

Elected Member Briefing – 31 January 2019
Commencing at 1.30pm in Committee Room One

Time	Topic	HCC Presenter(s)	Open / Closed	Time Req'd (mins)
1.30pm	Future Proof – Growth Management Partnerships <i>(Growth & Infrastructure Committee)</i>	Blair Bowcott	Open	120
3.30pm	MEETING ENDS			

Growth Management Partnerships



31 January 2019

Agenda

- Hamilton to Auckland Corridor Plan
- Hamilton-Waikato Metro Spatial Plan
- Partnership Arrangements to deliver Plans

Hei Awarua ki te Oranga

Corridor for Wellbeing

NOT GOVERNMENT
POLICY OR THE VIEW
OF ANY ONE
ORGANISATION

12 December 2018

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A draft
summary of
shared spatial
intent
for the
**Hamilton-
Auckland**
corridor

*Encompassing the
settlements along the
transport corridor between
Cambridge and Papakura*



H2A Corridor Plan

- Recap:
 - H2A Corridor Plan presents New Zealand's best growth opportunity & the Plan aims to realise this
 - Developed in partnership between Central Government, Local Government and Iwi
 - It is a key focus of Central Government to deliver on their Urban Growth Agenda
 - Links to interim rail case and rapid rail case
 - Links to infrastructure funding and financing work

H2A Corridor Plan

- Deliverables:
 - A spatial plan for future urban growth along the corridor
 - A draft programme of possible key transformative projects
 - Key project relevant to HCC is the ***‘Hamilton-Waikato Metro Spatial Plan’*** and associated projects
 - An enduring plan will require a partnership arrangement to deliver
- Next Milestone:
 - Governance Group meeting on 15th February 2019 to sign off draft Plan, proposed partnership arrangement and emerging work programme

Metro Spatial Plan



FOCUS AREA 3: HAMILTON-WAIKATO METRO AREA

Key Initiative 3: Council-Crown-Iwi Metro Spatial Plan

Develop a 'short & sharp' Council-Crown-Iwi spatial plan for the emerging metropolitan area that includes Ngaruawahia, Horotiu, Te Kowhai, Hamilton and surrounding villages, Hautapu, Cambridge and the airport precinct.

What will this deliver?



Will identify locations for additional housing development, or areas where higher density can be achieved to support delivery of affordable housing choices



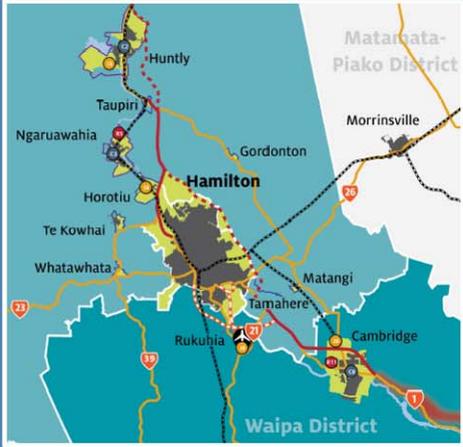
Will identify areas for protection whilst ensuring development is appropriately located, with access to services, across the wider metro area, irrespective of administrative boundaries



Will ensure that employment is considered alongside residential development, and the connection to mass transit routes and hubs



Will identify future employment areas – both commercial and industrial – across the wider metro area



The Opportunity

The Corridor Plan is anchored at each end by the growing metropolitan areas of Auckland and Hamilton (and their surrounds).

The Hamilton-Waikato wider metro area is growing fast, and this growth is projected to continue into the future. It's not just Hamilton that has high growth, the wider sub-region has the potential to grow to around 500,000 people over the long term (50+ years). The result is an emerging metropolitan area that sits across local government boundaries.

Noting this, there is an opportunity for partners to work together to support and unlock the residential and employment development potential of this area through joint planning and integrated growth management.

The metro spatial plan will identify the long-term desired overall urban form and the key development, infrastructure and service investment priorities across the wider area irrespective of boundaries. This will in turn support the delivery of housing, network and social infrastructure.

This project is transformational in the fact that it requires a joint effort across Central Government, Local government, and Iwi, and will likely require new planning and funding tools to implement.

Project Outline

What could be included?

