

# Activity 1.3: District Planning

## Accountable Manager: Brigitte de Ronde

### What services are provided?

- Monitor the operation and effect of the District Plan;
- Maintain the operative Christchurch City Plan and Banks Peninsula District Plan - including processing of Council-led plan changes;
- Process private proposed plan changes to the District Plan;
- Prepare the new proposed Christchurch District Plan (combining the Christchurch City Plan and Banks Peninsula District Plan).

### Why do we provide these services?

The Council is required to have a district plan by the Resource Management Act 1991.

The Christchurch City District Plan (of which the Banks Peninsula District Plan is now a part) sets out how the Council intends to manage land use and development. This is to ensure the sustainable management of the City's natural and physical resources and promote the social, cultural and economic wellbeing of the community.

What outcomes are we trying to achieve?	How do the services contribute to desired outcomes?
<p><i>The District Plan is an important mechanism for implementing the Council's strategies, implementing Recovery Plans (where appropriate) and achieving community outcomes. This includes the following community outcomes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>Groundwater is safeguarded from the effects of land use</i></li> <li>➤ <i>New urban areas are integrated with existing urban land uses and towns</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Suburban centres provide a focus for services, employment and social interaction</i></li> <li>➤ <i>There is sufficient housing to accommodate residents</i></li> <li>➤ <i>The city's heritage and taonga are conserved for future generations</i></li> <li>➤ <i>There is adequate and appropriate land for residential, commercial, industrial and agricultural uses.</i></li> <li>• <i>Landscapes and natural features are protected and enhanced</i></li> <li>• <i>Urban areas are well-designed and meet the needs of the community</i></li> <li>• <i>Household location and increased housing density is in line with urban development strategy targets</i></li> <li>• <i>Sites and places of significance to tangata whenua are protected</i></li> </ul>	
<p>The following outcomes guide the Council's activities in preparing and maintaining the District Plan.</p>	
<p>Statutory obligations are met by the Council</p> <p>Decisions are transparent and informed by timely, accurate and robust information and advice</p>	<p><i>The Council is required to have a district plan by the Resource Management Act 1991 and to monitor the operation and effect of the plan. The Council is also required to process proposed changes to the plan, and must follow statutory processes and timeframes in doing so.</i></p> <p><i>Processing proposed changes to the District Plan involves assessing the issues giving rise to the proposed change and options for best addressing these issues.</i></p> <p><i>Monitoring helps to ensure that decisions are informed by an understanding of how the District Plan is operating, and its effectiveness.</i></p>
<p><b>Which group or section of the community will benefit from this activity?:</b>            Current and future residents of Christchurch and visitors, businesses, developers, property owners, council, and network utility operators.            Persons seeking private plan changes.</p>	
<p><b>Key legislation:</b>            Resource Management Act 1991; CER Act 2011; Local Government Act 2002; Land Transport Management Act 2003 (amended 2008), Reserves Act 1977,  <b>Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Strategy and Plans.</b></p>	

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### Performance Standards for LTP

Performance Standards for LTP	Current performance	Benchmarks	Recommended LOS	Rationale	LTP Committee Direction
<b>Maintain the operative Christchurch City Plan and Banks Peninsula District Plan - including processing of Council-led plan changes</b>					
1.3.1 Maintain a fully operative Christchurch City District Plan		Resource Management Act 1991 requirement	Ensure both territorial sections of the Plan are fully operative	The Christchurch City District Plan currently consists of two documents, the City Plan and the Banks Peninsula District Plan. Both plans are very near being made fully operative with each having only one outstanding matter to be resolved.  It is our intention to make both sections operative in the next 12 months, and to maintain thereafter.	Accepted
1.3.6 Development and processing of all Council-led plan changes complies with statutory processes and timeframes	100%	Resource Management Act 1991 requirement	100% of development and processing of Council-led plan changes comply with statutory processes and timeframes	Provides assurance that the Council is administering the Plan according to statutory requirements. Timelines are tracked through each plan change project plan.	Accepted
<b>Process private proposed changes to the District Plan</b>					
1.3.4 Processing of all privately-requested plan changes complies with statutory processes and timeframes	100%	Resource Management Act 1991 requirement	100% of processing of privately- requested plan changes comply with statutory processes and timeframes	Provides assurance that the Council is administering the Plan according to statutory requirements and/or directed by an approved recovery plan. Timelines are tracked through each plan change project plan.	Accepted

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<b>Monitor the operation and effect of the District Plan</b>					
1.3.2 Monitor operation and effectiveness of Christchurch City District Plan		Resource Management Act 1991 requirement	1.3.2.2 Release Section 35 monitoring report at least every 5 years – next due by 2014/15	There are two types of monitoring done with respect to the District Plan. One is under Section 35 of the RMA which requires the Council to monitor, and report at least every five years, on the efficiency and effectiveness of the Plan. This monitoring of the Plan assists in shaping the review scheduled to be started by 2015 (see 1.3.5).	Accepted
<b>Prepare the proposed new Christchurch District Plan (combining the Christchurch City Plan and Banks Peninsula District Plan)</b>					
1.3.5 Commence review of Christchurch City District Plan	New	Resource Management Act 1991 requirement	1.3.5.1 District Plan review is commenced in 2014/15 financial year  1.3.5.2 Draft District Plan is notified within 3 years of commencement	Section 79 of the Resource Management Act 1991 requires that a local authority must commence a review of its District Plan if the plan has not been subject to a proposed plan, a review or a plan change during the previous 10 years.  While the District Plan (which consists of two separate plans with different structures) has been subject to many plan changes, there is a need to bring the two documents together within one structure. This brings with it the opportunity to update the plan with new thinking and according to best practice, making the plan more user-friendly and giving more certainty to the recovery of Christchurch.	Accepted

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### Non-LTP Performance Standards

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<b>Maintain the operative Christchurch City Plan and Banks Peninsula District Plan - including processing of Council-led plan changes (cont'd)</b>					
1.3.3 Prepare prioritised programme of plan changes and get approval from the Council on an annual basis		None available	<p>1.3.3.1 Present a prioritised work programme, matched to staff capacity and availability, for Council approval annually by 30 June for the following financial year</p> <p>1.3.3.2 Elected members are satisfied that planning advice is timely, relevant and supported by comprehensive and reliable information – <i>target to be set for 2013/14 after baseline survey</i></p>	<p>The District Planning work programme includes projects such as plan changes (both private and Council-led), input on Notices of Requirement, researching issues, giving effect to the Regional Policy Statement and National Policy Statement and Environmental Standards, advice internally and externally, input on appeals, submissions on national and local plans and strategies, public consultation, hearings, and maintaining relationships with key stakeholders amongst other matters. Linked to 1.3.5</p> <p>Baseline survey to be undertaken by 30 June 2013.</p>	Accepted
<b>Monitor the operation and effect of the District Plan (cont'd)</b>					
1.3.2 Monitor operation and effectiveness of Christchurch City District Plan		Resource Management Act 1991 requirement	1.3.2.1 Establish specific monitoring by 30 June each year through the work programme	The other type is specific monitoring required to substantiate plan changes or for understanding issues. This programme is set every year as a part of the District Plan Work programme.	Accepted