

Agenda 2022

Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee

Date: Thursday, 11 August 2022
Time: 1.00 PM
Venue: Council Chamber
Environment Canterbury
200 Tuam Street, Christchurch



Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee

Membership

Committee Co-Chairs:	Chair Jenny Hughey Councillor Peter Scott
Deputy Chair:	Councillor Megan Hands
Committee Members:	Councillor Tane Apanui Councillor Phil Clearwater Tumu Taiao Yvette Couch-Lewis Tumu Taiao laean Cranwell Councillor Grant Edge Councillor Ian Mackenzie Councillor Nicole Marshall Councillor Claire McKay Councillor Elizabeth McKenzie Councillor Craig Pauling Councillor Lan Pham Councillor Vicky Southworth Councillor John Sunckell

REGIONAL AND STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Adopted by Council 29 April 2021

REPORTING TO:	Council
MEMBERSHIP:	All members of Council Ngā Tumu Taiao
QUORUM:	Eight (8)
MEETING FREQUENCY:	Six weekly
CHAIR:	Two Co-chairs One Deputy Chair

A. PURPOSE

1. To:
 - a. Set Council's strategic direction and policy responses;
 - b. Signal regional issues;
 - c. Respond to external agency statutory planning processes; and
 - d. Provide thought leadership across matters of regional significance;
 - e. Establish strategic priorities for organisational direction and policy setting.
 - f. Develop Council's non-financial performance monitoring framework.
 - g. To work in the spirit of genuine partnership and assist the Council in fulfilling its duties as a partner with Ngāi Tahu and in alignment with the principles contained within the Tuia Agreement. In particular, the committee will support effective partnerships with Papatipu Rūnanga, recognise the relevance of Te Ao Māori and affirm the importance of an enduring and collaborative relationship between Environment Canterbury and Ngāi Tahu Papatipu Rūnanga.

B. SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

2. To advise Council on matters relating to its regional governance role, which will include:
 - a. Developing Council's strategic direction and recommending policy responses;
 - b. Developing Council's position on regionally significant issues;
 - c. Developing Council's long-term and annual plan and recommending those plans to the Council;

- d. Oversight of the Council's engagement with the community;
 - e. Advocacy with central government and other agencies;
 - f. Legislative reviews, including preparing and making of submissions to Select Committees;
 - g. Monitoring of the impact of Council's policies on the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of the region.
 - h. Oversee the Council's coordination with other South Island regional councils.
3. Ensure that the Committee's decision making:
- a. Considers climate-change related risks; and
 - b. Is consistent with Council's plans and initiatives to give effect to Council's declaration of a climate emergency on 16 May 2019.

C. DELEGATIONS

- 4. Subject to sections 5 and 6, Council delegates to the Committee all the powers, functions and duties necessary to perform the Committee's responsibilities, except those that must not be delegated.
- 5. The Committee may make decisions on matters with a financial impact only where the related costs are budgeted for within a current, adopted Long Term Plan or Annual Plan, otherwise the matter must be referred to the Council for decision.
- 6. The Committee may not make a decision that is materially inconsistent with the Council's Long-Term Plan or Annual Plan.

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1. Mihi / Karakia Timatanga - Opening

The meeting will be opened with a mihi whakatau, followed by a member of the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee with a karakia.

2. Apologies

At the time the agenda closed there were no apologies received.

3. Conflicts of Interest

Members are reminded to be vigilant and to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as an elected representative and any private or other external interest they might have.

4. Public Forum, Deputations, and Petitions

There were no requests for public forum, deputations and petitions at the time the agenda was prepared.

5. Extraordinary and Urgent Business

The Chairperson will give notice of items requiring urgent attention not on the agenda as follows.

Matters Requiring Urgent Attention as Determined by Resolution of the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee:

A meeting may deal with an item of business that is not on the agenda where the meeting resolves to deal with that item and the Chairperson provides the following information during the public part of the meeting:

1. The reason why the item is not on the agenda; and
2. The reason why discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting. The item may be allowed onto the agenda by resolution of the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee.

Minor Matters relating to the General Business of the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee:

A meeting may discuss an item that is not on the agenda only if it is a minor matter relating to the general business of the meeting and Chairperson explains at the beginning of the public part of the meeting that the item will be discussed. The meeting may not make a resolution, decision or recommendation about the item, except to refer it to a subsequent meeting for further discussion.

6. Notices of Motion

At the time the agenda closed there were no notices of motion received.

7. Minutes

7.1. Unconfirmed Minutes - Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee - 22 June 2022

Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee

Date of meeting	Thursday, 11 August 2022
Author	Christina Eaglin, Committee Advisor
Endorsed by	Catherine McMillan, General Manager Governance

Purpose

1. The previously circulated minutes from the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee on 22 June 2022 are to be confirmed.

Recommendations

That the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee:

1. Confirms the minutes from the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee meeting held on 22 June 2022.

Attachments

1. RSLC 2022-06-22 UNCONFIRMED Minutes [7.1.1 - 6 pages]

Minutes of the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee (under COVID-19 Orange Traffic Light restrictions) held online on Wednesday, 22 June 2022 at 1.00pm.