- Key future residential and/or commercial development areas
- Key sites for new facilities and sites of metro/regional significance
- The desired future metro transport networks, including a plan for mass transit
- A plan to address water and wastewater issues – this is critical to being able to support growth

- Other strategically significant priorities for the region or corridor
- Priority areas for investment including key transformational projects
- Identify pilot areas to test new funding/planning tools
- No-go areas and areas for mitigating development impacts or restoring environmental qualities
- A strategic discussion on biodiversity/ecological offsets



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Metro Spatial Plan

- What it is?
 - Joint long-term growth planning in partnership with Central Government and Iwi
 - Will identify a 100 year framework for wider metro area
 - Will identify key opportunities and potential pilots for new Government planning, funding and financing tools
 - Our “Greater Hamilton/GHUGS” project
 - Covers area surrounding Hamilton from Taupiri/Ngaruawahia to Cambridge/Te Awamutu
- It has significant political visibility at a Central Government level
- It will be used as the model for joint spatial planning for other areas of the country

Metro Spatial Plan

- Within the overall Metro Plan are 9 sub-projects:
 - Sub-regional Waters Investigation
 - Mass Transit Plan
 - Intercity Rail between Auckland and Hamilton
 - Open Space and recreational networks programme
 - Biodiversity offsetting
 - North opportunities: Horotiu, Rotokauri, Te Rapa North, Te Kowhai
 - East opportunities: Ruakura and east of WEX
 - South opportunities: Hautapu, Cambridge, Te Awamutu, Peacocke and Airport
 - Central Opportunities: Hamilton CBD

Metro Spatial Plan

How will it progress?

- HCC will be taking a lead role and will provide programme/project management resources and technical staff
- MHUD and NZTA will provide technical staff
- Other partners will also contribute resourcing
- Will require a Partnership arrangement to deliver

Partnerships for delivery

- What is needed to deliver on H2A and Metro Spatial Plan?
 - A Partnership between the relevant councils, central government and Iwi
 - Potential to repurpose existing arrangements to deliver on this new work programme
- Getting H2A right and the governance arrangements are a priority for government in growth management partnerships (a model for NZ)

Summary of Feedback from Last Briefing

- Need for long term growth management
- Agree partnership is needed
 - Need active joint conversations and the right conversations
 - Relies on relationships
 - Must have ministerial representation
- Strong endorsement for long term spatial plan for greater Hamilton (Metro Spatial Plan)
- Future Proof has delivered value/outcomes but is not delivering HCC needs at present

Summary of Feedback from Last Briefing cont'd

- Current perceptions:
 - Future Proof – planning focus, too slow to react
 - H2A Governance – execution focus, progressive, nimble
- Future Proof needs:
 - To change to conversation to be more strategic
 - Focus reviewed so it is clear what it does
 - Name change
 - Deliver economic and wellbeing outcomes in growth context
 - Keep the H2A plan moving at pace

Proposal

- Use Future Proof governance, management and technical model but repurpose:
 - Invite Government and Auckland Council to join
 - Name change
 - Focus/Purpose reviewed (wider purpose than planning)
 - Memorandum of Understanding/Terms of Reference reviewed
 - Identified strategic stakeholders (e.g. MPDC in context of Morrinsville)
- Reflects Minister and government preferred partnership model
- New primary focus is to respond to Hamilton to Auckland Corridor Plan in context of Government Urban Growth Agenda and growth planning for the sub-region

Proposal cont'd

- Gives effect to Future Development Strategy (NPS on Urban Development Capacity), Government Urban Growth Agenda, Regional Policy Statement, Growth Strategies and other planning processes (e.g. UDA)
- Retain independent chair (noting contract finishes at election)
 - Focus on successful transition, review scope in light of new governance
- Review resourcing/independent advice needed for the future(noting contract finishes June 2019)

Key messages for HCC

- The H2A Corridor Plan and Metro Spatial Plan have high levels of visibility and support (Government and other councils)
- HCC needs to update its Urban Growth Strategy (GHUGS) and this is the recommended process to do it
- A Partnership arrangement is needed to deliver these projects
- Repurposing and refocusing Future Proof recommended by staff and supported by all other partners – existing key players at the table plus government and Auckland Council BUT with a new mandate
- A transition period will be required (by June 2019)
- Metro Spatial Plan is where rubber hits the road for HCC

Next Steps

- Council Report 7 February 2019
- CEO meeting 11 February 2019
- H2A Governance Group 15 February 2019
- Future Proof implementation Committee
20 February 2019