

Notice is hereby given that an ordinary meeting of the Community Wellbeing Committee will be held on:

Date: Tuesday 9 November 2021
Time: 1.00 pm
Meeting Room: Council Chambers
Venue: Horowhenua District Council
126-148 Oxford Street, Levin

Community Wellbeing Committee

OPEN AGENDA

MEMBERSHIP

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Deputy Chairperson	Deputy Mayor Jo Mason	
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	Mr Richard Fry	Mr Daniel Gamboa
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If you need help or support in any areas of your mahi, work programmes, events etc., please come along to the meeting prepared under this agenda item to speak to this.

1 Apologies

2 Public Participation

Due to COVID-19 Alert Level 2 restrictions, this meeting will be held in person. The public can attend but will be required to be masked and distant seated in the public gallery. Guidelines for visiting Council's Customer Service Centres can be viewed on Council's website: <https://www.horowhenua.govt.nz/Council/Council-Meetings> .

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3 Confirmation of Minutes

3.1 Meeting minutes Community Wellbeing Committee, 10 August 2021

Community Wellbeing Report

File No.: 21/470

1. Purpose

To give an update and overview on the current Community Wellbeing Committee activities, and provide an update on the district wide Community Development work programme that directly contributes to the outcomes of the Community Wellbeing Framework.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That Report 21/470 Community Wellbeing Report be received.
- 2.2 That this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.

3. Issues for Consideration

COMMUNITY WELLBEING

Thank you to the members of this Committee for meeting with the Community Wellbeing Committee Chairperson Cr Victoria Kaye-Simmons and Community and Social Development Manager Michelle Rogerson. The conversations clearly indicated that the Community Wellbeing meetings are essential for the ongoing wellbeing of our community. There were a wide range of opportunities discussed as well as suggestions of how this Committee works together and how we are connecting to our community networks.

OUR COMMUNITIES

Welcoming Communities

The Community and Social Development team and Cultural Outcomes Lead have started to initiate the Welcoming Communities Programme in Horowhenua. Council is pleased to announce the recruitment of Olivia Gauffres as our new 'Community Development Advisor – Welcoming Communities'.

Officers are in the process of putting a short, medium and long term plan together. The plan is based on the 8 standards of the programme:

- Inclusive leadership
- Welcoming Communications
- Equitable Access
- Connected and inclusive Communities
- Economic Development, Business and Employment
- Civic Engagement and participation
- Welcoming Public Spaces
- Culture and Identity

To achieve this, Officers are:

- Creating a Steering Group
 - Local Government, Tangata Whenua, ethnic group leaders and other community leaders' work together to co-design a shared plan. Officers have been learning a lot at the monthly Welcoming Communities Coordinators hui, with great support from MBIE.

- Using our resources
 - The Community Development Team and wider Council Officers are very resourceful and already doing a lot for the community. To get to know the community and start the community programme a Welcoming Communities flavour is being added to the events already in the agenda
 - Christmas event November 2021
 - Neighbours Day March 2022
 - Childrens' Day February 2202
- Doing a stocktake
 - With key contacts, activities, associations, sport clubs, churches, education centers that are available in Horowhenua. This will allow Officers to be responsive if needed and allow for better planning.
- Growing ideas
 - Creation of a newcomers guide – paper and online
 - Welcoming newcomers with Karakia / Marae inclusion – kōrerō planned for November 2021
 - SPYFusion – a Pacific youth event.
 - 'Faces of Horowhenua' – interviews of newcomers that will share stories and grow understanding.

Horowhenua Former Refugee Resettlement

- Immigration NZ has confirmed that the intake for the Horowhenua Former Refugee Resettlement that was expected for November 2021 has been delayed due to the Auckland Covid-19 Lockdown. No arrival date is known at this stage.
- Red Cross has recruited in core positions and have begun training the first cohort of volunteers who will support the new families as they arrive. The fitting and refurbishing of the Levin Service Centre is almost completed.
- MBIE have released a 'Future Procurement Opportunity' notice (FPO) on the government procurement website (see link below). Organisations can subscribe to the notice and will receive notifications when further information is released.
- <https://www.gets.govt.nz/MBIE/ExternalTenderDetails.htm?id=24989625>
- The FPO is only an overview at this stage, with MBIE planning to release some more in-depth information in early-mid November.

