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**Waitemata Harbour
Foreshore Reserves
Management Plan Joint
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GLOSSARY

Draft Waitemata Harbour Foreshore Reserves Management Plan (draft Plan)
Waitemata Harbour Foreshore Reserves Management Plan Joint Subcommittee (the Subcommittee)
The Waitemata Harbour Foreshore Reserves (the Reserves)

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to propose amendments to the Draft Waitemata Harbour Foreshore Reserves Management Plan (draft Plan), based on issues raised in submissions and provide for the finalisation of the draft Plan by the Waitemata Harbour Foreshore Reserves Management Plan Joint Subcommittee (the Subcommittee).

BACKGROUND

A Reserve Management Plan process has been underway in order to guide the management of the Waitemata Harbour Foreshore Reserves (the Reserves). The process of preparing a Reserve Management Plan for the Reserves has involved research and analysis of the numerous reserve values, iwi consultation, extensive consultation with communities and an ecological assessment.

The Waitemata Harbour Foreshore Reserves Management Plan Joint Subcommittee (the Subcommittee) was established in November 2005, with delegated authority to oversee the process of preparing the draft Plan.

An Advisory Group was established in October 2005 to oversee the development of the draft Plan.

The intention to prepare a Reserve Management Plan for the local Reserves along the Waitemata Harbour Foreshore was publicly notified in February 2006.

In April 2007, the Advisory Group recommended that the completed draft Plan be presented to the subcommittee for approval to publicly notify the draft Plan for the second round of submissions. The submission period closed Monday, 20 August 2007.

At the Subcommittee meeting, held on Friday, 25 May 2007, it was decided that a hearing of submissions be held separately to the adoption of the draft Plan, in September 2007. This was a change to original Reserve Management Plan process.

The hearing of submissions was held on Tuesday, 4 September 2007. This was followed by an Advisory Group meeting on Monday, 10 September, where issues raised in both written submissions and at the hearing were discussed, along with recommended amendments to the draft Plan based on such issues.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The draft Plan has been prepared within the context of The Waitakere City Council's Strategic Priorities and Platforms. The Strategic Platforms particularly relevant to the draft Plan are the Green Network, Urban and Rural Villages, Strong Communities and Three Waters.

The Waitemata Harbour Foreshore Reserves (the Reserves) provide a significant opportunity to implement the Green Network along one of the Waitakere's major Harbours, through the development of ecological corridors. Public access to existing outstanding vegetation areas and access to and along the coastline will be provided through the Reserve Management Plan.

The Reserves provide areas of green open space, which are an important part of the enhancement of the overall fabric of Waitakere. They also provide for physical and visual access to the coastline. The reserves are therefore important to the Urban and Rural Villages Strategic Platform.

The Reserves are of importance to the Strong Communities Strategic Platform as they have the potential to provide for a community focus and offer recreational opportunities. The Reserves can reflect community identity, to contribute to sense of place, as well as providing an opportunity for community stewardship of reserves. The Reserve Management Plan supports such initiatives.

The Reserves are important to the Three Waters Strategic Platform as they carry stormwater into the harbour environment, and the Reserve Management Plan offers an opportunity for designing innovative management approaches in regard to stormwater, and outfall structures.

The draft Plan is being prepared in the context of the draft Parks and Open Space Strategy (update of the 1999 Parks Strategy), which provides guidelines on the management of parks within Waitakere. The objectives and policies outlined in the draft Plan are guided by the objectives of the Open Space Strategy. The Open Space Strategy aims to improve the quality of parks and provide parks services in a fair and equitable way for Waitakere communities, within financial constraints.

The Waitemata Harbour Foreshore Reserves Management Plan is also being prepared in the context of the Waitakere City Council Leisure Strategy.

