



Cabinet Economic Development Committee

Minute of Decision

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Urban Growth Partnerships, Joint Spatial Plans and Urban Growth Programmes

Portfolio **Urban Development**

On 5 August 2020, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee:

- 1 **noted** that historically there has been a lack of co-ordination between central and local government regarding the future growth of New Zealand's high growth urban centres, and the infrastructure investment required to support this;
- 2 **noted** that:
 - 2.1 urban growth partnerships are being progressed as part of the government's Urban Growth Agenda (UGA);
 - 2.2 the partnerships provide a forum for central government, local government and mana whenua to align and integrate housing, land use and infrastructure planning decision making processes, and collaborate on the strategic direction for New Zealand's high growth urban areas;
- 3 **noted** that the urban growth partnerships programme comprises three core components:
 - 3.1 an enduring urban growth partnership/governance structure;
 - 3.2 joint spatial plans outlining how and where the area will grow over 30+ years;
 - 3.3 joint work programmes comprising key transformational initiatives;
- 4 **noted** the progress made on developing draft joint spatial plans for the Hamilton-Waikato metropolitan area, Tauranga-Western Bay of Plenty metropolitan area and Queenstown Lakes area, as outlined in the paper under DEV-20-SUB-0166, with drafts now nearing completion for public consultation in late 2020 or early 2021;
- 5 **noted** that work on a Wellington-Horowhenua joint spatial plan is progressing, and will be reported to Ministers later in 2020;
- 6 **noted** that the Resource Management Review Panel has recommended that regional spatial strategies be prepared, based on the joint-spatial plans under the UGA;

- 7 **agreed** that:
- 7.1 the Crown join the existing Smart Growth partnership for Tauranga-Western Bay of Plenty;
 - 7.2 the Minister for Urban Development and the Minister of Local Government represent central government on the expanded Smart Growth partnership;
- 8 **agreed** to the Smart Growth Partnership Agreement and Terms of Reference, as outlined in Appendix A to the paper under DEV-20-SUB-0166;
- 9 **agreed** that the joint spatial plans and associated joint urban growth work programmes for Hamilton-Waikato, Tauranga-Western Bay of Plenty and Queenstown Lakes can be finalised by the respective urban growth partnership governance forums after public consultation if the plans remain consistent with the following strategic priorities:
- 9.1 identifying areas to be protected from urban development and spatial constraints on development (including hazards), and seeking to avoid or moderate any future urban development in relation to these;
 - 9.2 ensuring the impacts of climate change are considered and mitigated where possible;
 - 9.3 identifying strategic infrastructure corridors or sites that may be required over the long term;
 - 9.4 locating all future development at scale around a new or strengthened rapid and/or frequent public transport network;
 - 9.5 setting out a range of appropriate future growth opportunities through both urban intensification and expansion that are well-connected by public transport and active modes that are appropriate for the scale and location of development;
 - 9.6 supporting ‘well-functioning urban environments’ as defined by the National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020;
 - 9.7 providing sufficient capacity over the next 30 years to meet expected demand as defined in the National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020;
- 10 **agreed** that if changes are proposed during public consultation to the joint spatial plans and associated joint urban growth work programmes that are inconsistent with the strategic priorities outlined above, the plan will be submitted to Cabinet for consideration;
- 11 **noted** that the Auckland joint work programme has now been updated for the next 12 months;
- 12 **noted** that the joint work programmes have largely been developed within existing planning, funding and financing frameworks, and that no central government funding commitments are required.

Janine Harvey
Committee Secretary

Present: (see over)

Present:

Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon Kelvin Davis
Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)
Hon Phil Twyford
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon David Parker
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Jenny Salesa
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon Kris Faafoi
Hon Shane Jones
Hon Willie Jackson
Hon James Shaw
Hon Eugenie Sage

Officials present from:

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