Present

Committee Co-Chairs Chair Jenny Hughey and Cr Peter Scott, Cr Phil Clearwater, Tumu Taiao Iaeen Cranwell, Cr Grant Edge, Cr Nicole Marshall, Cr Claire McKay, Cr Elizabeth McKenzie, Cr Craig Pauling, Cr Lan Pham, Cr Vicky Southworth*, and Cr John Sunckell*.

Report writers and other staff were also present.

via MS Teams

1. Mihi / Karakia Timatanga - Opening

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Cr Craig Pauling opened the meeting with a mihi whakatau, followed by a karakia.

2. Apologies

The apologies for absence were received from Cr Tane Apanui, Tumu Taiao Yvette Couch-Lewis, Cr Megan Hands, and Cr Ian Mackenzie.

3. Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest reported.

4. Public Forum, Deputations, and Petitions

There were no requests for public forum, deputations and petitions.

5. Extraordinary and Urgent Business

There was no extraordinary or urgent business.

6. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

7. Minutes

7.1. Unconfirmed Minutes - Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee - 12 May 2022

Resolved RSLC/2022/16

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee:

1. Confirms the minutes from the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee meeting held 12 May 2022.

Cr Claire McKay/Cr Grant Edge
CARRIED

8. Report Items

8.1. Youth Rōpū Update

Staff and Alice Docking of the Environment Canterbury Youth Rōpū (EYR) provided a verbal update on the activities undertaken and the working structure of the EYR.

Tumu Taiao laean Cranwell joined the meeting at 1.06pm

There was extensive conversation on this report and the following points were requested to be recorded:

- Decision for an Annual Plan hybrid bus fare structure
- Team building hui resulting in a working structure with panels of members in six interest groups as follows:
 1. Public Transport
 2. Te ao Māori
 3. Climate Change
 4. Communications Engagement and Events
 5. Solar for Schools (SOL)
 6. Biodiversity
- More formalised and supported youth representation, in particular youth representation in the current Environment Canterbury structures
- Supporting Environment Canterbury practices and the guidelines of engagement.

Chair Jenny Hughey moved to add the following amendment:

2. Notes that the Committee encourages the Youth Rōpū to continue to bring specific areas of work to us for collaboration.

Resolved RSLC/2022/17

That the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee:

1. Notes the contents of the verbal update from the Environment Canterbury Youth Rōpū on their working structure.

2. Notes that the Committee encourages the Youth Rōpū to continue to bring specific areas of work to us for collaboration.

Chair Jenny Hughey/Tumu Taiao laean Cranwell

CARRIED

8.2. Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee Resolutions Status Report - June 2022

Staff provided visibility on the status of resolutions made by the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee.

Resolved RSLC/2022/18

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee:

1. Notes the status of previous resolutions provided in the Status of Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee Resolutions report June 2022.

Cr Phil Clearwater/Cr John Sunckell

CARRIED

8.3. Invitation to Re-join the Canterbury Joint Waste Committee

Staff asked for approval for Environment Canterbury re-joining the Canterbury Waste Joint Committee to support Canterbury's territorial authorities in waste minimisation and management.

Cr John Sunckell left the meeting at 1.32pm and returned at 1.36pm.

Staff recommended adding an additional recommendation 1.3 for visibility of cost.

Resolved RSLC/2022/19

That the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee:

1. Approves Environment Canterbury re-joining the Canterbury Waste Joint Committee as per the invitation received on 18 March 2022 (attachment 8.3.1).
 - 1.1. Delegates to the Chief Executive the amendment of any minor or clerical errors in the acceptance letter (attachment 8.3.2), prior to sending to the Canterbury Waste Joint Committee.
 - 1.2. Notes staff will engage with the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee in the 2022/23 financial year to determine Councillor representation on the Canterbury Waste Joint Committee.
 - 1.3. Notes the annual cost associated with membership of the Canterbury Waste Joint Committee of a \$48,000 per annum contribution to the Committee's annual contestable fund starting from the 2022/23 financial year.

Cr Grant Edge/Cr Lan Pham

CARRIED

Councillor Claire McKay requested that her vote abstaining from this resolution be recorded.

8.4. Memorandum of Understanding with University of Canterbury

Staff asked for approval for the formal signing of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between Environment Canterbury and the University of Canterbury. The MOU agrees to work together on a collaborative basis in relation to projects which have the potential to be mutually beneficial.

Resolved RSLC/2022/20

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee:

1. Approves the attached memorandum of understanding between the Canterbury Regional Council and the University of Canterbury.
2. Approves the delegation of responsibility for signing the memorandum of understanding to the Chair at a time that suits both parties.

Chair Jenny Hughey/Cr John Sunckell

CARRIED

8.5. BCA Transfer and Dam Safety Regulations

Staff provided an update on the new Dam Safety Regulations which come into effect in 2024.

Cr John Sunckell left the meeting at 2.09pm and joined online at 2.10pm.

Cr Lan Pham left the meeting at 2.11pm.

Resolved RSLC/2022/21

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee:

1. Notes the minimal increased workload arising out of the transfer of the BCA function to this Council from Otago Regional Council, Environment Southland and West Coast Regional Council.
2. Notes the timeframes indicated by the Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment for the proposed Dam Safety Regulations to come into effect in 2024.
3. Notes the administrative function that Environment Canterbury must perform under the new Dam Safety Regulations.

Cr Grant Edge/Cr Claire McKay
CARRIED

Councillor Phil Clearwater requested that his vote abstaining from this resolution be recorded.