Education Horowhenua

- In the July 2021-June 2022 financial year, one (1) Education Horowhenua meeting has been held. This meeting was held online via Zoom to reduce the risk of gathering for kanohi ki te kanohi (face to face) with heightened Covid-19 risk. A key presentation was made by Sara Kian (Senior Adviser, Refugee and Migrant Education/ESOL, Refugee, Migrant, and International Education Team) who is based in the MOE Palmerston North office. Sara gave an update on current and unfolding supports for Learning Centers relating to the up and coming Columbian resettlement in Levin. She was supported by David Harris of English Language Partners New Zealand – Horowhenua/Kāpiti and Jenny Pepworth of Red Cross.
- The Horowhenua Education Action Plan 2021-2024 remains in draft form with ongoing conversations occurring around alignment with key objectives of Kahui Ako Horowhenua.

- The next meeting of Education Horowhenua will take place in February 2022 with two further meetings planned for the 2021–2022 year. Key focus areas that will unfold within these meetings include the ongoing monitoring of refugee resettlement in preparation for enrolments in our schools, Horowhenua Kahui Ako Community of Learning updates, Muaūpoko Kura-a-iwi developments, the Horowhenua New Zealand Trust 'Get-Go' transition to employment initiative and the evolution of Te Pukenga – NZ Institute of Skills and Technology.

Age-Friendly Communities

- The cycle of 2021-2022 meetings has been affected greatly by COVID19. The August meeting was cancelled and the September and October meetings were held online via Zoom with the latter not proving to be as engaging in terms of participation numbers as our face to face hui. A general overview from many of the voluntary organisations in the hui was that things were very much on hold to varying extents because of COVID19. Professional groups have also tended to be COVID19 management focused in this space.
- An introduction of the monitoring report for the Age Friendly Communities Strategy has been put on hold until a greater level of engagement is possible.
- Numerous organisations in this sector were recently supported with the allocation of Horowhenua District Council community grants. These included Age Concern Horowhenua, The Hearing Association Horowhenua Branch and Levin Citizens Advice Bureau.
- The International Day of the Older Persons was celebrated by the production and presentation of a video show casing some of our local youth talent, supply and delivery of cake to local rest homes and free coffees at Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō.
- The engagement of Māori and Pacific Peoples remain a focus in this space.
- Age on the Go which is the major showcase event for older persons in the Horowhenua has been scheduled for 15 April 2022.

Youth Empowerment Project (yEP)

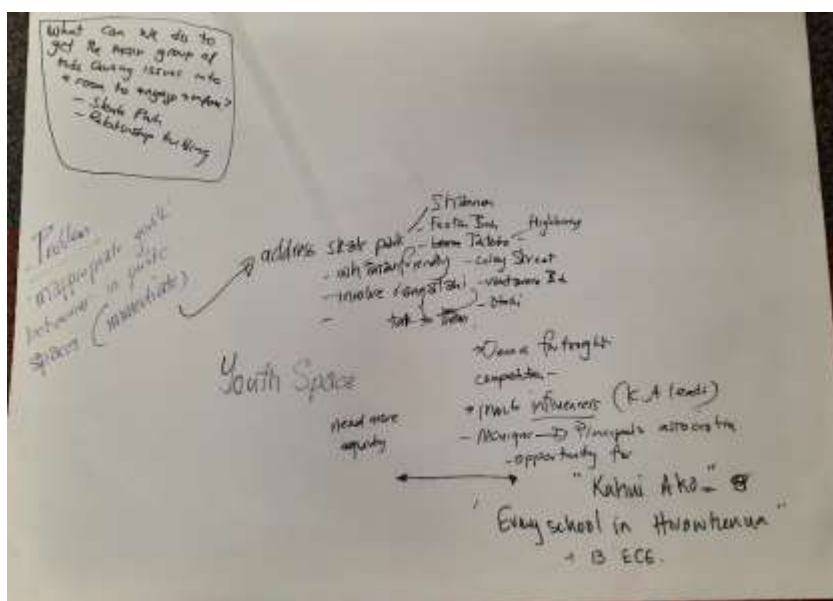
- This financial year (commencing 01 July 2021), three (3) Youth Empowerment Project meetings have been held. Due to Covid-19 L4 restrictions, the August meeting was cancelled, as was the youth trip to parliament that was to be cohosted with Terisa Ngobi (Ōtaki MP).
- In September yEP delivered a wellbeing event that had a focus on mental health at exam time for Y10 and Y11 students at Horowhenua College. The yEP leaders showed agility as they changed the event to adhere to Covid-19 restrictions which meant that no outside guests were allowed into the college. The event was proudly delivered using Zoom presentations with additional help from the student executive; and included key note speakers, past students, group activities and resources to help during exam time.
- The key points from the recent yEP meetings include
 - Youth wellbeing at exam time. Planning, delivery and debrief of a successful event.
 - yEP 2022 recruitment via social media and a youth space event. The leaders would like to have more experience working alongside Elected Members and Council. The leaders would like a conversation with Cr Sam Jennings about this.
 - Vaccinations for youth in schools. The leaders are going to talk to schools about the possibility to have informed conversations with students that may lead to

