

Planning & Strategy Committee

18 March 2025

Report for Agenda Item | Rīpoata moto e Rāraki take [1]

Department: Planning & Development

Title | Taitara: Update on Progress on the Proposed District Plan and Other Key Projects

Purpose of the Report | Te Take mō te Pūroko


The purpose of this report is to update the Planning & Strategy Committee on key projects being progressed by the Planning Policy Team (the Team).

Recommendation | Kā Tūtohu

That the Planning & Strategy Committee:

1. **Note** the contents of this report;
2. **Note** the updates on timing and progress on projects undertaken by the Planning Policy team.

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Context | Horopaki

1. This report provides an update on the progress with the District Plan Review, which commenced in 2015. The Council made the decision to review the Operative District Plan in stages, and then this approach turned into a rolling review. This is a resource heavy process which means at any time the Planning Policy team are undertaking District Plan monitoring, developing new or amended provisions, preparing for and participating in Council hearings and defending Council's position in the Environment Court.

2. This report provides a summary of progress on the Proposed District Plan and provides indications of existing and future workstreams. The report also provides summary on progress on other projects undertaken by the Planning Policy Team.
3. The key workstreams of the team can be summarised as deriving from the following requirements:
 - Reviewing the Operative District Plan in a timely manner and in accordance with statutory requirements, and providing statutory support to other Council direction, such as the Climate & Biodiversity Plan, Joint Housing Action Plan, and the Mode Shift Plan
 - Giving effect to central government direction – such as the National Policy Statement – Urban Development and National Planning Standards
 - Implementing the Spatial Plan through variations to the Proposed District Plan
 - Consistency and giving effect to the Otago Regional Policy Statement(s) (RPS) including participating in the 1st schedule process for the RPS; and
 - Making complicated processes easier for the public and using opportunities to provide technology assistance (including EPlan, implementing the National Planning Standards, preparing guidance material to assist plan users, and providing a duty planner service)
 - Processing Private Plan Changes.

Analysis and Advice | Tatāritaka me kā Tohutohu

4. **Attachment A** is a table that provides progress updates on the team's key work streams.
5. The activities occurring in relation to the Environment Court appeals are in accordance with the guidelines and parameters set by the Planning & Strategy Committee or Appeals Subcommittee.
6. This report assists elected members, stakeholders and the community to understand the future work programme and interrelationships of the work being undertaken.

Consultation Process | Hātepe Matapaki

Significance and Engagement | Te Whakamahi I kā Whakaaro Hiraka

7. This matter is of medium significance as determined by reference to the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy because it is a matter relating to the administration of Council affairs.
8. The persons who are affected by or interested in the District Plan Review and related projects are residents/ratepayers of the Queenstown Lakes District community. Particular individuals and entities affected have opportunities to participate in plan development and pre-notification consultation, submitting on the notified provisions and participating in hearings, appealing the decisions and joining the appeals.

Māori Consultation | Iwi Rūnaka

9. Consultation with tangata whenua under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) is a legal requirement before notifying a district plan and it is noted that legal requirements are being met on an on-going basis, and that many of these matters will not be relevant to, or require specific consultation with, tangata whenua.
10. It is also noted that meaningful iwi consultation beyond the minimum will be undertaken where possible as it is generally best practice and can lead to a stronger understanding of the issues, and result in better environmental outcomes.
11. This is an update report, so no consultation on the contents of this report is required.

Risk and Mitigations | Kā Raru Tūpono me kā Whakamaurutaka

12. This matter relates to the Strategic/Political/Reputation risk category. It is associated with RISK10056 Ineffective provision for the future planning and development needs of the district within the Queenstown Lakes District Council Risk Register. This risk has been assessed as having a moderate residual risk rating.
13. Measures have been put in place to implement to manage any risk as required for each project for the district plan review. This will be achieved by putting measures in place, which directly reduce the risk.

Financial Implications | Kā Riteka ā-Pūtea

14. There are no new operational and capital expenditure requirements additional to existing approved budget in the Annual/Long Term Plan as a result of items in this report. The continuation of the projects undertaken by the Planning Policy team can be implemented through current funding under the Long Term Plan and Annual Plan.

Council Effects and Views | Kā Whakaaweawe me kā Tirohaka a te Kaunihera

15. The consistency of these matters with Council effects and views, policies, strategies and bylaws will be covered under separate agenda items where appropriate.
16. The following Council policies, strategies and bylaws were considered:
 - Operative District Plan
 - Proposed District Plan
 - Spatial Plan/Future Development Strategy
 - Climate & Biodiversity Plan
 - Joint Housing Action Plan
 - Mode Shift Plan

17. This matter is included in the Long Term Plan/Annual Plan

Legal Considerations and Statutory Responsibilities | Ka Ture Whaiwhakaaro me kā Takohaka Waeture

18. There are particular legal considerations that need to be taken into account under the RMA in relation to undertaking a 1st Schedule process to create or amend a District Plan. Where needed legal advice is taken and reported to the Planning & Strategy Committee directly or within the associated report.

Local Government Act 2002 Purpose Provisions | Te Whakatureture 2002 o te Kāwanataka ā-Kiaka

19. Section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002 states the purpose of local government is (a) to enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities; and (b) to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future. The Proposed District Plan provides a framework for the future development communities in the Queenstown Lakes District, contributing to their wellbeing. As such, the recommendation in this report is appropriate and within the ambit of Section 10 of the Act.

20. The review of the District Plan:

- Can be implemented through current funding under the Long Term Plan and Annual Plan;
- Is consistent with the Council's plans and policies; and
- Would not significantly alter the intended level of service provision for any significant activity undertaken by or on behalf of the Council or transfer the ownership or control of a strategic asset to or from the Council.

Attachments | Kā Tāpirihaka

A	Update on Planning Policy Projects
B	General Update on Operative Status of Proposed District Plan Chapters and Outstanding Appeals