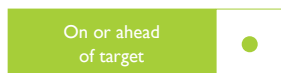


## How we performed against the first year of the Long-Term Plan (LTP) 2012/22

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:  
Responding effectively to the growth of the district.

2012/13 Action/project	Background	Progress
<b>PRIORITY 1: Continue with our programme of under taking prioritised plan changes to improve the quality of the document and subsequent environmental results.</b>		

District Plan changes	Plan changes will be undertaken that better achieve the resource management objectives of the District Plan while improving the workability of the Plan. This will be achieved through the development and preparation of four Plan changes for Council approval.	●
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**Progress comments:** The District Plan Team's target for plan changes requires four changes to the District Plan be presented to Council for approval to commence public notification. Five Plan changes have been notified this financial year and are at various stages in the process.

2012/13 Action/project	Background	Progress
<b>PRIORITY 2: Commence a "rolling review" of the District Plan to meet our statutory obligations.</b>		

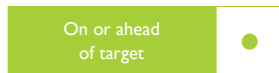
District Plan rolling review programme	Preparation and implementation of a rolling review programme to ensure that Council meets its statutory obligations under the Resource Management Act 1991 to have the District Plan reviewed within 10 years of becoming operative.	●
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**Progress comments:** The District Plan rolling review programme was approved by Council at their June meeting. The review is expected to be completed by December 2017.

2012/13 Action/project	Background	Progress
<b>PRIORITY 3: Continue our involvement in the Inter-Council Working Party on GMOs.</b>		

Inter-Council Working Party (ICWP) on Genetic Engineering (GE)	Council has been a member of the Inter-Council Working Party on GE since 2003; other members include a number of Northland/ Auckland councils. The main tasks of the ICWP are to investigate the risks associated with GE/ GMOs, identify associated liability issues, and consider approaches to managing GE/GMOs.	●
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**Progress comments:** Council continues to participate in the ICWP. Council considered the ICWP recommendations on a GMO plan change and have agreed in principle to proceed with a Plan change to manage GMOs through provisions in the District Plan.



2012/13 Action/project	Background	Progress
<b>PRIORITY 4: Continue to monitor the effectiveness of the District Plan.</b>		

Far North District Plan Monitoring Strategy	The Resource Management Act 1991 requires councils to monitor the efficiency and effectiveness of Plans. Council developed a monitoring strategy in 2009 and since then over 50% of indicators identified in the Strategy have been monitored. Implementation of the Strategy has highlighted a number of areas in the document that could be improved; this will form the basis of a review. Council is also required to report every 5 years on the State of the Environment which has been included in the Monitoring Strategy.	●
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**Progress comments:** Past indicators have been monitored and the report cards and summary report have been approved by the General Management team. The monitoring strategy review has been completed and will remain as a draft document until Central Government direction regarding national monitoring requirements are finalised.

2012/13 Action/project	Background	Progress
<b>PRIORITY 5: Undertaken a programme to increase public awareness and understanding of the District Plan.</b>		

Develop and implement a public awareness	Increasing public awareness and understanding of the District Plan will also lead to an increase in community participation in District Plan related processes such as Plan changes. This will improve the outcomes of the Plan and improve community understanding of what the Plan is trying to achieve, how it will do this, and the implications.	●
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**Progress comments:** A number of strategic projects been implemented that will each contribute to achieving a higher community profile and awareness of the District Plan and Plan functions. Staff have also undertaken training sessions with front counter staff to improve understanding of the District Plan, and customer promotion of the document. The June Planning News edition has been distributed.