

Report No. 17-70

Information Only - No Decision Required

ONE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION DASHBOARD

1. PURPOSE

1.1. This item is for information purposes. It presents the four-monthly dashboard report showing One Plan implementation progress. A copy of the dashboard is attached as **Annex A**.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee recommends that Council:

a. receives the information contained in Report No. 17-70 and Annex.

3. FINANCIAL IMPACT

3.1. There is no financial impact associated with this item

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

4.1. Publication of the item through the agenda and on the Horizons Regional Council website is considered sufficient.

5. SIGNIFICANT BUSINESS RISK IMPACT

5.1. There is no significant business risk.

6. BACKGROUND

- 6.1. The report is presented every four months to this Committee, as previously agreed at the Regional Council meeting in February 2016.
- 6.2. The dashboard provides a high level overview of progress with One Plan implementation. It is intended to connect with more detailed information provided in other reports.
- 6.3. Most of the dashboard items are reported every four months nutrient management consenting progress for example. However, for some items less frequent reporting is preferable as the measure sees little change, for example One Plan methods implementation (as noted in the February 2016 Report No. 16-23).
- 6.4. This will allow reporting in the course of a year that rotates through a good range of measures. For example, on the Plan's indigenous biodiversity priority, the dashboard will report three different measures once a year wetland / bush protection; freshwater fish habitat protection; and active management of wetlands and bush remnants including pest plant and pest animal control.

7. DISCUSSION

7.1. Quarterly measures that have been updated are mapping of erodible land, nutrient management consents issued, and consented nitrogen reduction. The focus of the measure for infield consents rotates to cultivation in this dashboard. The measure

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updating point source discharge application numbers has been expanded to include the number of territorial and non-territorial authorities' wastewater discharge sites in the Region.

- 7.2. Please note the following technical changes:
 - i. <u>Methods implementation</u>: For the purposes of this dashboard, 'fully implemented' indicates that all aspects of methods set out in the description are being carried out, whether or not the target has been met in full. This enables a more consistent assessment, particularly given that some of the methods' target dates were passed before the One Plan was made operative.
 - ii. <u>*Riparian fencing:*</u> This dashboard shows fencing carried out by / through the Freshwater Team, SLUI, Environmental Grants and the Whanganui Catchment Strategy. A new database system has been introduced since this measure was reported in the February 2016 dashboard, which has corrected some inaccuracies. As a result, the length of pre 2014/15 fencing now shown is less than was originally reported. Checking fence lines against new photography, and information from farm plan audits, have also increased the accuracy of the reporting.
- 7.3. No measure for conversions to intensive land use has been included in this dashboard. We have had difficulties verifying the accuracy of the data in relation to conversions, and consequently are unable to show progress for this measure at present. This is due to complexities in the way the underlying information is recorded. We expect to be able to include a reliable report on the conversions measure in the August 2017 dashboard report.
- 7.4. Further explanatory notes are given on the reverse side of the dashboard

8. CONSULTATION

8.1. This report tracks implementation of One Plan methods across the organisation. Relevant teams have been involved in developing measures and supplying data.

9. SIGNIFICANCE

9.1. This is not a significant decision according to the Council's Policy on Significance and Engagement.

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ANNEXES

A One Plan Implementation Dashboard - April 2017