass Championships in July 2017.

Event Promotion

8. Design work on the Events Calendar has started with Sons and Co producing the first designs which have been critiqued. Testing of the Calendar will take place mid April with a launch late April / early May. A briefing will be organised with Councillors once the website is live, along with a promotion / launch with Grow Marlborough.
9. Phantom Billboards has submitted a proposal regarding a Street Poster Agreement. Further information is being sought from Assets and Services and Marlborough Roads. A paper will be submitted to the next Committee Meeting for Councillors' consideration.

Summary

10. Progress is continuing across the various aspects of the Marlborough Regional Events Strategy.

RECOMMENDED

That the information be received.

6. Smart and Connected Project Update

(Report prepared by Neil Henry)

E100-010-01, E100-010-03, E100-010-07

Purpose

1. To update Councillors on progress with internal and external implementation of Smart and Connected implementation, and with economic development projects.

Background

2. At the Regional Planning and Development Committee meeting held on 21 November 2013, the initial steps for the internal and external implementation of the vision were agreed. These were as follows:

Internal implementation:

- Using the 2014/15 Annual Plan process to assess the alignment of current activities and proposed new projects to the Smart and Connected framework.
- Integration of Smart and Connected into the 2015-25 Long Term Plan review process.
- Integration of Smart and Connected into the integrated management chapter of the draft Regional Policy Statement.

External implementation:

- Development of industry groups to complete Smart and Connected industry strategies in partnership with the Council, with Forestry and Wood Products to be the pilot industry group.
- Support a pilot community implementation plan in Havelock.

Comments

3. The following progress has been made with implementation since the last Committee meeting on 5 February 2014:
 - Smart and Connected assessments of Council activities and proposals for new expenditure have been included in budget papers for the meeting that was held on 27 February 2014.
 - A meeting of Forestry and Wood Products industry representatives was convened in early March to discuss the appointment of an industry leadership group to develop an industry strategy. The first meeting of the group will take place on 16 April 2014. The Council will be represented on the group by Councillor Leggett. A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.
 - A second industry group (visitor economy) is to be convened by June 2014.
 - A meeting of the Havelock community implementation steering group took place on the 27 February 2014. Progress on developing a priority list of projects, a boardwalk project, a new governance structure and a bid for Department of Internal Affairs funding for a community development resource was discussed. A meeting was held on 8 April 2014 to present the results of the pilot community implementation plan to the Havelock community – a verbal update will be provided at the committee meeting.
 - Further development of the industry and community groups is subject to the outcome of the 2014-15 Annual Plan process.

Summary

4. Progress has been made with the internal and external implementation of the Smart and Connected project since the last meeting.

RECOMMENDED

That the information be received.

7. Economic Development Project Update

(Report prepared by Neil Henry)

