

Full Council meeting of 28th August 2024

Draft Spatial Plan

Elected members unanimously approved to notify the draft spatial plan and to use the special consultative procedure of the local Government Act 2002 to seek feedback and hear comments on the draft. This is an extensive piece of work which began in November 2022 and has had significant input from various stakeholders to date. The draft spatial plan provides a 30 year vision of planning for the Kaikōura township and surrounding Kaikoura flats. It identifies areas for future development and intensification. If adopted, the final spatial plan will help guide the update to the wider District plan.

Representation Review

Following zero submissions from the community in regard to the initial representation review proposal, elected members unanimously adopted the initial proposal as the final proposal. The outcomes from the representation review will be used for the 2025 triennial elections in October 2025. The key points of the final proposal include:

- That the Council comprise seven (7) Councillors and the Mayor, all elected at large (by the electors of the district as a whole).
- That the Council does not establish any wards
- That the Council does not establish any community boards.

Engagement with community helps steer Reserve Management Plan Direction

Three of the Reserve Management Plan draft ideas were discussed by Mayor and Councillors with community ideas and feedback playing a well acknowledged hand.

South Bay Domain, Takahanga Domain and The Top 10 Holiday Park were discussed with an objective to creating draft Reserve Management Plans for community consultation over the coming year.

This followed nearly three months of community engagement around each draft Reserve Management Plan including several open to the public drop-in sessions for further engagement and feedback sharing.

The draft RMP consultation documents will include maps of the reserve boundaries to avoid confusion between road reserves and recreational reserves.

A resolution was carried unanimously for the following:

- a) That the Council accept this report*
- b) Notes that all submitters have been thanked for their input*
- c) That the Council direct staff to develop a Draft Reserve Management Plan for the South Bay Domain/Racecourse Reserve in accordance with the Reserves Act 1977, for Option 1 (Enhanced use / Activities) with amendments as appropriate.*
- d) That the Council direct staff to develop a Draft Reserve Management Plan for the Takahanga Domain Reserve in accordance with the Reserves Act 1977, for Option 2 (Enhanced use) with amendments as appropriate.*

- e) *That the Council direct staff to develop a Draft Reserve Management Plan for the Top 10 Holiday Park Reserve in accordance with the Reserves Act 1977, for Option 1 (Enhanced use), with amendments as appropriate.*

Other Decisions made in Council this week:

Discretionary Grants Process.

Elected members approved updated criteria and application form for the discretionary grants fund process. This is an annual process for the allocation of up to \$100,000 of funding to community groups. Applications will open next year on the 3rd March 2025 and will need to be submitted by the 31st March 2025 at the latest. No late submissions will be accepted. Council will make decisions with regard to the funding allocation on Wednesday 30th April 2025.

Takahanga Main Power Multisport Courts redevelopment funding

The Council resolved to commence Stage 1 of the repair work at the current tennis courts with the aim that the work will be completed in time for the busy summer period. This is a fantastic step forward for the project.