

PART 2 – DISTRICT-WIDE MATTERS / STRATEGIC DIRECTION / Overview

Overview

This chapter sets out the overarching direction for the District Plan as expressed through Strategic Direction chapters.

In responding to the district's significant resource management issues, the District Plan also helps Council achieve the community outcomes set out in the District's Strategy titled **Far North 2100**. This strategy is based on the Council and Community vision 'He Whenua Rangatira — a district of sustainable prosperity and wellbeing'.

The Strategic Directions reflect those factors which are considered to be key to achieving the overall vision for the pattern and integration of land use within the Far North District.

The Strategic Directions are intended to demonstrate:

1. Commitment to, and articulation of Council's partnership with tangata whenua;
2. Alignment with Council's aspirations for the development and environmental quality of the district as expressed through Far North 2100 - an 80 year strategy for the district;
3. Integrated management through the grouping of environmental considerations which combine to achieve strategic outcomes; and avoiding strategic objectives becoming isolated within various chapters of the District Plan;
4. Achievement of particular aspects of the use, development, or protection of natural and physical resources that have been elevated to matters of national importance by the Resource Management Act and those matters of national and regional significance by National and Regional Policy Statements;
5. A prosperous economy through enabling a wide range of rural and urban business activities in the right locations; and
6. The management of urban growth integrating existing and future infrastructure, providing sufficient land, or opportunity to meet growth demands for housing and business.

For the purposes of preparing, changing, interpreting, and implementing the District Plan, all other objectives and policies in all other chapters of this District Plan are to be read and achieved in a manner consistent with these Strategic Directions.

There is no hierarchy between the stated Objectives (i.e. no one Strategic Objective has primacy over another Strategic Objective, and the Strategic Objectives should be read as a whole).

Activity and location specific objectives and policies are located in the relevant chapter of the District Plan.

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Historic And Cultural Wellbeing

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This Chapter sets out the overarching direction for the district's historic and cultural wellbeing, including cultural prosperity.

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Cultural prosperity

Objectives	
SD-CP- O1	Te Tiriti o Waitangi partnerships <u>and relationships</u> support iwi and hapū to deliver on the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing outcomes for tangata whenua.
SD-CP- O2	Te ao māori, tikanga māori and tangata whenua as kaitiaki, embedded in and integral to decision making.
SD-CP- O3	The district's diverse cultures and communities are celebrated and cultural heritage recognised.
SD-CP- O4	The district's historic heritage is identified and managed to ensure its long-term protection for current and future generations.
SD-CP- O5	A district wide approach to the impacts of climate change and natural hazards, which includes a te ao māori decision making framework, developed with iwi and hapū.

PART 2 – DISTRICT-WIDE MATTERS / STRATEGIC DIRECTION / Economic and social wellbeing**Economic And Social Wellbeing****Overview**

This Chapter sets out the overarching direction for the district's economic and social wellbeing, including social and economic prosperity.

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Social prosperity

Objectives	
SD-SP- O1	Community wellbeing is heightened by a sense of place <u>belonging, connection to the environment, and inclusiveness.</u>
SD-SP- O2	Development of initiatives that will support the wellbeing of Tangata Whenua, in partnership with Iwi and hapū.
SD-SP- O3	Encourage opportunities for fulfilment of the community's cultural, social, environmental, and economic wellbeing.
SD-<u>SCP</u>- O4	Promotion of communities and places <u>which are adaptive to climate change</u> that will meet the needs for not only the present population but future generations. which are adaptive to climate change

Economic prosperity

Objectives	
SD-EP- O1	A high-earning diverse local economy which is sustainable and resilient to economic downturns, with the district's Māori economy making a significant contribution.
SD-EP- O2	Existing <u>and new</u> industries, <u>and enterprises</u> <u>and initiatives</u> are supported and continue to prosper under volatile and changing economic conditions.
SD-EP- O3	Development and retention of highly motivated, educated and skilled people in the district.
SD-EP- O4	People, businesses and places are connected digitally and through <u>an</u> integrated transport networks <u>that is safe, efficient and sustainable</u>
SD-EP- O5	A district economy that is responsive, resilient and adaptive to the financial costs of a changing climate.

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Urban form and development

Overview

This Chapter sets out the overarching direction for the district's urban form and development and aims to improve efficiency and affordability for communities, seeks to contribute to the vibrancy and viability of town centres and solidifying the investment Council makes in development infrastructure.

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Objectives	
SD-UFD- O1	The wellbeing of people who live in and visit towns in the Far North is considered first when it comes to planning places and spaces.
SD-UFD- O2	Urban growth and development consolidated around existing reticulated networks within town centres, supporting a more compact urban form, affordability and providing for a mix of housing typologies.
SD-UFD- O3	Adequate development infrastructure <u>and additional infrastructure</u> is in place or planned to meet the anticipated demands for housing and business activities.
SD-UFD- O4	Urban growth and development is resilient and adaptive to the impacts from natural hazards or climate change.

PART 2 – DISTRICT-WIDE MATTERS / STRATEGIC DIRECTION / Infrastructure and electricity**Infrastructure and electricity****Overview**

This Chapter sets out the overarching direction for the district's infrastructure and electricity resources.

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Objectives	
SD-IE-01	The benefits of infrastructure and renewable electricity generation activities across the district are recognised and provided for, while ensuring their adverse effects are well managed.
SD-IE-02	Infrastructure and renewable electricity generation activities are protected from incompatible land use, subdivision and development that may compromise their effective operation, maintenance, <u>repair</u> and upgrading.

PART 2 – DISTRICT-WIDE MATTERS / STRATEGIC DIRECTION / Rural environment**Rural environment****Overview**

This Chapter sets out the overarching direction for the district's rural environment.

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Objectives	
SD-RE- O1	Primary production activities are able to operate efficiently and effectively and the contribution they make to the economic and social well-being and prosperity of the district is recognised.
SD-RE- O2	Protection of highly productive land from inappropriate development to ensure its production potential for generations to come.

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Natural environment

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This Chapter sets out the overarching direction for the district's natural environment, including environmental prosperity.

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Natural Environment (Environmental prosperity)

Objectives	
SD-NEEP- O1	A culture of stewardship in the community that increases the district's biodiversity and environmental sustainability.
SD-NEEP- O2	Collaborative relationships with iwi and hapū in order to support tangata whenua to carry out their obligation and responsibility as kaitiaki.
SD-NEEP- O3	Active management of ecosystems to protect, maintain and increase indigenous biodiversity for future generations.
SD-NEEP- O4	Land use practices reverse <u>mitigate</u> climate change by enabling carbon storage and reducing carbon <u>greenhouse gas</u> emissions.
SD-NEEP- O5	The natural character of the coastal environment and outstanding natural features and landscapes are managed to ensure their long-term protection for future generations, <u>including their restoration.</u>
SD-NEEP- O6	Areas of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna <u>are and</u> protected for current and future generations.