E100-009-01, E100-005-02, E100-010-02

Purpose

1. To update Councillors on progress with economic development projects.

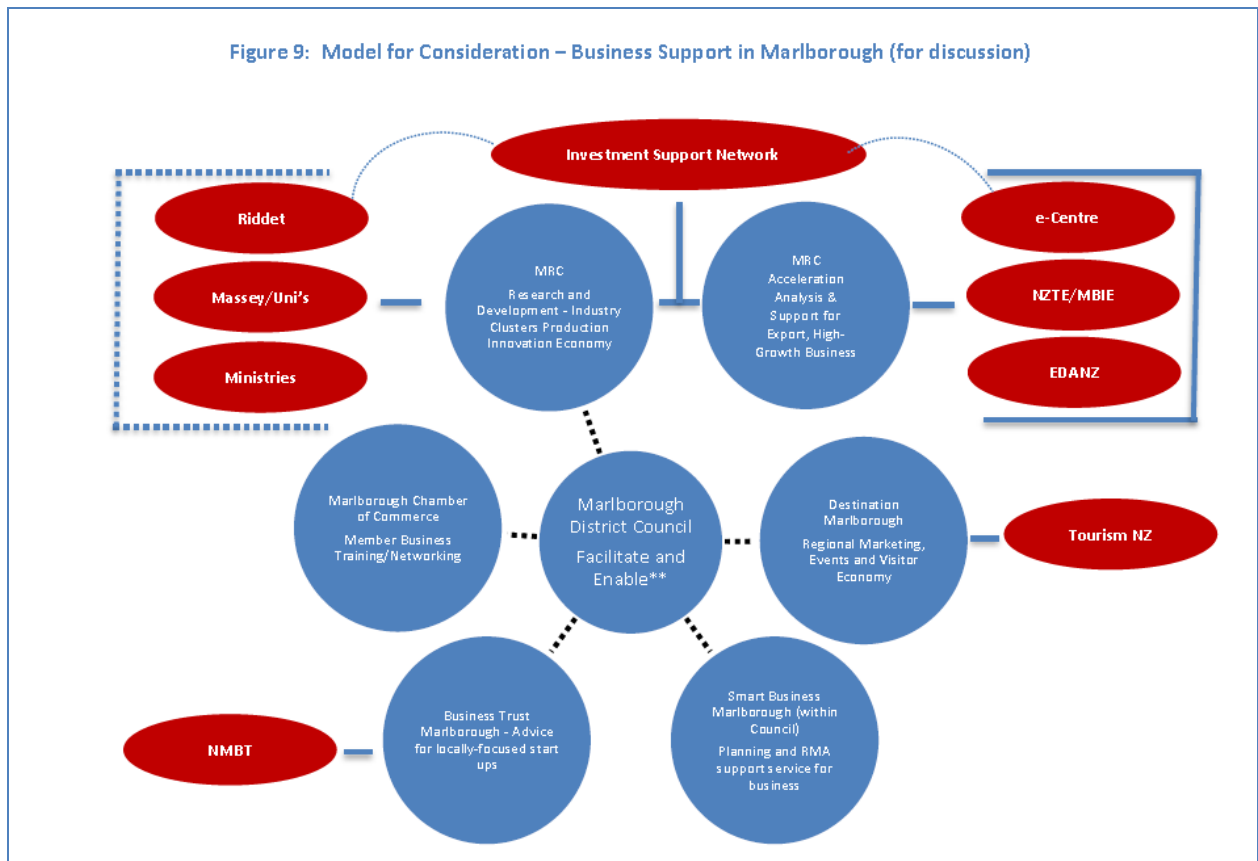
Background

2. As part of the Smart and Connected programme, the Council has been active in supporting a number of economic development projects in the district. These projects include:
 - The Marlborough Story
 - Smart Business Marlborough
 - Food and Beverage Innovation Cluster
 - Business Trust Marlborough

Comments

3. The following progress has been made with implementation since the last Committee meeting on the 5 February 2014:
 - **The Marlborough Story** - In 2013, a project got underway to identify the unique and distinct attributes of Marlborough in order to ensure it is communicated consistently and effectively. This project is funded and managed by Marlborough Chamber of Commerce, the Council and Destination Marlborough. The next stage of the project is underway, and is bringing together the work undertaken to date into a form that can be consulted upon with the community and external markets before the Story is finalised in July 2014. Strategy Design and Advertising have been appointed to carry out this work in conjunction with the Council, Chamber of Commerce and Destination Marlborough and the Steering Group. A public presentation of the proposed Story is planned for 8 May 2014 which will signal the start of discussions with industry and the community to identify their support prior to final sign-off in July.
 - **Smart Business Marlborough** - Smart Business Marlborough is a service to support businesses planning major investments to interact with the Council on planning and infrastructure matters. Nine projects are currently live (an additional one since the last update), with a number of others on hold. Discussions are confidential, but results will be reported at the appropriate time. One of the current Smart Business Marlborough projects has recently been publicised in the Marlborough Express:
<http://www.stuff.co.nz/marlborough-express/business/9890113/Chinese-buy-Awatere-farm>
Discussions between the Council and the developers about the resource consents and infrastructure upgrades required for this significant development are ongoing. Enquiries about this service can be directed to the Council website 'Smart Business Marlborough' section, by telephone to 03 520 7557 or to the email address smartbusiness@marlborough.govt.nz.
 - **Food and Beverage Innovation Cluster** – a detailed presentation was provided at the last Committee meeting on the good progress of the Cluster. Since that presentation a meeting of the Cluster took place (on 14 February 2014) to receive presentations on opportunities in Asia and to discuss areas where they can work together to solve common problems. A delegation from the Cluster attended a Riddet Institute event in Wellington on the 19 February 2014 to receive presentations on the huge growth prospects for Food and Beverage businesses, particularly in Asia. A bid to the recently announced Callaghan Innovation incubation fund is being considered by MRC.
 - **Business Trust Marlborough** – this is in the process of being set up to provide local start-up business advice overseen by a locally based Trust. It is consistent with the map of

business support in Marlborough suggested by Mandolin Associates in the Innovation Stocktake report presented to this Committee in November 2013 (see diagram below). Seven potential trustees have been identified so far, and the Council has also been asked to appoint a Trustee.



Proposed Marlborough business support model – Innovation Stocktake (2013)

- Further development of economic development projects is subject to the outcome of the 2014-15 Annual Plan process.

Summary

4. Progress has been made with a number of economic development projects since the last meetings.

RECOMMENDED

That the information be received.

8. Information Package

RECOMMENDED

That the Regional Planning and Development Information Package dated 17 April 2014 be received and noted.

9. 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:

- Memorandum of Understanding

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
Memorandum of Understanding	To protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information, as provided for under Section 7(2)(b)(ii).	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.