8.6. Level of Service (LoS) 32

Staff provided an overview of progress towards achieving Level of Service (LOS) 32: Enrich community participation in regional decision making and action.

Resolved RSLC/2022/22

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee:

1. Notes the proposed activity to implement Level of Service 32, measure 32.1 to raise community awareness of Council's role and work, and actively promote and enable opportunities for participation.

Cr Claire McKay/Cr Phil Clearwater
CARRIED

8.7. Draft Canterbury Regional Council (Ngāi Tahu Representation) Bill - Progress Report

Staff provided an update on the Canterbury Regional Council (Ngāi Tahu Representation) Bill (the Bill) currently before the Parliament.

Resolved RSLC/2022/23

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee:

1. Notes the update on the Canterbury Regional Council (Ngāi Tahu Representation) Bill.

Tumu Taiao Iaeen Cranwell/Cr Craig Pauling
CARRIED

8.8. Submission on the Maritime Proposals of the Regulatory Systems (Transport) Amendment Bill

Staff provided the draft Canterbury Regional Council submission on the maritime proposals of the Regulatory Systems (Transport) Amendment Bill. The consultation provides the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed changes to maritime legislation and regulation in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Resolved RSLC/2022/24

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee:

1. Approves the draft Canterbury Regional Council submission on the maritime proposals of the Regulatory Systems (Transport) Amendment Bill (provided as Attachment 8.8.1).
2. Delegates to the Chief Executive the amendment of any minor or clerical errors in the submission, prior to it being submitted to the Ministry of Transport.

Cr Claire McKay/Chair Jenny Hughey
CARRIED

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 11 August 2022 at 1.00pm.

10. Mihi / Karakia Whakamutunga - Closing

A karakia was provided by Cr Craig Pauling.

The meeting closed at 3.26pm

CONFIRMED:

Co-Chair Peter Scott
Councillor, Environment Canterbury

Date

Co-Chair Jenny Hughey
Chair, Environment Canterbury

Date

8. Report Items

8.1. Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee Resolutions Status Report - August 2022

Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee report

Date of meeting	Thursday, 11 August 2022
Author	Christina Eaglin, Committee Advisor
Responsible Director	Tafflyn Bradford-James, Director of Communications and Engagement

Purpose

1. To provide visibility on the status of resolutions made by Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee.

Recommendations

That the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee:

1. **Notes the status of previous resolutions provided in the Status of Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee Resolutions report August 2022.**

Status Reporting

2. The status of resolutions is reported at each ordinary Committee meeting. The report includes all resolutions from the previous meeting plus any incomplete actions from prior meetings. Comments and progress updates on incomplete actions are provided where applicable.

Cost, compliance, and communication

Financial implications

3. The report was compiled using existing staff resources, therefore there were no additional financial implications.

Risk assessment and legal compliance

4. This gives visibility to the Committee of matters outstanding to ensure appropriate actions have been taken as resolved.

Engagement, Significance and Māori Participation

5. Not applicable.

Consistency with council policy

6. Under Environment Canterbury Standing Orders 28.3 discussion of minutes is limited to their correctness. This report allows members to be updated on the status of resolutions and to monitor progress.

Climate Change Impacts

7. Not applicable.

Communication

8. Not applicable.

Next steps

9. An updated report will be provided to the 21 September 2022 of the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee.

Attachments

1. RSLC Resolutions Status Report 22 June 2022 **[8.1.1 - 3 pages]**
2. RSLC Resolutions Status Report Outstanding and In Progress **[8.1.2 - 1 page]**

Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee Resolutions Status Report – 22 June 2022

Meeting Name	Report	Resolution Number	Resolution	Complete [Yes/No]
Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee 2022-06-22	7.1 Unconfirmed Minutes - Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee - 12 May 2022	RSLC/2022/16	That the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee: 1. Confirms the minutes from the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee meeting held 12 May 2022.	Yes
Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee 2022-06-22	8.1 Youth Rōpū Update	RSLC/2022/17	That the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee: 1. Notes the contents of the verbal update from the Environment Canterbury Youth Rōpū their working structure 2. Notes that the Committee encourages the Youth Rōpū to continue to bring specific areas of work to us for collaboration.	Yes
Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee 2022-06-22	8.2 Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee Resolutions Status Report - June 2022	RSLC/2022/18	That the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee: 1. Notes the status of previous resolutions provided in the Status of Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee Resolutions report June 2022.	Yes
Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee 2022-06-22	8.3 Invitation to Re-join the Canterbury Joint Waste Committee	RSLC/2022/19	That the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee: 1. Approves Environment Canterbury re-joining the Canterbury Waste Joint Committee as per the invitation received on 18 March 2022 (attachment 8.3.1). 1.1. Delegates to the Chief Executive the amendment of any minor or clerical errors in the acceptance letter (attachment 8.3.2), prior to sending to the Canterbury Waste Joint Committee. 1.2. Notes staff will engage with the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee in the 2022/23 financial year to determine Councillor representation on the Canterbury Waste Joint Committee.	In Progress.

