



Review of the Significance and Engagement Policy (SEP) 10 Year Plan 2024-2034



What the workshop will include

- 1.The role of the SEP
- 2.Legal Framework
- 3.SEP Background
4. SEP Review
- 5.Strategic Assets List Review
- 6.Summary





The role of the SEP?

- Council is responsible for making decisions on behalf of the city, and for engaging with the community on significant issues, proposals or decisions.
- The role of the SEP is to:
 - Guide Council on assessing what, when and how significant decisions are made.

WHAT: Assess the degree of significance of an issue, proposal or decision

WHEN: Assess when Council will engage with the community on issues, proposals and decisions

HOW: Assess the method and level of community engagement Council will use





The Legal Framework - Policy

- The Policy must be included in the 10 Year Plan under LGA
- Legislative requirement under Section 76AA
- Must include:
 - ✓ General approach to significance
 - ✓ Criteria for assessing consequences
 - ✓ Forms of engagement depending on the degree of significance
 - ✓ List of strategic assets
- Any amendments requires engagement unless council already has sufficient information about community interests and preferences





The Legal Framework – Strategic Assets List

- Defined by Section 5 LGA.
- Council decides what assets achieve or promote the current or future wellbeing of the community.
- If Council wants to make any changes to the ownership or control of these listed assets, they must engage with the community first.





SEP Background

- First adopted on 24 November 2014.
- Last reviewed in 2021 for the 10 Year Plan 2021-2031.
- Last review included:
 - Minor amendments to provide further clarity for staff implementing the policy
 - Minor change in the strategic assets list
- Current review part of Engagement Workstream for 10 Year Plan 2024-2034.





Review of the SEP

Areas of strength

- It stands up well against other SEPs
- Addresses legislative requirements
- Relates to the current Strategic Framework

Areas of improvements

- Stronger aspirational dimension
- Reference to recently adopted plans - Te Taki Haruru – the Māori Strategic Framework and Zero Carbon
- Structural changes for clarity and ease of use
- Additional clarity in the significance assessment process
- Additional definition: consultation vs engagement





Review of other SEPs

Staff reviewed the following Significance and Engagement Policies

- Auckland Christchurch
- Wellington Invercargill
- Palmerston North Otago Regional Council

Interesting features

- ❖ Aspirations in the form of commitment, goals or principles
- ❖ Developed principles section
- ❖ Stronger Māori engagement reference
- ❖ Definitions of terms, particularly consultation vs engagement





Review strategic assets list

Recommended Changes:

- Removal of 231 Stuart Street from the list in preparation for selling the asset.
- Change wording from 'Landfill' facilities to 'Waste Management' Facilities.
- Change wording from 'Moana Pool' to 'Aquatic Facilities Network'.



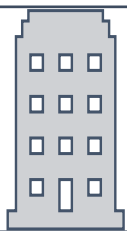


Summary of recommended changes to the Policy



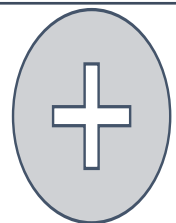
Aspirational dimension in the Policy

- Strengthen strategic commitment to Sustainability and the Treaty
- Strengthen intention to involve the community in decision-making



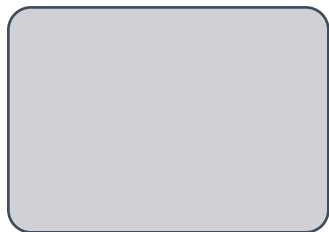
Structural change in the Policy

- Adjustments for clarity (e.g. Move principles at the top and arrange them in categories)



Additions in the Policy

- Strengthen the Māori engagement reference
- Definitions
- Additional guidance for staff



Strategic Assets List

- Proposed changes