ISSUES

The recommended amendments to the draft Plan responds to the issues raised in the second round of submissions, and those raised at the submissions hearings. A total of 13 submissions were received. These are briefly summarised below:

- The majority of Whenuapai Reserves are not able to be accessed, reserves are not defined as public land, and there are issues with late night partying at Waimaire Beach;
- The NZ Motor Caravan Association has requested that independent overnight parking be designated at formed carparks in reserves along the foreshore;

- All foreshore reserves should be treated as public land, and coastal walkways are important;
- Taipari Strand is contaminated and more design proposals should be undertaken in this reserve in regard to this;
- Waitakere needs a park designated for off leash exercise for dogs and their owners, like the park in Auckland City, named Meola Reef;
- The reserves are underutilised, and should be promoted and advertised;
- Six or Seven years ago, this submitter put forward ideas for the redevelopment of Chapman Strand, in Te Atatu Peninsula which the submitter would like to resubmit. Spinnaker Strand also in Te Atatu Peninsula needs more development;
- Residents neighbouring West Harbour Esplanade would like to see amendments to the Reserve Management Plan for that Reserve, in regard to planting proposals;
- The draft Plan should reflect the significant development that will occur within and adjacent to the esplanade reserve, in the Hobsonville area;
- The draft plan is supported, with particular regard to policies around weed control, eco – sourced species for revegetation, planting to reduce erosion, and planting to retain view shafts. The submitter attached a species list for plants that are indigenous to Herald Island, and the submission suggests having a group of council officers working with the community to ensure the correct implementation of the Reserve Management Plan, in regard to the above issues;
- The draft Plan is supported, and the submitters commend the council on its objectives that provide for both the natural and human environments, the submitters propose that the easement to Harbour Reserve, Glendene, at 10 Avenger Place is not required for public access. The submitters would like to offer to purchase this piece of land. Council access for reserve maintenance would be maintained along this area of land, if this proposal is granted;
- Auckland Regional Council supports the preparation of this draft Plan. Auckland Regional Council has provided a detailed submission with comments to assist in the preparation of the draft Plan.

A1-A16

Issues raised in submissions are itemised in the table attached at pages A1 to A16. This table also provides comments that respond to submissions. The table outlines recommended amendments to the draft Plan, based on issues raised in submissions.

The submitters will be notified in regard to the process by which funds are allocated to the works proposed in the draft Plan. This process is outlined below, under resources.

RESOURCES

\$110,000 has been allocated in the 2007/2008 Annual Plan to continue the Reserve Management Plan programme for Waitakere, which includes the draft Plan and associated professional reports and preparation costs.

Funding for development works suggested within the Reserve Management Plan will be established through future Long Term Council Community Plans, and or the Annual Plan process.

CONCLUSION

This report presents a summary of submissions received during the second round of consultation for the draft Plan. Included in this report are recommended amendments to the draft Plan based on issues raised in submissions.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Draft Waitemata Harbour Foreshore Reserves Management Plan Submissions and Recommendations report be received.
2. That the Waitemata Harbour Foreshore Reserves Management Plan, incorporating the following amendments be adopted:

a) Item No 1

That the photographs of all the reserves as highlighted in the draft plan, be included in the final Reserve Management Plan.

Those maps showing the locations of reserves are included in the final reserve management plan, including any new reserves.

b) Item No 2

That all typological and grammatical errors highlighted in submissions and discovered during the amendments to the plan be corrected.

c) Item No 3

That the cultural heritage report as submitted by Te Kawerau A Maki be included in the Reserve Management Plan. That the report by Te Kawerau A Maki be acknowledged in the report.

d) Item No 5

That the Appendix be completed, to include:

1. Planting lists for harbour ecosystems, in context of the changing situations along the foreshore, including an example of restoration planting in poor clay soils in an industrial foreshore site. (Harbour Reserve)
2. Summary of public submissions, preliminary and second round.
3. Parks standards, code of practice
4. Ecological Values summary
5. Leases

e) Item No 6 (2)

That a new Policy be included to Part Two, Section 8.0 as follows:

Policy 8.5

To ensure future access ways to esplanade reserves acquired through subdivisions are considered where appropriate, in Whenuapai.

f) Item No 7 (1)

That the following bullet points be added to Part Three, Table of Works, under Waimaire Beach:

