

VERSION 1: DRAFT FOR DISCUSSION - 15 OCTOBER CO-DESIGN WORKING GROUP MEETING

DRAFT CO-DESIGN REPORT

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 This report:
 - presents the recommendations of the Co-Design Working Group (“**Working Group**”) on the preferred process for Phase Two: The establishment of a Community Assessment Panel for the Takutai Kāpiti: Our Community-led Coastal adaptation project (“**Takutai Kāpiti project**”), covering:
 - (1) Community Assessment Panel (“**Panel**”) design;
 - (2) Scoping section to inform and guide the Panel in their role;
 - (3) Takutai Kāpiti project governance;
 - (4) Panel composition; and
 - (5) Panel appointment.
 - seeks Council’s endorsement of proposed recommendations for the Takutai Kāpiti project.

DELEGATION

- 2 Council has the authority to consider this matter.

BACKGROUND

- 3 This report and recommendations signals a key step forward in the Takutai Kāpiti project.
- 4 As a coastal district, Kāpiti is facing significant environmental challenges from our changing climate and associated rising sea and groundwater levels, alongside increases in the frequency and severity of storm events.
- 5 The Proposed Kāpiti Coast District Plan notified in 2012 introduced new planning provisions relating to coastal hazards that were challenged through a wide range of submissions. The provisions were ultimately withdrawn in 2014. Work continued on the remainder of the Proposed District Plan, with the intention for the Council to subsequently return to address the coastal provisions at a later stage.
- 6 On 7 August 2017 a report titled ‘*Climate Change and variability - Wellington Region*’ (the Climate Report) was presented by NIWA to Greater Wellington Regional Council (“**GWRC**”) and the mayors of the territorial authorities in the region. At this meeting a proposal was made to establish a Wellington Regional Climate Change Working Group (“**WRCCWG**”) made up of elected members from all councils in the region, to enable a regional response to climate change issues.
- 7 In June 2019 GWRC released *Preparing coastal communities for climate change*¹. This report was overseen by the WRCCWG Subgroup, including members representing KCDC and Kāpiti Iwi and Hapū. The report assessed a range of vulnerability criteria and identified priority areas within the region for coastal adaptation planning.
- 8 In May 2019 Kāpiti Coast District Council (“**KCDC**”) declared a climate emergency on the Kāpiti Coast.

¹ Mitchell Daysh, 2019. Greater Wellington Regional Council - Preparing Coastal Communities for Climate Change: Assessing coastal vulnerability to climate change, sea level rise and natural hazards.

- 9 The early formation of a Co-Design Working Group was initiated in December 2019 involving representatives of KCDC, Coastal Ratepayers United (“**CRU**”), North Ōtaki Residents Beach Group (“**NORBG**”) and a representative of Ngāti Toa Rangatira.
- 10 In March 2020 KCDC and the Iwi–ART Confederation agreed a scope that set out Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki, Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai and Ngāti Toa Rangatira (“**ART Confederation**”) involvement in the co-design process of the Takutai Kāpiti project, as part of a dedicated ART Confederation Coastal Advisory Group (“**ARTCAG**”).
- 11 On 8 March 2020, the Takutai Kāpiti: Climate Change and Our Coast Summit 2020 launched the Takutai Kāpiti project through a conference and community event.

TAKUTAI KĀPITI: OUR COMMUNITY-LED COASTAL PROJECT

- 12 Takutai Kāpiti project is split into three phases:
 - **Phase One:** Launched and co-designed the project and community-led process (December 2019 – November 2020).
 - **Phase Two:** will involve the establishment of a Community Assessment Panel from early-2021, consisting of iwi, community and other key stakeholder/ agency representatives, to consider our district’s response to the impacts of climate change on the coast.
 - **Phase Three:** Recommendations to Council and implementation planning (2022 onwards).

TAKUTAI KĀPITI CO-DESIGN WORKING GROUP

- 13 The Working Group was formed under Phase One of the Takutai Kāpiti project.
- 14 The Working Group consists of representatives from our Tiriti Partners, GWRC, CRU, NOBRG, Friends of Queen Elizabeth Regional Park, Waikanae Estuary Care Group, Friends of the Ōtaki River, along with KCDC staff.
- 15 Climate change portfolio holders from KCDC and GWRC, and one representative each from the Ōtaki, Waikanae, Paraparaumu/ Raumati, and Paekākāriki Community Boards attended the Working Group meetings in the role of observers.
- 16 The organisations represented on the Working Group agreed that developing and notifying replacement District Plan coastal provisions with community input is an urgent priority.
- 17 A Terms of Reference for the Working Group was finalised at the May 2020 meeting.
- 18 GWRC, KCDC and NOBRG representatives from the Working Group were involved in the selection process for the Coastal Science and Engineering Services for the Takutai Kāpiti project.
- 19 The Working Group met on the following dates:
 - 6 December 2019
 - 21 February 2020
 - 17 April 2020
 - 8 May 2020
 - 24 September 2020
 - 7 October 2020
 - 16 October 2020
 - 13 November 2020

- 20 The Working Group objective was to discuss and finalise preferences and recommendations to KCDC on the preferred process for Phase Two of the Takutai Kāpiti project.
- 21 A consensus decision-making model was used in formulating Working Group recommendations.

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

- 22 The Working Group has agreed to the following recommendations for Council's consideration:
- 22.1 Panel Design
 - 22.2 Panel scope
 - 22.3 Project governance
 - 22.4 Panel composition
 - 22.5 Panel appointment process

PANEL DESIGN

- 23 The Working Group proposes a single-Panel model. This approach will provide:
- District-wide overview and consistency.
 - Scope to allow the Panel to work by sub-topic, rohe, catchment, and geographic location (as deemed appropriate), based upon the specialist advice received.
- 24 This approach also addresses concerns raised to Council on 17 September that a multiple-panel model is not able to be delivered within current allocated budget and resourcing, unless timeframes are significantly altered.