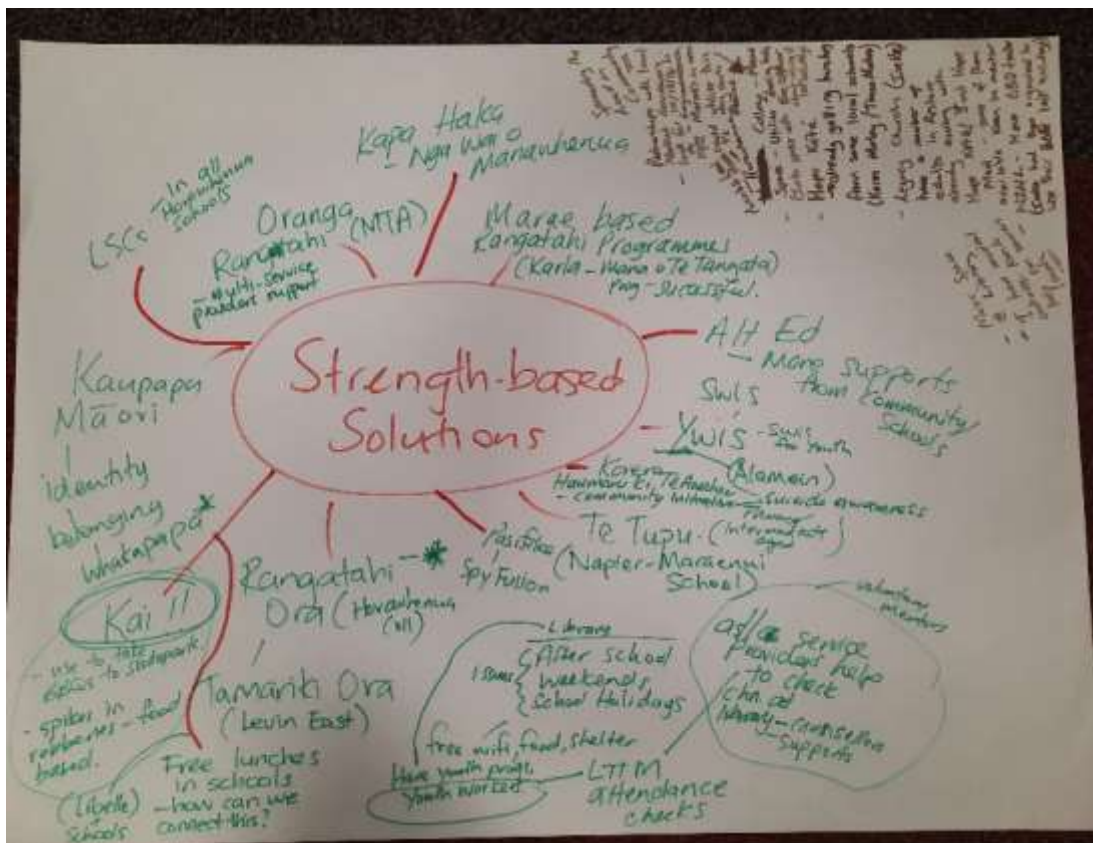
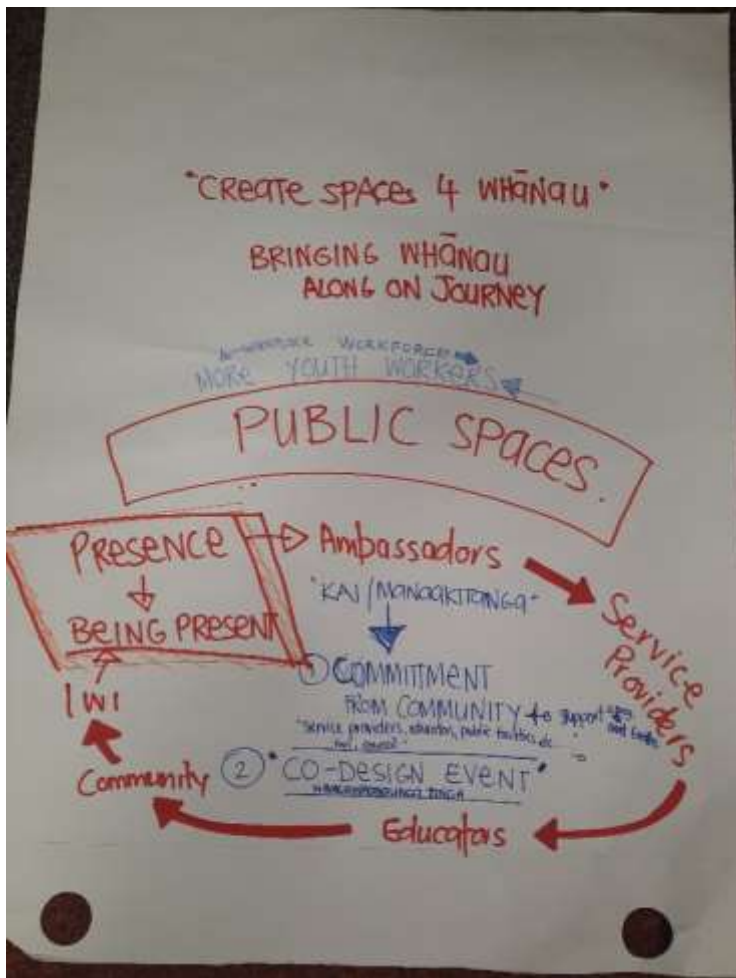
them getting a vaccination. The leaders felt that school was a familiar environment where transport would not be a barrier to getting to a vaccination centre.