Meeting Name	Report	Resolution Number	Resolution	Complete [Yes/No]
			1.3. Notes the annual cost associated with membership of the Canterbury Waste Joint Committee of a \$48,000 per annum contribution to the Committee's annual contestable fund starting from the 2022/23 financial year.	
Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee 2022-06-22	8.4 Memorandum of Understanding with University of Canterbury	RSLC/2022/20	That the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approves the attached memorandum of understanding between the Canterbury Regional Council and the University of Canterbury. 2. Approves the delegation of responsibility for signing the memorandum of understanding to the Chair at a time that suits both parties. 	In Progress. Tentatively scheduled before Oct 2022.
Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee 2022-06-22	8.5 BCA Transfer and Dam Safety Regulations	RSLC/2022/21	That the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notes the minimal increased workload arising out of the transfer of the BCA function to this Council from Otago Regional Council, Environment Southland and West Coast Regional Council. 2. Notes the timeframes indicated by the Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment for the proposed Dam Safety Regulations to come into effect in 2024. 3. Notes the administrative function that Environment Canterbury must perform under the new Dam Safety Regulations. 	Yes
Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee 2022-06-22	8.6 Level of Service (LoS) 32	RSLC/2022/22	That the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notes the proposed activity to implement Level of Service 32, measure 32.1 to raise community awareness of Council's role and work, and actively promote and enable opportunities for participation. 	Yes
Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee 2022-06-22	8.7 Draft Canterbury Regional Council (Ngāi Tahu Representation) Bill - Progress Report	RSLC/2022/23	That the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notes the update on the Canterbury Regional Council (Ngāi Tahu Representation) Bill. 	Yes
Regional and Strategic	8.8 Submission on the Maritime	RSLC/2022/24	That the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee:	Yes

Meeting Name	Report	Resolution Number	Resolution	Complete [Yes/No]
Leadership Committee 2022-06-22	Proposals of the Regulatory Systems (Transport) Amendment Bill		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approves the draft Canterbury Regional Council submission on the maritime proposals of the Regulatory Systems (Transport) Amendment Bill (provided as Attachment8.8.1). 2. Delegates to the Chief Executive the amendment of any minor or clerical errors in the submission, prior to it being submitted to the Ministry of Transport. 	

Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee Resolutions Status Report – Outstanding and In Progress August 2022

Resolution No.	Meeting Date	Report	Resolution	Complete [Yes/No]
Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee 2022-05-12	4.1 Public Forum, Deputations and Petitions	RSLC/2022/10	That the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee: 1. receives the public forum from Katherine Peet and Jessica Halliday of OVTRK Organising Group regarding agenda item 4.1.1. Public Forum 2. provides a reply to OVTRK Organising Group as soon as practicable, regarding how we can work together cooperatively.	Yes, full response provided 17 June 2022.

8.2. Youth Rōpū - Representation

Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee report

Date of meeting	Thursday, 11 August 2022
Authors	Colter Carson, Chairperson, Youth Rōpū Alice Docking, Treasurer, Youth Rōpū Kimberley Forbes, Team Leader Youth Engagement and Education
Responsible Director	Tafflyn Bradford-James, Director of Communications and Engagement

Purpose

1. The Youth Rōpū is seeking the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee's support for the development of a mechanism to enhance youth representation on regional and strategic leadership matters.
2. The Youth Rōpū values the experience of Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee members and wishes to present to the September meeting a proposed mechanism for discussion, to ensure it has the best chance of mutual benefit and success.

Recommendations

That the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee:

1. **Notes the Youth Rōpū's intention to develop a proposed mechanism to enhance youth representation on regional and strategic leadership matters.**
2. **Notes that the Youth Rōpū will present a proposal to the September 2022 meeting of the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee, for approval to be passed to the new Council for consideration.**

Background

3. Environment Canterbury's vision references the importance of the Council's work for future generations.
4. The Youth Rōpū strongly believes that youth voices should be present in environmental decision making because these decisions have greater implications on the lives of young people.
5. The Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee has stated their support for youth participation in previous meetings and encouraged new ideas being brought to them.
6. Currently, youth engagement/contribution at Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee meetings occurs on a voluntary basis with no formalised relationship or roles.
7. Youth Rōpū members feel that their contributions are less valuable than they could be due to lack of formal recognition/deliverables and a lower capacity to do necessary preparation than others.
8. Other Environment Canterbury committees have more formalised youth representation.

9. The Youth Rōpū is a good 'training' space for youth representation, but there is a need for a formalised path for members who want to go further.
10. The Youth Rōpū sees opportunities for more meaningful youth representation on the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee and have considered a variety of different mechanisms to enable this with support from the Youth Engagement and Education Team.
11. The Youth Rōpū and Youth Engagement and Education Team acknowledge the experience and expertise of Councillors and Governance staff and believe the most effective mechanism will be created by working in partnership with them.
12. The Youth Rōpū's representatives have met informally with the Chair and Deputy Chair to discuss how to progress this matter, firstly by working with the Chair and Deputy Chair, and then by bringing a proposal to the September meeting of the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee.
13. The Youth Engagement and Education Team believe that working alongside the Chair and Deputy Chair, and Councillors, will be an excellent professional development opportunity for Youth Rōpū members that will strengthen their understanding of how Council committees work and their ability to contribute meaningfully to Council in future.
14. The Youth Rōpū and Youth Engagement and Education Team appreciate the relationship they have with the current Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee members and the Committee's recent request that EYR brings projects forward to work on together. They wish to make the most of this opportunity during the remainder of this triennium and into the next.
15. The Youth Rōpū wishes to develop a mechanism to enhance youth representation on regional and strategic leadership matters to align with their goals.
16. This paper seeks to share that intent with the Committee, noting that while the content and timing of the proposal will be driven by the Youth Rōpū it is intended that a proposed mechanism will be developed with support from the Chair, Deputy Chair and staff, and brought to the September Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee meeting.

