

Confirm Submission to Thames-Coromandel District Council Draft 2015-2025 Long Term Plan

TO	Tairua-Pauanui Community Board
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SUBJECT	Confirm Submission to Thames-Coromandel District Council Draft 2015-2025 Long Term Plan

1 Purpose of Report

To confirm the Community Board's submission to the Thames-Coromandel District Council Draft 2015-2025 Long Term Plan as discussed in their workshop meeting held on 24 March 2015.

2 Background

The Local Government Act 2002 requires the Council to, at all times, have a Long Term Plan (Ten Year Plan). The Long Term Plan provides a long-term focus for the Council by providing a ten year strategic framework within which the Council operates. The Long Term Plan:

- Provides the detail on the services Council proposes to undertake, how performance will be measured and the financial information outlining how this work will be paid for.

3 Issue

The Council is required to comply with the Local Government Act 2002 in respect to the community consultation process for the preparation and adoption of the draft 2015-2025 Long Term Plan. The draft 2015-2025 Long Term Plan is required to follow the Special Consultative Procedure as described in sections 83 and 84 of the Local Government Act 2002.

In addition to the LGA 02 requirements, the Council has held a number of open days around the district for communities and Community Boards to be involved in the Special Consultative Procedure.

4 Discussion

The Role of Community Boards

In the context of the draft 2015-2025 Long Term Plan, Section 52 of the LGA 02 states that the role of the Community Board is to:

- represent, and act as an advocate for, the interests of the community; and
- prepare an annual submission to the territorial authority for expenditure within the community.

The Council has also delegated certain responsibilities to Community Boards. In summary these are:

“The Community Board shall have the power to facilitate consultation with local residents and community groups on local issues and local aspects of district issues including input to the Long-term Council Community Plan (including key policies); Annual Plan and Asset Management Plans. The Community Board is one (and not the only) vehicle that Council

may use for consulting with the local community on District and other issues.”

Specific to the draft Long Term Plan, the Community Board has delegated responsibility for:

1. Developing a submission to the Long Term Plan and Annual Plan processes for the delivery of all activities.
2. Commenting and making recommendations to Council on relative priorities for the delivery of all activities within their Community Board area

Other activities the Community Board has responsibility for includes:

“The Community Board shall also have delegated authority to:

Develop and make submissions to Council on:

- The draft Long Term Plan and Annual Plan commenting specifically on issues that are of interest to the community represented by the Community Board;
- Strategic planning issues with recommendations on where and how provision should be made for unique community needs.”

The draft 2015-2025 Long Term Plan submission process is a key opportunity for the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board to advocate for the interests of its community.

The Board therefore held a workshop meeting on 24 March 2015 to prepare a submission under their delegated authority to Council’s draft 2015-2025 Long Term Plan. Their submission was lodged prior to 9 April 2015.

5 Suggested Resolution(s)

That the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board:

1. Receives the report.
2. Confirms it's submission to the Thames-Coromandel District Council's Draft 2015-2025 Long Term Plan.

References-Tabled/Agenda Attachments

Attachment A *Tairua-Pauanui Community Board's submission to the Draft 2015-2025 Long Term Plan forwarded under separate cover.*