- Christmas Float - raise the profile of yEP and an opportunity to hand out recruitment information.
- There is no scheduled meeting for November 2021 as leaders are committed to studying for exams. An end of year event is being planned. Recruitment for the 2022 cohort will begin in late January.

Horowhenua Youth Services Network

- This financial year (commencing 01 July 2021), three (3) Youth Services Network meetings have been held to date.
- In the recent meetings of the Horowhenua Youth Services Network, focus has been rangatahi and tamariki behaviour in the district's public spaces. The information from the network meeting was reported to the Community Wellbeing Committee and at a collective hui with community organisations, agencies and schools held in June and July 2021. The first hui summarised the current situation and organisations signaled their interest for the second hui where participants broke into three groups to come up with potential solutions to "what can we do now to encourage positive behaviour in our public spaces?" Flip sheets are provided below.
- The common theme from all three groups was to work collectively to provide fun engaging activities and events in the public spaces. The network decided to meet at a youth event at the Levin Adventure Park and hang with each other and young people to create a youth environment for the co-design process for a programme. Unfortunately, due to weather this event was cancelled. The next co-design event has been set for the 11 November 2021 at the Levin Skate Park and Village Green. When arranging the rescheduled event the Council Community Development Advisor met with a number of providers with positive responses and commitment to participate. Unfortunately one of the key youth service organisations, Life to the Max (LTTM), have indicated they may not be part of the programme due to heavy workloads and an over committed workforce. Steve Hodges from On-board Skate has designed a programme and obtained funding for a community 'learn to skate' project at the Levin Skate Park.





Access and Inclusion

- This financial year (commencing 01 July 2021), two (2) Access and Inclusion Forum meetings have been held.
- At the last forum meeting there was a discussion about the lack of accessible public transport in the Horowhenua district. This is a barrier to accessing services, shopping, banking and maintaining positive social connectedness. Attendees advised that although the Health Shuttle provides a critical service, it is unable to accommodate electric wheelchairs and the shuttle does not service the district's beach communities. Cr Sam Fergusson from Horizons Regional Council would like to advocate for the forum and will be developing a survey that includes a series of accessibility questions. The Community and Social Development team together with the Access and Inclusion forum consider this a key focus and will ensure wide engagement and distribution of the survey.
- The Access and Inclusion Forum continue to collaborate with the Crohn's & Colitis NZ Charitable Trust to implement the 'I Can't Wait!' campaign.
- To recognise the International Day of Persons with Disabilities in early December 2021 a mini expo is being planned that encourages people living with disabilities to give a number of activities a go.

