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Ordinary meeting of the
Planning and Regulatory Committee

Thursday 1 December 2016
Commencing at 9.00am
Council Chamber

Civic House

110 Trafalgar Street, Nelson

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Planning and Regulatory Committee –1 December 2016 Chairperson’s Report

Purpose of Report

To update the Planning and Regulatory Committee on a number of matters.

Recommendations

THAT the Chairperson’s Report be received and the contents are noted.

Welcome to the returning and new members to the Planning and Regulatory Committee.

The range of responsibilities of the Planning and Regulatory Committee is amongst the broadest of all the Council’s committees, ranging from building, the council’s regulatory functions and by-laws, environmental programs and planning. In this triennium the Committee also takes on the delegation for Development Contributions. The work of this Committee touches on almost every part of the council’s activities.

We have a significant amount of work ahead of us. Our priority for this triennium will be the delivery of the Nelson Plan. The Nelson Plan will shape the city for the next 10, 20, 50 and even 100 years.

Safeguarding our natural environment is key function. Nelson Nature is a significant commitment and requires our attention. We will have a Regional Pest Management Plan to give effect to and also address significant biodiversity and biosecurity matters. There is the implementation of the NES-Freshwater Management and we can draw on the success of Project Mahitahi/Maitai. In the development area there is the NES-Urban Development to give effect to which requires a joint strategy with TDC for the Nelson/Richmond area. Enabling housing choices and ensuring our citizens have affordable, safe, warm and dry homes is another priority. We also need to ensure our community can have confidence in the council’s regulatory functions and that council remains responsive to the needs of the community and customers.

The Mayor was already advised Council that she will lead the Nelson Plan processes. Together, along with the Group Manager Strategy and Environment, the Mayor and I are assessing the remaining workload of the Committee to determine respective lead roles. The

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Mayor intends to lead a review of Bylaws. To progress the responsibilities of the Committee in the meantime, we have agreed that I will lead the Committee in the remaining areas.

We will major workload dealing with a number of substantial issues that have significant consequences for our community and the future. .

Conclusion

That the update provided in this report is noted.

Brian McGurk

Co-Chair - Planning and Regulatory Committee

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Nil

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Important considerations for decision making	
1. Fit with Purpose of Local Government	Section 10 of LGA 2002 requires local government to perform regulatory functions in a way that is most cost-effective for households and businesses. This quarterly report identifies the performance levels of regulatory functions.
2. Consistency with Community Outcomes and Council Policy	The Council's Long Term Plan includes performance measures for various activities and this report enables the Council to monitor progress towards achieving these measures
3. Risk	The high level of consent application numbers may lead to some statutory timeframes not being met. Regular communications are occurring with agents and developers to minimise the impacts of this.
4. Financial impact	No additional resources have been requested.
5. Degree of significance and level of engagement	The decision is not a significant decision in terms of the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.
6. Inclusion of Māori in the decision making process	No consultation with Māori has been undertaken
7. Delegations	The Planning and Regulatory Committee has the power to decide and perform duties relating to developing and monitoring policies, environmental monitoring and performance monitoring of Council's regulatory activities.

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