

13. HERITAGE REVIEW PROGRESS REPORT

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to provide a progress report on the Heritage Review.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The objectives of the Heritage Review, as agreed by the Council in December 2008, were to:
 - (a) Define the Council's strategic objectives and priorities, and its role in achieving these.
 - (b) Identify a toolkit of regulations, incentives and other approaches to achieve these objectives and priorities.
 - (c) Integrate the management of heritage with the Council's wider strategic objectives for urban development, intensification, and central city revitalisation.
3. The Heritage Review seeks to address the concerns raised by the Council that the lack of clear definition of the Council's strategic objectives and priorities, and the scope of its role, has resulted in limited effectiveness in managing the City's built heritage.
4. The Council is required, under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), to recognise and provide for the protection of historic heritage from inappropriate subdivision, use and development. The historic heritage of Christchurch and Banks Peninsula encompasses much more than buildings: it also includes sites of significance to tangata whenua, archaeological sites, bridges and monuments, parks and gardens. The scope of the Review is however limited to heritage and character buildings. This reflects the challenges currently facing the City through, for example, increasing urban intensification, central city revitalisation and in responding to the seismic strengthening requirements of the Building Act 2004. The scope does however extend beyond just those buildings scheduled in the Christchurch City Plan or Banks Peninsula District Plan to unlisted character buildings as these also make a significant contribution to the City.
5. A range of heritage management issues have been considered through the Review in relation to the Council's current approach and its effectiveness, and the challenges and opportunities that now arise. The review considers the role of the Council as regulator (largely through the City Plan), as funder (through its various grants processes) as owner, and as advocate. The review is focussed on adopting a more integrated heritage management framework, and in enabling the monies invested in heritage to be managed in a more strategic manner. The recommendations will provide a clearer framework for the Council's role in managing the City's built heritage.
6. This work has been undertaken alongside the existing heritage work programme and within existing budgets. The Review also provides the basis for input to other existing projects where greater alignment can be achieved, including the recent review of the Earthquake Prone, Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings Policy which is to be considered by the Council in September 2010. Related projects that are currently underway and which can be informed by the Heritage Review include proposed plan changes, Central City Revitalisation, Incentives Policy, and the Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy (UDS) action plan.
7. The confirmed Heritage Review report will make a number of recommendations including proposing a draft heritage policy statement that can provide the framework to shape a more targeted and strategic approach. Recommendations will also cover priorities for regulatory provisions, funding and other incentives, education and advocacy, Council-owned heritage assets, and ownership and management of buildings.
8. An Implementation Plan will form the recommendations of the Heritage Review into a series of actions, with the resourcing and financial implications having been considered. The Plan will also note the proposed implementation tools which will focus not just on what the Council will do to implement the actions but where the community and stakeholders can play a part.

9. Consultation on the Review will also be undertaken following the consideration of a Proposed Heritage Review Report and Implementation Plan in February 2011. At present staff are continuing to finalise the report and develop the draft implementation plan. Where action may require additional resources to deliver these beyond the current resourcing these will need to be further investigated and considered as part of the 2012-22 LTCCP.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2009-19 LTCCP budgets?

11. Yes.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

12. There are no legal considerations associated with this report.

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

13. Not applicable.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

14. The Heritage Review aligns with the 2009-19 LTCCP and Activity Management Plan for Heritage Protection, in that it will establish the overall framework within which to pursue the initiatives identified in the Plans. The outcomes and performance targets in the 2012-22 LTCCP will need to be revisited in the light of the review's recommendations.

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2009-19 LTCCP?

15. See above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

16. The Heritage Review aligns with the following strategies and/or is relevant to work on the following:
- Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy (UDS)
 - Christchurch City Plan and Banks Peninsula District Plan
 - Central City Revitalisation Strategy
 - New Zealand Urban Design Protocol.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

17. Yes.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

18. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Regulatory and Planning Committee receive this report for information.