PANEL SCOPE

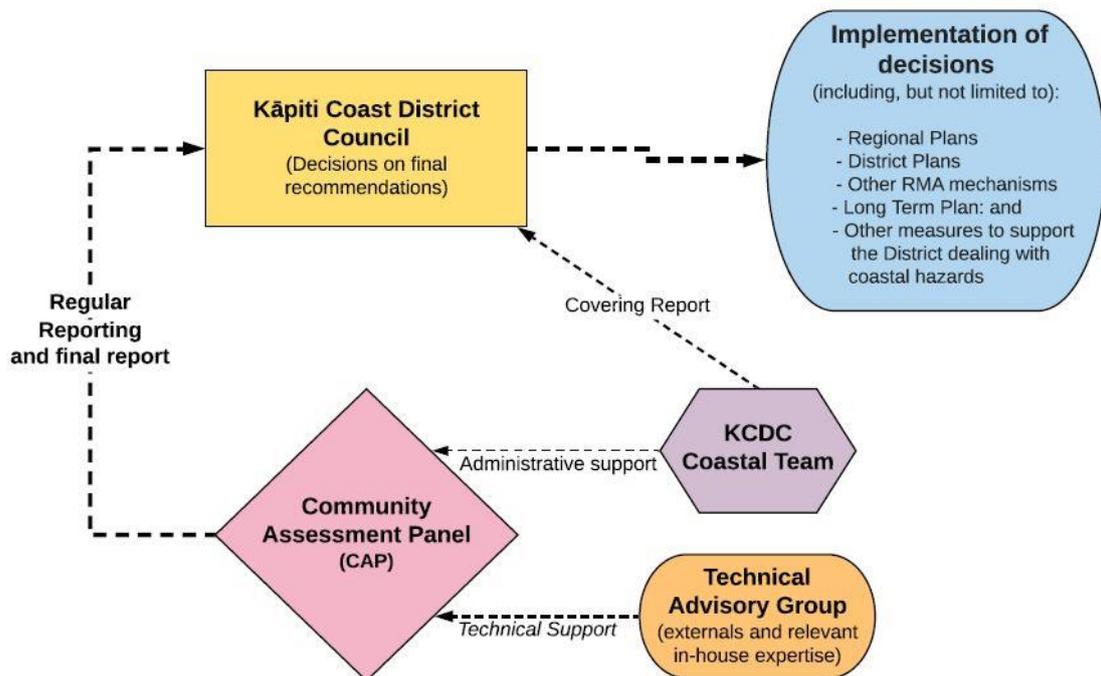
- 25 The Working Group drafted a scope to inform and guide the Panel in their role. This is important to ensure the parameters the Panel is working within are clearly established from the outset.
- 26 The following wording was agreed:
- The Takutai Kāpiti project involves the establishment of a Panel consisting of iwi, community and other key stakeholder/ agency representatives who will have access to cultural, technical, social and economic advice to inform their process.
 - This process should deliver recommendations on coastal adaptation options for Council's consideration. It should guide development of District Plan provisions to manage coastal issues and an approach for the district dealing with coastal hazards.
 - The Panel will work to actively seek wider community feedback and input as part of the process.
 - The Panel will have wider engagement with the Kapiti community of the impacts of climate change and sea-level rise.
- 27 Further detailed terms of reference will be confirmed by the Panel at its establishment.

TAKUTAI KĀPITI PROJECT GOVERNANCE

28 The Working Group agreed on the following components for the Takutai Kāpiti project governance structure:

- The Panel report directly to Council (with an internal Council Project Steering Group structure).
- The Council provides administrative support to the Panel.
- The Panel will be advised by a Technical Advisory Group consisting of in-house (KCDC/ GWRC staff) and external expertise (e.g. Coastal science and engineering).
- The elected Council makes the final decisions on recommendations delivered via a report directly from the Panel.
- Iwi are represented at all levels of the governance structure.

29 The diagram below provides an overview of the agreed governance structure.



PANEL COMPOSITION

- 30 Taking into account the single-panel model, the Working Group agreed on the following composition and numbers for the Panel.

Community Assessment Panel Composition		
Panel Members: <i>Speaking & voting rights</i>		Panel Observers: <i>No speaking or voting rights</i>
Residents/Community	6/8	GWRC: Climate change portfolio holder Councillor Nash
Iwi Kaumātua	4*	KCDC: Climate change portfolio holder Councillor Handford
DOC (Asset interests)	1	Other Community Board Members x4
GWRC (Asset Interest)	1	
KCDC (Asset Interests)	1	
Chair (TBC)	1	
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- 31 The Working Group also agreed that the selection process for Panel members will have regard to the need to ensure the Panel is representative of the diversity of the Kāpiti Coast community and brings together a mix of knowledge, skills and experience relevant to the project and including:
- People with a special relationship and commitment to the Kapiti Coast community, such as - long term residents, active in local environmental work, different interest and user groups.
 - People with analytic and technical skills to evaluate information and make decisions.
 - People with an understanding of Māori language, tikanga, history and cultural values (such as in cases where Māori heritage, tāonga, or ancestral relationships could be affected).
 - People with experience in group or committee decision-making.
- 32 The Working Group proposes that this wording accompanies the advertising for the Panel which will also set out the commitment required in taking part.

PANEL APPOINTMENT

RECOMMENDATIONS

33 That the Council endorses the following Working Group recommendations for the Takutai Kāpiti project:

- A single-panel for the district;
- Scoping section to inform and guide the Panel;
- Governance structure for the Takutai Project;
- Desired composition and numbers on the Panel;
- Process for appointing members to the Panel.

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