- Council arborist to investigate possibility of staged removal of pine trees on the bank of the reserve. Replant with appropriate stabilising species, such as Pohutukawa, *Metrosideros excelsa*.
- Investigate installation of a staircase leading to the currently inaccessible area of the reserve. Install seating here, where there are views available to the harbour.
- Install reserve signage at reserve entrance.
- Investigate installation of removable bollards or gates to the entrance of the reserve. Liaise with community on the management of bollards and or locking/unlocking of gates.

g) Item No 10 (3)

That the following implementation bullet point be added to Part Two, Policy 2.5:

- Investigate options for providing appropriate methods for planting on contaminated, tidal and boggy sites such as mounding. Liaise with aftercare in regard to this.

That the following bullet points be added to Part Three, Table of Works, under Taipari Strand:

- Incorporate design techniques such as mounding and consider appropriate species selection for future planting into the contaminated, tidal and boggy land.

h) Item No 13

That the following bullet points be added to Part Three, Table of Works, under Spinnaker Strand:

- Develop an area for picnics, including a table and specimen tree planting for shade.

i) Item No 14

That the following bullet point be deleted from Part Three, Table of Works, under West Harbour Esplanade:

- Amenity tree planting in open space, placed strategically to retain views from neighbouring properties.

Replace the above with:

- Retain open space area and implement planting in the reserve that reflects plant schedules as outlined in the 2005/2006 Weed Management Revegetation Programme for West Harbour Esplanade (In Design Guidelines section of this Reserve Management Plan).

j) Item No 15 (1)

- That Lot 4 DP206311, as part of Hobsonville Esplanade is included in Part One Section 3.0.

Item No 15 (2)

- That the concept plans for the Hobsonville Development be included in Part Three.

k) Item No 16 (1)

- That The Herald Island Species List is included in Part Three.

l) Item No 17 (1)

The following implementation bullet point be added to Policy 11.2

- Continue to work with the community to restore Harbour Reserve as an example of restoration of an industrial site, and of community/council partnerships.

Item No 17 (1)

That the planting plan and photos of the Harbour Reserve Project are included in Part Three.

m) Item No 18 (6)

That Part One, Section 2.1 quotes directly from the Reserves Act.

Item No 18 (7)

That Part One Section 2.3 quotes directly from the Historic Places Act.

Item No 18 (8)

That Part One, Section 2.5 References the schedules of protected sites, under the Auckland Regional Plan: Coastal.

Item No 18 (9)

That Part One, Section 2.7 refers to Section 8b from the Hauraki Park Marine Act 2000.

Item No 18 (13)

That the following be added to Part One, Section 6.1.3

Pests identified by Auckland Regional Council includes, mustelids, hedgehogs and rodents.

Item No 18 (15)

That Part One, Section 6.2.4 include information researched in regard to Priors Landing and Woodside Reserve.

Item No 18 (16)

That the Vision Statement in Part Two be amended to read,

“The Waitemata Harbour Foreshore Reserves will be managed to enhance and restore the ecology and landscape character of the coastal environment, and to protect and acknowledge cultural heritage of the

reserves. Also, the reserves will be managed to provide for appropriate access, use, recreation, education and enjoyment.”

Item No 18 (19)

That Part 2, Policy 2.1, Implementation bullet point 8 is amended to read:

Ensure, wherever possible, all new restoration planting is derived from propagated ecosourced species appropriate to the site. Ecosourcing to be in accordance with Waitakere City Councils Ecosourcing Policy.

Item No 18 (21)

That Part 2, Policy 2.4 is corrected to read, Auckland Regional Plan: Coastal.

Item No 18 (23)

That Part 2, Policy 4.1 bullet point 3 is deleted.

Item No 18 (28)

That Part 2, Policy 7.2 is amended to read:

To facilitate public access to and along the harbour and coastal environment through the reserves where practicable.

3. That the Waitemata Harbour Foreshore Reserves Management Plan Joint Subcommittee delegate the authority to sign off the Waitemata Harbour Foreshore Reserves Management Plan amendments to the Group Manager: Planning and Community Services.

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