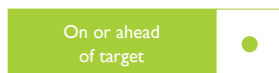


How we performed against the first year of the Long-Term Plan (LTP) 2012/22

The tables below reflect the progress of our key work during 2012/13. Each action/project is linked to the strategic objectives and priorities set in the LTP. The progress at the end of the financial year against each action/project has been represented by:



Strategic Objective:
Improving the quality of life in the Far North.

2012/13 Action/project	Background	Progress
PRIORITY 1: Increase animal control public awareness of their responsibilities, through an on-going process, taking advantage of talks, newspaper articles, etc.		

Increase dog owners awareness of registration requirements and their responsibilities	It is anticipated that growth of the population will bring an increase in the number of dogs to the district. Therefore, unless dog owners are made more aware of their responsibilities, there is the potential for an increase in dog related incidents, resulting in more dogs being impounded. There is a need to increase public awareness of their responsibilities, through an on-going process, taking advantage of talks, newspaper articles, etc.	●
<p>Progress comments: Animal Control team have seized dogs as a result of non-registration. Owners of these dogs have since paid all fees relating to their dogs seizure and dogs have been released from the pound. In some cases, a dog owner will arrange registration payment of their dog to avoid their dog being seized. The 2013/14 dog registration reminders have been sent out, and it has been noticed that the recent newspaper articles relating to Animal Control forthcoming programme to investigate unregistered dogs has brought about an increase in dogs being handed over, resulting in both pounds being full to capacity virtually all the time. Educational programme has been developed and hosted upon request (on-going). Workshops held with Department of Conservation staff at their Kerikeri and Kaitaia branches. Further enquiries have been received from other groups, and further workshops are to be set up in the near future.</p>		

2012/13 Action/project	Background	Progress
PRIORITY 2: Wandering stock require animal control team to work with farmers on matters such as fencing problems on a case by case basis.		

Continue working with stock owners to minimise risk	Wandering stock problems are seasonal. Climate change, increasing wet weather, and the availability of feed, may increase demand for officers to deal with more wandering stock incidents. This will require the group to work with farmers on matters such as fencing problems on a case by case basis.	●
<p>Progress comments: Current stock problems have related to horses in the Kaitaia and Tokerau Beach areas. Regular reports of horses being grazed on private land has resulted in a number being impounded in Kaitaia, along with a number of cows.</p>		