SUPPORTING POSITIVE OUTCOMES FOR MĀORI

Super Saturday Vaccination

The most recent series of Covid-19 Vaccination Drive In Clinics coordinated and promoted by our local Iwi and Pasifika health providers, in order to hasten the engagement of their people, was the Super Saturday Drive through clinic on 16 October 2021. This resulted in around 500 vaccinations. An added feature of the day was the support shown by a variety of wider community groups and organisations that included The Rapid Response Team, Contact Energy, Council Community Development Team and Elected Members.

COMMUNITY LED DEVELOPMENT

The Community Development Team are continuing to support a number of community led initiatives, programmes, activities and events.

- Shannon (CLD) Community Network. A September hui with a focus on the Representation Review was well attended after the network actively invited the local community along to a session that explained the what, why and how to have a say. The community had a number of questions about both the Representation Review and other Council matters. The community have provided feedback that they would like regularly hui with Council, Elected Members and other government agencies about topics of interest. These hui will focus on one topic at a time as a way to be informed when making decisions and opportunities. The Shannon CLD and Community Development Team will look to coordinate these hui in 2022. In November planning for an end of year event is underway which will include an activity to collect topics of interest.



- The Community Development Team completed the annual Chorus box mural project. This year four Chorus boxes have been approved for 2021 with one reserved for a mural that celebrates the Rainbow Community. The successful submissions are

State Highway 1, Foxton



Waitārere Rise, Waitārere Beach



Vogel Street, Shannon



Weraroa Road, Levin



Community Hubs

Officers are actively supporting several community hubs

- Te Whare Mahana. Community Development Team continue to deliver Capacity Building programmes and seek further advice on how capacity can be increased of the service providers housed in Te Whare Mahana. It has been noticed less people coming to Te Whare Mahana after the last Covid-19 Lockdown and a high feeling of anxiety around the pandemic.

Officers are supporting a collaboration between Te Whare Mahana and Hinemoa House to start a Pacific Peoples market.

- Shannon Kai Hub continues to support a growing number of people from Shannon but recently has noticed an increase in people from Foxton and Levin coming to assess the kai provision service. The Kai Hub have secured funding from Creative NZ which they will use to commission a mural by a local artist that will add to the vibrant environment of the outdoor space which is planned to be a community garden.
- Hinemoa House Community Centre is working with the Community Development Team to plan and deliver Capacity Building workshops that align with the centre's goal of offering upskilling opportunities to the surrounding community, in particular Pacific Peoples. Scheduling is underway for a food handling and safety course. This course will provide a certificate for those wanting to be part of the Pacific market.
- Foxton Beach Community Centre. The centre is continuing to operate the Community Health Shuttle service that is always well subscribed to. Users of the service told the Centre that they feel lonely and struggle to get into Foxton and Levin especially during winter. From those conversations, a group of volunteers has started running a morning tea for older people and hope to add an exercise class and library service to the offering. The Centre is very keen for the community to understand it is more than a health service and as well as the new older persons programme the Centre is working on initiatives for caregivers and children. The Centre was successful in obtaining funding to add a mural to the outside of the building that will attract people to the facility.

GRANTS AND FUNDING

Round 1 of the Horowhenua District Council funded and/or administered contestable grants for the 2021-2022 financial year was recently completed. This resulted in the following allocations;

- Horowhenua Community Development Grant – 11 successful applications with \$30,848.58 allocated.
- Horowhenua Community and Social Services Grant – 12 successful applications with \$25,472.75 allocated.
- Horowhenua Creative Communities Scheme Grant – 5 successful applications with \$10,650.00 allocated.
- Horowhenua Vibrant Communities Grant – 5 successful applications with \$16,085.98 allocated.
- Horowhenua Special Projects Grant – 4 successful applications with \$12,486.96 allocated.
- Horowhenua Rural Halls Grant – 4 successful applications with \$30,000.00 allocated.
- Shannon Community Development Grant – 2 successful applications with \$2,400.00 allocated.

