

Workstream: The Waikato Plan

Introduction

This report outlines progress on the preparation of the Waikato Plan. This report is provided for information, and no decisions are required.

Progress this quarter

This quarter the Joint Committee have been focused on confirming the project scope, milestones and budget.

The Joint Committee met on 16th of February to consider three reports:

1. Project scope report.
2. Project budget report
3. Project directors report

The project scope and project budget reports were both received by and recommendations accepted by the Joint Committee, with the exception of HCC.

Completion of the project to the agreed milestones will see a draft Waikato Plan ready for Council approval for public consultation in November 2015, with the final plan completed in June 2016.

Whilst this is an achievable timeline, there is no scope for any slippage therefore it is imperative that all parties fully engage in the process.

The project director's report was received.

Work programme for next quarter

The Joint Committee will be focused on developing a draft set of strategic objectives and confirming the stakeholder engagement to be undertaken and key issues to be addressed during Plan development.

Following each monthly meeting, a standard report will be made available to all participating councils through their Joint Committee representative. This report will detail any actions that are referred to Councils for approval.

Matters Referred to Councils

The Joint Committee meeting resulted in the following matters being reported to Councils this month:

1. A recommended on the project budget
2. A recommendation as to non-local government member's remuneration.

The following matters will be referred to Councils following the April meeting for information:

1. The stakeholder engagement to be undertaken and key issues to be addressed during Plan development