Cost, compliance and communication

17. There are minimal cost, compliance and communication implications at this stage, limited to staff time to support the development of the EYR proposal.

Financial implications

18. There are no financial implications at this stage.

Risk assessment and legal compliance

19. There are no risks or legal compliance implications at this stage.

Engagement, Significance and Māori Participation

20. Any mechanism developed will honour Environment Canterbury's commitment to Te Titiri.

Consistency with council policy

21. The proposal is consistent with council policy and the Strategic Direction.

Climate Change Impacts

22. Climate change is one of the key issues that will have a larger impact on youth than other members of the community and is a major consideration in why youth participation in regional and strategic leadership matters is so important.

Communication

23. A communications plan will be developed at a future stage should it be required.

Next steps

24. The Youth Rōpū will work with the Chair and Deputy Chair to develop a mechanism to present to the September meeting.

Attachments

Nil

8.3. Future for Local Government Review

Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee report

Date of meeting	Thursday, 11 August 2022
Author	Cecilia Ellis, Senior Strategy Advisor
Responsible Director	Katherine Trought, Director Strategy and Planning

Purpose

1. The purpose of this item is to update the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee on the Future for Local Government review.
2. The Future for Local Government review presents an opportunity to create a local government, governance and democracy system that will effectively respond to a changing New Zealand.

Recommendations

That the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee:

1. **Notes the update on the Future for Local Government review and next steps.**

Background

3. The Review into the Future for Local Government was established by the Minister for Local Government in April 2021. The review, which aims to focus on how the system of local democracy needs to evolve over the next 30 years, was initiated in the context of the significant reform programme that will impact on local councils' traditional roles and functions with Government.
4. The Minister appointed an independent panel to conduct the review. The panel completed an interim report *Ārewa ake te Kaupapa* in September 2021. The publication of this report concluded the panel's initial scoping and engagement phase.
5. Following the panel's initial scoping phase, the panel undertook a broader engagement stage, including with Councils, iwi and the public. The panel is now focusing on the development of the draft report and recommendations which are due for release in October 2022. The final (third) stage will involve formal consultation on the panel's draft recommendations and consideration of public submissions, before the panel delivers the final report to the Minister for Local Government in June 2023.
6. Note that timelines have been changed, and the consultation period on their draft report has been extended. The final report is now due to the Minister for Local Government in June 2023 (instead of April 2023).

7. On 21 July 2022, the Future for Local Government panel recently presented an update at the Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) conference. A summary of their speech is available on the Future for Local Government website [here](#).

Environment Canterbury input

8. In the second half of 2021, an internal series of workshops was held with Council on the three main workstreams of the review to scope key issues and opportunities that Council may wish to advocate on.
9. On 31 March 2022, the panel met with the Council to discuss the review opportunities and seek further feedback. A summary of the meeting topics was provided to the panel following the meeting. Key points included:
 - a key strength of the regional council is the demonstrated ability to work in partnership with others including Papatipu Rūnanga, territorial authorities, communities and community groups as well as the regional sector, to collectively understand issues and utilise local knowledge.
 - creating a genuine partnership between central and local government is fundamental for the future of local government and community wellbeing. Collaboration, respect and trust are the foundations for a genuine partnership between central and local government.
 - local government needs to be better funded and when services are devolved or mandated, these need to be accompanied by appropriate funding mechanisms.
 - capability and capacity must be looked at across all levels of government, to ensure that central and local government can collectively deliver on the outcomes sought by communities.
10. At the hui on 31 March 2022, a question arose on how the burden of Long-Term Plans could be reduced. High-level suggestions on how to reduce the burden of Long-Term Planning were provided in the summary to the panel. Suggestions included better alignment of planning and budget cycles across central and local government and looking at alternative funding and financing tools.
11. There will be further opportunity for Council and staff to advocate to the panel and Central Government through the submission process on the draft report and recommendations.
12. Ngāi Tahu and Environment Canterbury are developing a separate joint statement of our governance journey to share with the panel, including Council's partnership with the ten Papatipu Rūnanga within the Canterbury region, and approaches taken to achieve Ngāi Tahu representation.

Next steps

- Mid October 2022 – Future for Local Government Review draft report and recommendations due to be released
- October 2022 to February 2023 – formal consultation on draft report
- June 2023 – final report due to the Minister for Local Government

Attachments

Nil

File reference	[SharePoint link for this paper]
Legal review	
Peer reviewers	[Names of two peer reviewers who have reviewed this paper]

8.4. District Planning Liaison Update

Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee report

Date of meeting	Thursday, 11 August 2022
Author	Jeff Smith, Team Leader Strategy and Planning
Responsible Director	Katherine Trought, Director Strategy and Planning

Purpose

1. To update the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee on the planning work undertaken by staff (in the Regional Integration Planning Team) to support Canterbury territorial authorities in giving effect to the Regional Policy Statement.

