Information Report

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Subject:	**Kaiaua Coast 2120**

Recommendation:

THAT the report be received.

1. Purpose

This report provides an update to the Council on the Kaiaua Coast community planning project.

2. Background

2.1 A recap of the project

Kaiaua Coast 2120 is a community planning process for the Pūkorokoro/Miranda coastal area, situated on the western side of Tikapa Moana o Hauraki | The Firth of Thames. The "Kaiaua Coast" area includes the Waharau, Whakatiwai, Kaiaua and Miranda communities. It is about the Kaiaua Coast communities coming together to define their path for the future, rather than leaving it to chance.

Kaiaua Coast 2120 will look at a wide range of issues around the coast so that we can provide for a resilient and prosperous future over the next 100 years. We'll focus on:

- the effects of climate change and natural hazards
- future development and land use
- economic opportunities
- community infrastructure (including Wharekawa (Kaiaua) Marae, Kaiaua school, roads, utilities, reserves, businesses, ecologically significant areas and tourist attractions).

Kaiaua Coast will provide future direction while enabling the path to change as conditions change and become more known. The project will use the 'adaptive pathways' approach outlined in the Ministry for the Environment's 2017 coastal hazards and climate change guidance for local government.

The TAG is also considering software tools that estimate the impacts and losses for assets exposed to natural hazards, to help make informed decisions.

3.5 Community engagement

The project will involve working together with communities, councils, iwi and a number of special interest organisations to look at a range of issues over the next 100 years. The plan will bring in technical expertise, but local knowledge and views are also essential to the success of the strategy. Ultimately, this work will result in a jointly developed and community-led plan.

Community engagement channels are in the process of being defined and set up:

A community engagement plan is being progressed.

Staff are cognisant of the need to keep the Kaiaua Coast communities informed of what is happening and when they can expect to be involved, while the project representation is still being established.

In that vein, an e-newsletter update will be circulated to Kaiaua Coast subscribers in late September providing an update on the project preparation.

Staff also propose briefing community members at the annual Kaiaua public meeting on Labour Weekend 2019. This also provides an opportunity to invite public input into what local issues and values matter, to inform the planning process.

A proposal for the community panel which will assist in the community-driven approach to the development of the plan is being developed, for consideration by the joint working party. It is anticipated to involve a reasonably large amount of work.

3.6 Next Steps

Once formed in 2019, our next steps for the community panel will involve:

identifying what matters most to Kaiaua Coast communities – what are our values and areas of significance

understanding natural hazards – what the hazards are, then assessing the risk – what effect will the hazards have on our communities, assets, the environment

looking at what can we do about the risks (options, assess options, triggers, identify the preferred pathways) and how can we implement it (district plan changes, regional plan changes, long term plans). Without pre-empting outcomes, options to be considered are likely to include:

- **accommodating:** do we adjust existing assets, e.g. raise floor levels, relocatable houses, flow paths
- **protection:** i.e. hold the line e.g. hard and soft protection structures like sea walls and beach re-nourishment
- **retreat:** move existing development away from coast in a managed way
- **avoidance**: stop putting people in harms way, use land use planning controls
- **how we** combine and sequence of these type of measures.

Taking into account the hazard risks and proposed responses to these risks, how we want the Kaiaua Coast to grow, develop and improve over time.

These elements will be combined into a draft community plan for the Kaiaua Coast.

3.7 Related work

Apart from developing the community plan, the Council, WRC and community members are working on some options to help improve the flow from the Hauarahi stream and reduce the impact of flooding. Proposed work will help manage the effects of storm water, but it won't prevent flooding altogether, or address coastal hazards and the effects of climate change.

HDC expect the work to be done over a two-year period and have allocated $100,000 for the Hauarahi stream work, including:

a) Rock protection of high erosion areas and earthworks
b) Stream clearing and blockage removal.

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