A total of \$127,944.27 was allocated in this grant round.

HDC has now fully transitioned to its new SmartyGrants electronic grants management system with Officers happy to support first time applicants through application process using this system.

Following Council's 2021-2041 Long Term Plan development process, three year funding arrangements have been granted to the following organisations

- Levin Community Patrol – Community Patrol Service, (\$5,000.00 annum)
- Horowhenua Crime Prevention Camera Trust – Crime Prevention Camera Service, (\$15,000.00 / annum)
- Foxton & Beach Community Patrol – Foxton Beach Patrol Service, (\$5,250.00 / annum)
- Waitārere Beach Progressive and Ratepayers Association Incorporated – Waitārere Beach Patrol Service, (\$5,250.00 / annum)
- Horowhenua District Neighbourhood Support – Neighbourhood Support Programme, (\$25,000.00 / annum)
- Volunteer Central – Volunteer Resource Coordination Service, (\$10,000.00 / annum)
- Foxton Surf Life Saving Club – Foxton Beach Life Guard Service, (\$25,875.00 / annum)
- Levin Waitārere Surf Life Saving Club – Waitārere Beach life guard service, (\$25,875.00 / annum)
- Save Our River Trust – Foxton River Loop Restoration Research and Investigation, (\$10,000.00 / annum)

Funding agreements for the 2021-2024 period have been completed for all of the above and 2021-2022 annual payments have been processed.

COMMUNITY CAPACITY BUILDING

During 2021/2022 financial year, the Community Development Team has delivered four (4) Capacity and Capability Building workshops. 50 participants have attended the workshops with 100% satisfaction reported.

Completed workshops and the preliminary schedule for the 2020/21 Capacity Building workshops are below, additional workshops will be booked as the year progresses.

Workshop	Date	Location	Participants
First Aid L1	5 July 2021	Te Whare Mahana	11
First Aid L2	22 July 2021	Poutu Marae, Shannon	18
Food Safety	29 July 2021	Poutu Marae, Shannon	19
St Johns Mental Health	22 October 2021	Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom	11

OTHER COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Exhibition Celebrates 70 Year Contribution by Kuia, to Whānau Wellbeing

The exhibition *Te Rōpū Wāhine Māori Toko i Te Ora o Te Awahou – 70th Anniversary Celebrations Exhibition* opened in Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, Foxton on 09 October 2021. It tells stories of quiet achievement in the local area by generations of wāhine who have made countless efforts to support whānau, across the decades. At a time when a pandemic creates struggles and issues for whānau across the nation, it seems more important than ever to commemorate the help and support that the Māori Women's Welfare League has provided to families in need, for 70 years.

Horowhenua economy stronger than pre-COVID-19 pandemic

Recently, Council heard that the district's local economy is thriving despite the challenge of a global pandemic. The Horowhenua New Zealand Trust (HNZT) Chair Antony Young and The Horowhenua Company Limited (THCL) Chief Executive Catriona McKay reported to Council's Finance, Audit and Risk Committee showing that across a range of economic indicators, Horowhenua has improved on nearly all indicators between 2018 and 2021. While still below the national average, the community are earning more, have increased job opportunities, and are exporting more than it did in 2018.

Encouragingly, economic indicators for Māori have performed particularly well year-on-year, with mean earnings increasing by \$4,443 over the last three years and employment opportunities for Māori increasing by 137 since 2018, a positive change based on historical performance.

Council votes to workshop Climate Change Action Plan initiatives

Council was presented with a Draft Climate Change Plan Action Plan outlining key initiatives for endorsement, including a stocktake of Council's greenhouse emissions and development and the establishment of a sustainability policy to provide a roadmap for Council. While Council sought more time to workshop the initiatives outlined in the Action Plan, there was an acknowledgement that climate change was an issue that could not be ignored.

Council committed to workshopping the topic before the next Council meeting, when they will make a decision on the matter. To view the Draft Climate Change Plan Action Plan visit www.horowhenua.govt.nz/CouncilMeetings.

Attachments


There are no attachments for this report.

Confirmation of statutory compliance

In accordance with section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002, this report is approved as:

- containing sufficient information about the options and their advantages and disadvantages, bearing in mind the significance of the decisions; and,
- is based on adequate knowledge about, and adequate consideration of, the views and preferences of affected and interested parties bearing in mind the significance of the decision.

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