Recommendations

That the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee:

1. **Notes the wide range of ongoing planning processes that staff are involved in, including district plan reviews, private plan change requests, district development strategies, bylaws, and regionally significant notified resource consent applications.**
2. **Notes the ongoing benefits of this work programme, providing support to the territorial authorities and ensuring that there is consistent implementation of the regional planning framework across Canterbury.**

Key points

2. Environment Canterbury staff contribute to a number of important resource management processes that are undertaken by, or in partnership with, our territorial authority (TA) partners. This paper provides an update on the most significant processes underway.
3. The work undertaken by staff in our district liaison capacity is important for the following reasons:
 - Environment Canterbury sets its policy direction for the territorial authorities through the Regional Policy Statement
 - It is the role of staff in the district council liaison work programme to ensure that this policy direction is implemented
 - It builds and maintains strong relationships at an operational level
 - It provides a platform for collaboratively working on regional issues
 - It ensures Environment Canterbury participates in the development of regulatory documents and strategies around the region.

Background

4. The district council liaison work programme ties in significantly to the Council's strategic direction. It is premised on taking action together, working collaboratively with the Council's TA partners to achieve an integrated planning framework for Canterbury. It is a platform for championing the Council's transformational opportunities and enduring priorities in a legislated context (RMA consultation and hearing process). The work programme is guided by the strategic operating principles, particularly: working collaboratively with partners, regional leadership, and community participation locally and regionally.
5. The work undertaken under the District Council Liaison work programme implements Level of Service (LoS) 34.2 in the Long-Term Plan (LTP). This LoS is to: *work collaboratively with the region's district and city councils to implement and give effect to the Regional Policy Statement*. The target in each year of the LTP is to: *provide planning support for Canterbury territorial authorities completing District Plan Reviews and Plan Changes on issues of regional significance*.
6. The majority of the work is responsive to the work programmes of the Canterbury TAs but some is led (or jointly led) by Environment Canterbury, particularly in the Greater Christchurch Partnership space. The work priorities for this work programme shift over time, depending on how much support the different TAs need and at what stage of their planning processes they are in.

District Council Liaison Work Programme

7. The most significant workstreams in the current District Council Liaison work programme are the ongoing district plan reviews or plan changes for many of the Canterbury TAs and the development of the Greater Christchurch spatial plan.

Waimakariri District Council

8. Waimakariri District Council (WDC) notified their new district plan in September last year. WDC is currently preparing a summary of the submissions received on the notified plan and this will be reviewed by Environment Canterbury when it is released. We are expecting to prepare and present evidence at the hearings for the significant topics in the notified plan.
9. WDC have also drafted two variations to the proposed district plan and staff have provided feedback on; 1) qualifying matters to manage the potential effects of housing intensification; and 2) financial contributions to mitigate or manage potential adverse effects of natural hazards that are generated by urban development.

Christchurch City Council

10. We provided Schedule 1 feedback on a range of draft plan changes that are due to be publicly notified by Christchurch City Council (CCC) later this year. This included PC12 (coastal hazards), PC13 (heritage), PC14 (housing and business capacity), and PC15 (radio communication pathways). A summary of each plan change is provided below:

- Draft PC12 (Coastal Hazards) proposes a risk-based approach to managing activities according to the level of risk in that location;
- Draft PC13 (Heritage) proposes 40 new buildings and items, and 25 interiors to be added to the Schedule of the Christchurch District Plan. It also proposes several 'Residential Heritage Areas' and included these as a qualifying matter (i.e., exempt from intensification);
- Draft PC14 (Housing and Business Capacity) proposes to enable more development within Christchurch's existing urban footprint and give effect to the NPS-UD and the RMA (Enabling Housing Supply and Other Matters) Amendment Act;
- Draft PC15 (Radio Communication Pathways) proposes to protect radio communication pathways from intensification by limiting the height of built development.

We were generally supportive of the approach proposed by CCC for each of the draft plan changes.

Selwyn District Council

11. Selwyn District Council (SDC) is still undertaking hearings on the proposed Selwyn District Plan. The hearings process will now continue to run until March 2023. We continue to be involved in the hearings process, reviewing officer reports, recommendations and submitter evidence. Where necessary we have been lodging evidence or legal submissions to support Environment Canterbury's submission.
12. Staff have provided evidence and coordinated legal submissions at the Strategic Directions, Urban Growth, and Natural Hazards hearings. We continue to review the Council Officer reports for the upcoming topic hearings and will provide further evidence on a case-by-case basis to support SDC and ensure that the Regional Policy Statement is given effect to.
13. There are currently 15 active private plan change requests seeking to rezone land in the Selwyn District part of Greater Christchurch. Collectively, these plan changes seek to rezone around 1,000 hectares of land and would provide over 10,200 homes. At the time of writing, five of these applications have been approved, with one declined. We are taking a consistent approach in lodging formal submissions on behalf of Environment Canterbury in response to private plan change requests, raising key matters. Where applications are seeking to rezone land outside the Projected Infrastructure Boundary, planning evidence and legal submissions have been presented in opposition at hearings on behalf of Environment Canterbury and the Christchurch City Council.

The Greater Christchurch Partnership

14. Environment Canterbury is working collaboratively with Greater Christchurch partners and central government on the new Spatial Plan for Greater Christchurch.
15. On 13 May 2022, the Whakawhanake Kāinga Committee accepted the Foundation Report and the Ngā Kaupapa Report as the context for the development of the Greater

Christchurch Spatial Plan. The Committee also agreed to the strategic framework and next steps. The key milestones for the work on the Spatial Plan are:

- urban form options analysis and advice completed by quarter three of 2022
 - draft Spatial Plan agreed early 2023 for the purposes of public consultation
 - final Spatial Plan adopted mid-2023.
16. Recent work has focused on evaluating different urban form scenarios for Greater Christchurch, including a technical workshop with representatives from partner organisations held on 14 June. The outputs of the evaluation will inform strategic advice on future urban form and the development of the draft Spatial Plan.
17. Staff have commenced work on developing criteria to describe what is significant development capacity, to assist in shaping and directing private plan change requests under policy 8 of the National Policy Statement on Urban Development. These criteria will be added to the Regional Policy Statement.
18. Staff also recently provided feedback to the CCC, WDC and SDC on a draft Plan Change to the Christchurch District Plan (PC14) and Variations to the Proposed Selwyn and Waimakariri District Plans. The Plan Change and Variations give effect to the Resource Management (Enabling Housing Supply and Other Matters) Amendment Act and the National Policy Statement on Urban Development, including by introducing medium density residential standards (MDRS) in identified residential zones in Selwyn and Waimakariri and parts of Christchurch City. Comments focused on the proposed spatial extent of the application of MDRS, and qualifying matters. The changes will be publicly notified in August 2022.

Ashburton District Council

19. We are working with the Ashburton District Council on issues that are affecting water quality in Ōtūwharekai as well as wastewater issues associated with rural-residential subdivisions and on-site treatment systems. Council initiated plan changes are not expected to occur until after the resource management reforms have landed (i.e. the Natural and Built Environments Act, Strategic Planning Act and Climate Change Adaptation Act).

Timaru District Council

20. Environment Canterbury has provided non-statutory feedback on the draft Timaru District Council district plan and will be making a statutory submission on the plan once notified. The plan is expected to be notified late July to early August. We are also expecting to prepare and present evidence at the hearings for the significant topics in the notified plan.

Mackenzie District Council

21. Mackenzie District Council (MDC) has a proposed indigenous vegetation plan change (Plan Change 18) which is under appeal and is currently before the Environment Court. The Environment Court proceedings seek to determine whether there was enough legal scope for the decision to include a map identifying most of the Mackenzie Basin as “significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitat of indigenous fauna”. In January this year staff filed a memorandum not taking a position on the jurisdictional issue of scope but noting if the Court finds that the definition of “significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna” are outside the scope of Plan Change 18 that we would like to reserve our position on any consequential changes to the provisions that would be required as a result of any findings by the Court.
22. On 17 June 2022 the Court found that the map and the other aspects of the Plan Change 18 provisions that rely on these provisions are beyond scope. However, the Court has not directed any changes to the decisions version of Plan Change 18 in light of this finding. The provisions need to be considered as a whole and any changes may be premature in light of the outstanding appeals. The next step will be expert conferencing, with mediation to follow on any matters that remain outstanding.
23. Mackenzie District Council is also reviewing critical elements of its District Plan. The work programme is separated into ten stages, with stage 1 and 2 underway. Stage 1 has focused on drafting Strategic Objectives to set the overall direction for the Mackenzie District Plan. We have provided comments on the draft objectives. These were publicly notified in July. Stage 2 will focus on spatial plan implementation and provisions relating to light.
24. Conversations regarding the Ahuriri Integrated Plan project that sits within the Te Mōkihi joint initiative, have been paused while further discussions occur with the rūnanga regarding other work programmes.

Waimate District Council

25. Waimate District Council is waiting to see the outcome of the RMA reform before undertaking much work for the district plan review.

Waitaki District Council

26. Waitaki District Council have their draft District Plan out for consultation. We are preparing feedback on the draft Plan. A proposed District Plan will be notified following consideration of feedback on the draft Plan. We intend to make a submission on the notified plan and will likely appear at the hearings if required.

Chatham Islands Council

27. We attend monthly steering group meetings held by the Chatham Islands Council (CIC) to scope out and support a freshwater work programme to give effect to the National Policy Statement on Freshwater Management. We also drafted a submission on the Essential Freshwater and RMA reform consultation documents on behalf of the CIC.

28. We have put together a budget for the substantial amount of work required to implement the Government's Essential Freshwater Package. While this funding was not included in the Government's Budget for the 22/23 year, it will be considered in the 23/24 Budget. If successfully funded in 23/24, the planning work for the Chatham Islands Council will greatly increase.
29. We have prepared information for the local landowners on the requirements of the Essential Freshwater Package¹. This has been uploaded to the Chatham Islands Council website. Brochures have been prepared for distribution and an online forum is planned for August. A submission on the draft National Policy Statement on Indigenous Biodiversity was lodged by Environment Canterbury in July.

Cost, compliance and communication

Financial implications

30. Funding for this work has been budgeted in the 2022/23 Annual Plan and, being the start of the financial year, there are no immediate concerns regarding finance for District Planning Liaison. Due to uncertainty around forthcoming national policy, along with the timing and approach that TAs may choose to implement that policy, it is difficult to accurately forecast to the end of this financial year. Notwithstanding, there are no concerns at present and our next report to the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee in 6 months' time will include a budget update.

Risk assessment and legal compliance

31. It is important for Environment Canterbury to be actively involved in these district council processes. The main risk of not being involved is missed opportunities to ensure that an integrated regional planning framework is delivered for the Canterbury region. There is also a reputational risk, given that these are very visible processes within the community and there are expectations from both our TA partners and the community that Environment Canterbury is constructively involved.

Engagement, Significance and Māori Participation

32. The district council liaison work programme is a significant opportunity for engagement with the TAs. We work alongside the TAs during their district plan reviews in a collaborative capacity. This builds a collegial relationship and provides early opportunities to address any issues that arise in giving effect to the Regional Policy Statement. This makes it less likely that Environment Canterbury will need to oppose provisions through a submissions process and can instead use the submissions process to publicly support the TAs. This public visibility demonstrates to the community and to Environment Canterbury's partners that the regional council and TAs are working together in a constructive manner.

¹ <https://www.cic.govt.nz/services/essential-freshwater-package/#:~:text=The%20Essential%20Freshwater%20package%20is,this%20may%20affect%20your%20farm.>

33. The relationships developed at an operational level between Environment Canterbury staff and district councils will be fundamental in the progression of Environment Canterbury's ki uta ki tai planning programme. The TAs are important partners for the development of this planning programme and the collegial relationships built between staff will provide a solid foundation for constructive work between the partners.
34. Staff are also involved in the Te Mōkihi projects, as part of the Mackenzie alignment programme, in collaboration with the South Canterbury Rūnanga. These projects are valuable in building our relationship with these Rūnanga, and this will be useful in development of the regional planning framework.

Consistency with council policy

35. The District Council Liaison work programme is structured around giving effect to existing Environment Canterbury policy, primarily the Regional Policy Statement. The focus of staff's involvement with these processes is to ensure consistency with the Regional Policy Statement and to avoid duplication with the regional planning framework.

Climate Change Impacts

36. Staff use these district planning processes to raise and support the inclusion of planning policies to address the impacts of climate change across the districts. We make submissions on these TA process to ensure that climate change effects are being addressed, particularly within the overarching strategic directions in the notified district plans.

Next steps

37. Staff will keep the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee informed of significant developments in the District Council Liaison work programme. The responsive nature of this work programme means there is uncertainty around exactly when significant developments such as notified district plans will take place. Staff will ensure that Council is kept informed in a timely way and will prepare an updated version of this paper for the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee in 6 months' time.

Attachments

Nil

File reference	[SharePoint link for this paper]
Legal review	
Peer reviewers	Sam Leonard (Principal Planning Advisor), Andrew Parrish (Planning Manager)

8.5. Environment Canterbury (Ngāi Tahu Representation) Bill Update

Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee report

Date of meeting	Thursday, 11 August 2022
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Purpose

1. To provide an update on the Canterbury Regional Council (Ngāi Tahu Representation) Bill (the Bill).

Recommendations

That the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee:

1. **Notes the update on the Canterbury Regional Council (Ngāi Tahu Representation) Bill (the Bill).**
2. **Notes, due to timing for this report a further update on the status of the Bill will be required and provided verbally on the day.**

Background

2. At the last Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee it was noted that the Bill had successfully progressed through to the second reading and had two more stages to go before receiving royal ascent and becoming law: Committee of the whole stage and third reading.

Committee of the Whole

3. A Committee of the Whole is when the members of parliament meet in the Chamber, but the Speaker does not take the chair. The debate is less formal than other debates but is no less important. Any member of the House can participate when a Committee of the Whole House debates a bill.
4. Members have numerous opportunities to make short speeches and debate the provisions of a bill. These debates are a chance to examine the bill in detail. Ministers and members can propose changes. These changes may be published before the debate in a supplementary order paper (SOP).

5. There is no time limit on these debates. Large or controversial bills may be before a Committee of the Whole for several days. Once the final form of a bill is agreed, it is reprinted to show any changes that have been made.
6. The Committee of the Whole stage for this Bill took place on 29 June and it successfully progressed to the next stage, the Third Reading, without amendment.

Third Reading

7. This is a summing-up debate on a Bill in its final form.
8. The vote at the end of the debate is the final vote in the House to either pass the Bill or reject it. Bills are rarely rejected at this stage. If the Bill is passed there is one final step before it becomes law — Royal Assent provided by the Governor General.
9. The Bill is set down to receive its Third Reading on 3 August, prior to this Committee meeting.
10. Papatipu Rūnanga and Environment Canterbury will each have a delegation to support the Bill from the public gallery.
11. An update on the outcome of this stage will be provided verbally.

Next Steps

12. If the Bill is successful, the Bill will be recommended for Royal Ascent and become Law usually within the week following the Third Reading.
13. Following assent Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu will commence the process to provide the two mana whenua councillors to join the incoming elected councillors following the upcoming local body elections in October.

Attachments

Nil

File reference	[SharePoint link for this paper]
Legal review	
Peer reviewers	[Names of two peer reviewers who have reviewed this paper]

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, 21 September 2022 at 1.00pm. Any changes to this time will be publicly advertised and updated on the Environment Canterbury website.

10. Mihi / Karakia Whakamutunga - Closing

The meeting will conclude with a karakia by a member of the Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee.