



Strategic Partners Forum Meeting

Agenda

8:00am – 10:30am, Friday, 22 September 2017

Classic Flyers, Armoury Room, Tauranga

1. Apologies	Chair
2. Previous Minutes dated 27 July 2017 and matters arising (Paper A)	Chair
3. SmartGrowth Partner Forums - Report of the independent 'Health Check' (Paper B)	Chair / Bernie
4. Tauranga City Council Project Report (Paper C) – Information only	Chair
5. SmartGrowth Partnership Office – Bi-monthly report – September 2017 (Paper D)	Bernie
6. SmartGrowth Leadership Group - The Freshwater Workshop – Friday 29 September, Bay of Plenty Regional Council, Mauao Rooms 9am-1pm. (Paper E)	Chair
7. Sustainable Business Network Smart Transport Forum flyer (Paper F)	Chair
8. Forum Chairs Round Table	Forum Chairs
9. Any Other Matters	Chair
10. Key messages for SmartGrowth Leadership Group	Chair



Strategic Partners Forum – Terms of Reference

The following paper is a summary of the terms of reference to be utilised for the on-going governance and implementation role of strategic partners post the adoption of the SmartGrowth Strategy.

These terms of reference were developed in collaboration with the strategic partners.

Terms of Reference

That the Strategic Partners Forum continues to provide community governance to the SmartGrowth strategy with the two broad responsibilities being;

Strategic partners acting as a community audit

- The strategic partners have been an integral part of the process within the development of the SmartGrowth strategies and actions and as such have a strong basis of understanding of the issues related to growth management within the western Bay of Plenty sub region.
- They play an important role in acting as a “consumer audit” providing a monitoring function to ensure the strategy and actions are met, not just by local authorities but also by Central Government and community agencies that have lead roles within the strategy.

Strategic partners to act as a knowledge pool for SmartGrowth Leadership Group Structure

- As sector agencies the strategic partners are to play a strong role in acting as a steering agent and a knowledge pool to the SmartGrowth Leadership Group (SLG) and to assist guiding decisions relating to implementation.
- Many of the strategic partners are regional associations of national agencies representing specific sectors. This network of knowledge should be utilised to ensure that the best decisions are made with respect to the implementation of SmartGrowth.
- The basis of this role is that the strategic partners are able to provide support to the SmartGrowth Governance structure in a collaborative fashion rather than in a strict audit and monitoring role.
- Many strategic partners have specific roles as either lead or support agencies within the actions of SmartGrowth. This will further enhance the ability to provide sound community governance advice to the SLG and identify potential solutions to issues.



Strategic partner representation guidelines

The Strategic Partners Forum generally consists of organisations based on the following:

- agencies with a national or regional affiliation
- mandate to speak on behalf of sectors effected by the SmartGrowth Strategy
- cover the sub region, which is the scope of the strategy
- represent the 4 well-beings defined in the Local Government Act 2002 being social, economic, cultural and environmental well-being
- have a structure in place that allows outwards and in wards communication in respect of membership

Current Members

- Federated Farmers
- Katikati Fruitgrowers
- Te Puke Fruitgrowers
- Bay of Plenty Tertiary Partnership
- Te Puke Fast Forward
- Te Puke EDG
- Priority One
- Housing NZ Corporation
- Chamber of Commerce
- Creative Tauranga
- Forest and Bird Society
- Creative Tauranga
- SmartGrowth Independent Chair
- Mainstreet Tauranga
- National Council of Women Tauranga



- Sport Bay of Plenty
- Bay Trust
- Katch Katikati
- Kiwifruit Growers Inc
- Bay of Plenty Branch NZ Property Council
- Population Ageing Technical Advisory Group
- Combined Tangata Whenua Forum
- Social Sector Forum
- Housing Affordability Forum
- Property Developers Forum
- Environment and Sustainability Forum

It should be noted that some central government sectors such as health or education sectors will also dealt with individually as they are acting as lead agencies in major actions throughout the strategy. With the agreement of the SLG additional strategic partner members can be added.

Frequency of meetings

The strategic partners meet bi-monthly. They meet prior to the SLG meeting. This would also allow for members of the Strategic Partners to be co-opted to the SLG if required to provide insight into specific issues related directly to the strategic partner's area of expertise.

The Strategic Partners Forum is serviced by the SmartGrowth office for items such as venues, agendas and report materials.

The chair of the SLG also chairs the Strategic Partners Forum.



Strategic Partners Forum - Membership

Name	Representing	Name	Representing
Bill Wasley	Chair	Carol Gordon	Social Sector Forum, Innovation Trust & SUPA NZ
Mary Dillon	Envirohub	Alastair Talbot	NZTA
Rebecca Culliford	Toi Te Ora Public Health	Phil Shoemack	Toi Te Ora Public Health
Terri Eggleton	Bay Trust	Jo Wills	Environment & Sustainability Forum Chair
Sarah Davey	BOPDHB	Kathy Webb	SocialLink
John Garwood	Katikati and Te Puke Fruitgrower Associations	Mark Boyle	Te Puke EDG
Anne Pankhurst	PATAG Chair	Teresa Pou	Housing New Zealand
Christine Ralph	Housing Affordability Forum Chair	Eddie Orsulich	Forest and Bird Society
Paul Hickson	Te Puke Fast Forward		
Stan Gregec	Tauranga Chamber of Commerce	SmartGrowth Partner Staff	
Dr Patricia Hanlen	National Council of Women Tauranga	Philip King	Tauranga City Council
Katy McGinity	Kiwifruit Growers	Emily Rogers	Western Bay of Plenty District Council
Lena Kovac	Creative Tauranga		
Puhirake Ihaka	Combined Tangata Whenua Forum		
Barry Roberts	Federated Farmers		
Buddy Mikaere	Co-Chair Combined Tangata Whenua Forum		
Shad Rolleston	Tu Pakari Advisor – Co-Chair Combined Tangata Whenua Forum		
Jacqui Knight	Katch Katikati		
Annie Hill	Priority One		
Jeff Fletcher	Property Developers Forum Chair		
Alastair Rhodes	Bay Trust		

SmartGrowth Strategic Partners Forum Meeting
Tuesday, 8 August, 2017 8:00am – 10:30am
Classic Flyers, The Armoury Room

Forum Members Present	Bill Wasley (Chair), Anne Pankhurst (chair of PATAG), Jo Gravit (Deputy chair Housing Affordability Forum), Katy McGinty (NZ Kiwifruit Growers), John Garwood (Fruitgrowers Association), Eddie Orsulich (Forest and Bird), Fern Nielsen (National Council for Women), Paul Hickson (Te Puke Fast Forward), Mark Boyle (Te Puke EDG), Jo Wills (chair of Environment and Sustainability Forum), Buddy Mikaere (Combined Tangata Whenua Forum), Carol Gordon (chair of Social Sector forum), Mary Dillon (Envirohub), Michelle Whitmore (Creative Bay of Plenty)	
SmartGrowth	Bernie Walsh (SG Manager), Megan Rumble (SG Coordinator)	
Other		
Partner Staff	Apologies: Emily Rogers (WBoPDC),	
Apologies from forum members	Jeff Fletcher (chair of Property Developers Forum), Christine Ralph (chair of Housing Affordability Forum), Jacqui Knight (Katch Katikati), Annie Hill (Priority One), Lena Kovac (Creative Bay of Plenty) For early departure: Jo Wills	
Previous minutes and matters arising	Discussion	<p>No matters arising from the previous 13 June 2017 minutes. Minutes confirmed by the forum.</p> <p>All actions from the previous June 13 meeting were completed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fern Nielsen, National Council for Women representative will step down as representative on SPF. Fern has been a member of SPF for a long period and Bill acknowledged her involvement over a number of years and thanked her for her dedication. Dr Patricia Hanlen will be the new National Council of Women representative on SPF.

Housing Diagram	Discussion	<p>This housing diagram was circulated at the recent Smart Talk with Shamubeel Eaquad. The diagram is a way of communicating all of the work taking place within the housing space across the western bay. This came out of the Housing reference group which took place with housing/forum input.</p> <p>It has been agreed that SmartGrowth will fund a Housing Needs Assessment with Tauranga City Council, Western Bay of Plenty District Council and BayTrust also contributing extra funding. A request for proposals was put to the market and there were six applicants. These six were shortlisted to two and the successful proposer has now been selected and will begin work straight away. The chosen consultants have experience with this kind of work around the country. Post meeting note: The successful consultancy was Community Housing Solutions (the consultancy arm of Community Housing Aotearoa) supported by Ian Mitchell of Livingston and Associates.</p> <p>Part of this report will be to come up with a suite of actions and then look to integrate these into what SmartGrowth and the partner councils are doing on an ongoing basis. This is an excellent way of widening our programme of work. This work will be running parallel to the work of the National Policy Statement – Urban Development Capacity. This work will give us the opportunity to monitor additional areas e.g. cost and price points of housing.</p> <p>Discussion followed around seasonal workers, the quality of homes being built and the long-term cost of housing not just the cost of the build. Discussion around the huge range of issues and pressure in the housing space was discussed including issues for landlords. It was noted that this piece of work is a good place to start to understand what we can do. Housing is a many faceted issue and entire community involvement is needed.</p> <p>It was noted that the housing needs assessment will include two streams of work 1. what do we do now and 2. how do we set up actions to take forward.</p> <p>It was proposed, as part of this work, there be a briefing paper outlining the region’s housing issues. The chair noted there will be a staged approach and it could well include a briefing paper. However the timing has not been confirmed as yet.</p> <p>This work will give a good basis for discussion with local councils and central government.</p>
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		<p>The SmartGrowth Housing Needs Assessment project team is Bernie as the project lead manager supported by Simone Cuers (Tauranga City Council), Anne Pankhurst (PATAG), Jodie Rickard (WBOPDC) and Alastair Rhodes (BayTrust). Bernie has also brought in Doug Spittal (planner/ consultant) to assist with linking up with National Policy Statement work and assist with project management support.</p> <p>The assessment will involve stakeholder engagement. A request was made to keep the community updated along the way. This will be done mainly through the SmartGrowth bi-monthly partnership report, updates to forum chairs, SmartGrowth newsletter and direct emails to the wider housing reference group.</p> <p>Bill wished to acknowledge the Housing reference group and the contribution from the councils, particularly Western Bay and Tauranga City Council including around funding.</p> <p>A Transport diagram similar to the housing one to follow.</p>
	Action	Bernie Walsh and Anne Pankhurst to report back regularly to the forum on the Housing Needs Assessment.
SmartGrowth Partnership Report	Update	<p>Bernie noted that the Bi-monthly SmartGrowth Partnership Report is the first port of call in terms of understanding what is happening and urged everyone to read the report given the amount of information included.</p> <p>Bernie noted the next Smart Talk taking place this Thursday, 10 August, with Dr Lance O'Sullivan and an excellent health panel. Bernie also noted how proactive the Bay of Plenty District Health Board has been through Sarah Davey to get involved in planning for new communities and integrate health service planning into the wider urban and sub-regional planning across the four well-beings.</p> <p>The forum review and research work that was carried out will be reported to SLG on 16 August. The report will then be available to everyone the following day.</p> <p>The Leadership Group had a workshop on future key industries which was coordinated by Priority One. This was a closed workshop to the general public to allow free and frank exchange, although forum chairs were invited. It was noted how inspiring it was hearing the industries speak.</p>

		<p>Glen Crowther is leading the Smart Transport Forum. Glen will be hosting an event after the election in partnership with Priority One and Chamber of Commerce. There will be a half day programme bringing in speakers with a focus on innovative thinking. The invite for this will be sent out soon to businesses and community.</p> <p>A strategic transport discussion will be taking place in October with the SmartGrowth Leadership Group (SLG). This was a request from the June SLG meeting. There will be a focus on the future of transport beyond roads.</p> <p>A 'future of water' workshop for the SmartGrowth Leadership Group is also being organised – and members of the Strategic Partners Forum will be invited to attend. The date is yet to be set but it is likely to be late September. LGNZ had a very useful workshop on this topic which the chair of the Bay of Plenty Regional Council chaired. Bernie said it had an interesting set of presentations. She would circulate the link. See below.</p> <p>Comment was made around having two or three priorities to put forward coming out of each of these presentations/workshops including the Smart Talks that take place.</p> <p>Carole Gordon will be presenting on the Silver Economy research at the 16 August SLG meeting.</p>
	Action	<p>Bernie to email bi-monthly report link and LGNZ water workshop link to SPF members.</p> <p>Bernie to ensure SPF emailed link to Forums Engagement Research Report link when it is released.</p> <p>Post meeting note: this action was completed following the meeting (August 9).</p>
The Future of Water in the western Bay of Plenty – Workshop	Update Discussion	<p>This workshop is the result of the request from the Strategic Partners Forum last year. The workshop will be looking at a range of water issues, quality, quantity, etc. This will take place after 23 September, post the election and the Water NZ conference. The regional council is assisting with facilitating this workshop and also involving other stakeholders and western Bay of Plenty councils. Megan to ensure the Strategic Partners Forum receives the invite to The Future of Water workshop when the date is confirmed. Vicki Jones is organising this workshop with Bill Wasley and Bay of Plenty Regional Council's General Manager of Strategy and Science, Fiona McTavish.</p>
	Action	<p>Megan to ensure the Strategic Partners Forum receives the invite to The Future of Water workshop when the date is confirmed. Post meeting note: invitations sent August 29.</p>

Any other matters		Buddy Mikaere, Anne Pankhurst and Michelle Whitmore are working on a history hub in hope we will get a museum in Tauranga.
Key message for SmartGrowth Leadership Group		No action necessary.

Meeting ended at 10.02am Next Meeting 10 October 2017 – Classic Flyers, Armoury Room

**ACTION POINTS – from August 8 meeting
Strategic Partners Forum**

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3.	August	Megan to ensure the Strategic Partners Forum receives the invite to The Future of Water workshop when the date is confirmed. Post meeting note: invitations sent August 29.	Megan



SmartGrowth Partner Forums

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT 'HEALTH CHECK'

July 2017

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Definitions

Throughout this document, we reference the entities and groups associated with SmartGrowth. To avoid confusion, they are defined as follows.

SmartGrowth Partnership/Partners	The organisations who are governing partners to the SmartGrowth initiative with funding and decision-making powers: Western Bay of Plenty District Council, Tauranga City Council, Bay of Plenty Regional Council and Tāngata Whenua
Councils	The two local authorities and regional council collectively
Agencies	Central government organisations who are partners to SmartGrowth; including NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) Bay of Plenty District Health Board and Ministry of Education
Forums / partner Forums	The current SmartGrowth partner Forums, of which there are seven (they are listed on page 8)
Members	Individuals who are members of the SmartGrowth partner Forums
Member organisations	The organisations (community, business, social service, etc) represented by the members of the partner Forums
Advisory Groups	The proposed name for the groups we recommend should replace the current partner Forums

SECTION 1: Executive Summary

SmartGrowth is a unique approach to regional collaboration for the enhancement of long-term, integrated development and planning. Around New Zealand and in Bay of Plenty itself, SmartGrowth is highly regarded for its success in unifying a wide range of players – from local and central government, business, Tāngata Whenua, service providers, advocacy groups and communities – around a vision for the future of Western Bay of Plenty.

This effort and commitment has been sustained since 2004 and the positive impact on the evolution of the region's spatial planning in the intervening years is evident. Consequently, expectations on SmartGrowth and its partners to continue the momentum are high.

As the pace of regional growth has quickened and the pressures on regional resources and decision-making have intensified, the expectations on SmartGrowth to ensure a robust and collaborative partnership approach to regional planning and sustainable development have grown too.

As the region grows, its continued prosperity and well-being rely on SmartGrowth's partners staying committed to working together to realise the vision of Western Bay of Plenty being a great place to live, learn, work and play.

As with all initiatives of this kind, from time to time it is appropriate to refresh the organisation's approach and focus so that it stays responsive to and keeps pace with external developments and community expectations.

Remaining fit-for-purpose also relies on the organisation's structures and functions being regularly reviewed to ensure they support the ongoing success of SmartGrowth.

Partner Forums have, to one degree or another, been an integral part of SmartGrowth since its inception and there are now no fewer than 160 dedicated individuals giving their time, expertise and commitment to the SmartGrowth vision by participating in partner Forums.

This research project was an opportunity to conduct an independent 'health check' on Partner Forums by seeking the views of those closest to them to understand what's going well, and what could be improved to ensure they are best set up to support the ongoing success of SmartGrowth.

The research was not commissioned because of any concern the partner Forums were failing, nor has it found that to be the case. Quite the opposite.

There is no doubt that the Forums are widely regarded as a crucial element of the success of SmartGrowth over time, and for contributing significantly to better long-term regional planning and decision-making in Western Bay of Plenty.

Throughout the course of this project, we met Forum members, chairs, governance members, local and central government officials and SmartGrowth support staff – all of whom are passionate about the Western Bay of Plenty, its future and the need for SmartGrowth to continue providing a forum for long-term visioning, collaboration and partnership.

Likewise, everyone interviewed and those who participated in the online survey, consistently expressed support for the principle concept of the partner Forums and their value to the SmartGrowth strategy and objectives.

While some people interviewed struggled to precisely define the value the Forums contribute, when asked what would happen if the Forums were to no longer exist, there was unanimous concern that the quality of long-term planning and development in Western Bay of Plenty would be significantly compromised.

“The purpose of the partner Forums is an acknowledgement that the collective wisdom about place-shaping and what this sub-region is going to look like in 30 to 50 years’ time, doesn’t just reside with councils. There are a number of other incredible thinkers and disciplines and agencies that need to be involved in that discussion.”

“Everything we do is about people – there’s no point having pipes under the ground and roads if it’s not focussed on the people who live here and are going to live here in the future.”

This review was an opportunity to take stock and consider whether it is possible to extract even more value from the partner Forums. It appears there is, and those opportunities centre around a number of quite simple, yet fundamental changes, summarised as follows.

- Better align the mandate of the Forums to the current SmartGrowth Strategy.
- Consolidate the partner Forums into a simpler structure, to align them better with the four well-beings and the SmartGrowth Strategy, strengthen their sub-regional focus, improve their capability, enable them to have more influence, and improve outcomes.
- Reposition Forum membership to ensure the right capability, skills, and representation and improve collaboration between Forums and the SmartGrowth partners, including Tāngata Whenua.
- Set clear accountabilities for Forum members and Chairs to ensure the right results and the right behaviours.
- Improve members’ capability (advocacy, awareness and understanding of local government processes and the machinery of government, community engagement) to support continuous improvement and to ensure Forums are competent and capable to contribute to the SmartGrowth Strategy.
- Improve institutional capability around effective community engagement and consultation (within councils, agencies and community organisations).

With these relatively simple enhancements, SmartGrowth can ensure a more valuable contribution from those with strong grassroots knowledge and community connections; and specialist expertise to the long-term regional planning and policy processes. As well, the SmartGrowth success story will be more widely appreciated, understood and leveraged for the long-term wellbeing of the sub-region.

In this report, we discuss the opportunities for improvement with regard to the current performance of the partner Forums and why the changes we recommend will improve their performance and contribution to the SmartGrowth Strategy. We do not detail how the changes would be implemented. That is for the SmartGrowth leadership to determine in consultation with the formal SmartGrowth Partners and Central Government Agencies.

SECTION 2: Summary of Research Findings and Recommendations

Insights	Recommendations
CLARITY OF ROLE AND PURPOSE	
<p>Ⓓ The purpose of the Forums is not necessarily well understood.</p> <p>Ⓓ A lack of understanding of local government and public policy processes is an impediment to Forum performance and leads to a misunderstanding as to the Forums' capacity to influence.</p> <p>Ⓓ There isn't universal agreement that better community engagement leads to better decision-making.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Refine the purpose for Forums so that there is less ambiguity and less room for interpretation. 2. Change the name from partner Forums to Advisory Groups so that the relationship between the Forums and SmartGrowth is less ambiguous and the purpose of the groups is reinforced (advisory, not approval). 3. Redefine the mandate of Advisory Groups and resource accordingly so they're not inclined to get involved in the 'doing' (e.g. plugging research gaps). 4. Improve the quality of the induction for new Advisory Group members including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The purpose and functions of SmartGrowth b. The purpose and functions of the Advisory Groups c. Operating principles d. How central & local government work e. The role of Advisory Groups in relation to the role of central and local government. 5. Boost the induction and upskilling for councils and agencies (elected and non-elected officials), including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The purpose & functions of SmartGrowth b. The purpose & functions of the Advisory Groups c. Making best use of the Advisory Groups (in the context of long-term planning and statutory processes). 6. Councils and agencies need to adopt a more constructive approach to engagement with Advisory Groups to extract maximum value from the relationship. 7. SmartGrowth needs to identify which other community networks and organisations it needs to grow its link with, and why (e.g. Social Link, rural groups, migrant associations).
MEMBERSHIP, REPRESENTATION AND SKILLS	
<p>Ⓓ There are too many Forums overall, requiring considerable resource to support and causing Forums to be siloed from each other and disconnected from the SmartGrowth strategy. The Forums are not closely aligned with the four well-beings.</p> <p>Ⓓ Membership is determined by virtue of a random mix of expertise, availability or community profile and this influences the quality of contribution and level of participation from members.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advisory Groups (currently called partner Forums) should be reduced in size, with a core membership of expertise; supplemented by specialist expertise when required, or by way of Technical Advisory Groups made up of appropriate specialists. 2. A stakeholder map should be developed for each Advisory Group, so that when specialist expertise is required, a list of appropriate people is readily available from which to call on. 3. Core membership of Advisory Groups should comprise those referenced in Fig 1.

Insights	Recommendations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓓ Forum members need to have the right competencies and capabilities to ensure they can fully and appropriately fulfil their functions. Ⓓ There are opportunities to improve forum member accountability and willingness to participate and contribute more actively. Ⓓ Forums are not representative of Western Bay of Plenty's demographics or psychographics (mindsets). Ⓓ The quality and motivation of the forum Chair is enormously influential over the reputation of the forum, the level of participation and quality of outcomes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4. The number of Forums should be reduced to two, reporting to the Governance Group and supplemented by Technical Advisory Groups. The Combined Tāngata Whenua Forum should remain stand-alone. This will improve alignment with the SmartGrowth Strategy, facilitate a sub-regional, long-term planning focus improve influence and engagement. 5. See Fig 2 for the proposed Advisory Group structure. 6. Advisory Group Chairs (x 2) should be contracted to deliver specific performance outcomes, and engaged based on their qualification and experience in governance and their ability to meet the functions of the Chair, set out in a position description. 7. Advisory Group Chairs (x 2) should be members of the SmartGrowth Governance Group, but without voting rights. 8. Advisory Group members should be contracted based on their qualification and experience and their capacity to meet the requirements of participation, set out in a position description. 9. SmartGrowth should be required to develop and execute capability development plans for Advisory Group members and Chairs, enabling continuous improvement and to ensure competence and performance relevant to SmartGrowth.

INFLUENCE AND VALUE

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓓ There is widespread agreement that the body of knowledge, expertise and insights available to SmartGrowth and its partners through the Forums, is crucial to inform and improve long-term planning and decision-making for Western Bay of Plenty. Ⓓ Some Forums are seen to have more influence than others. Ⓓ The Combined Tāngata Whenua Forum is not experiencing sufficient relevance in the subject-matter to connect issues back to hapu or constructively contribute to advancing SmartGrowth's objectives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improve the quality of engagements between Advisory Groups and the SmartGrowth partnership (Councillors and officials) to improve opportunities for Advisory Groups to share their expert perspectives and build the body of knowledge within Councils and Agencies. 2. Change the structure of the Forums so people feel more enabled to influence and to improve Tāngata Whenua representation and contribution (see Fig 1). 3. Build institutional capability around effective community engagement & consultation (within councils/agencies and community organisations). 4. Rethink the role and purpose of the Combined Tāngata Whenua Forum to improve the mutual benefit to iwi, hapu SmartGrowth and the SmartGrowth partners.
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QUALITY OF INTERACTIONS WITH SMARTGROWTH GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓓ Some believe governance doesn't respect or value communities and see SmartGrowth as bridging that gap. Ⓓ The quality and frequency of engagement between the Forums and governance are not optimal and there are mixed views as to the purpose of such engagements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Realign the purpose, functions and structure of the Forums (as recommended earlier) to align more closely with the SmartGrowth strategy and objectives (as discussed earlier). 2. Appoint the Advisory Group Chairs to the SmartGrowth Governance Group (as discussed earlier).
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SECTION 3: Background to SmartGrowth and the Partner Forums

SmartGrowth's purpose

SmartGrowth is a collaboration between Tauranga City Council, Western Bay of Plenty District Council, Bay of Plenty Regional Council, Tāngata Whenua, partner community and business organisations, and key government agencies which has been running successfully since 2004.

SmartGrowth's role is to provide a long-term unified vision, strategic direction and voice for the Western Bay of Plenty to help develop the sub-region as a place of choice to live, work, learn, visit and invest. SmartGrowth aims to enable good, efficient decision-making, grounded in strong partnerships, community engagement and communications.

The SmartGrowth Strategy is the spatial plan for the Western Bay of Plenty focused on six key outcomes:

1. Visionary leadership and collaboration
2. Sustaining and improving the environment
3. Building community
4. Growing a sustainable economy
5. Recognising cultural identity and change
6. Integrated planning.

Doing this well requires effectively facilitating growth, infrastructure and social development in a way that meets the needs of the diverse communities that make up the sub-region, while taking account of SmartGrowth's social, environmental, economic and cultural responsibilities.

Partner Forums purpose

To assist SmartGrowth are seven partner Forums that exist to provide input and feedback on the strategy. In addition to the forums, there is a Social Infrastructure Providers Group which operates in a more informal capacity, representing councils as social infrastructure providers. The partner Forums are:

- Population Ageing Technical Advisory Group (PATAG)
- Combined Tāngata Whenua Forum
- Housing Affordability Forum
- Property Developers Forum
- Social Sector Forum
- Environment and Sustainability Forum
- Strategic Partners Forum

These partner Forums meet bi-monthly, drawing on their sector and community experience and diverse membership to provide a view that reflects the interests of each Forum across the western Bay of Plenty. They also use their strong grassroots knowledge and community connections to alert SmartGrowth to emerging matters that may impact on policy and direction.

The Strategic Partners Forum has an overarching monitoring role to make sure the SmartGrowth Strategy and actions have input from the partner Forums, but considerable scope is given to each Forum to operate in a way that best meets the needs of the membership and issues and opportunities they are exploring.

All Forums provide input into the development of the SmartGrowth Strategy, give feedback on implementation actions, and act in a community 'audit' role assessing the success of SmartGrowth in delivering on its vision.

The Forums also play a role in enabling public and private sector participation in the design of the physical and social infrastructure that the Western Bay of Plenty needs. This is reflected in membership which spans subject matter experts, iwi, private sector industry, front line delivery agencies, local and central government officials, elected politicians, and community representatives.

We note there are also some exceptions to the scope of the Forums roles.

The Housing Affordability Forum has played a more hands-on role in leading implementation actions of the strategy through a pilot project, while the Population Aging Technical Advisory Group (PATAG) provides expert advice to the Bay of Plenty District Health Board and SmartGrowth on policy, planning and service development to help prioritise long-term investment in health services to match the aging population of the sub-region. An example of this is the PATAG paper *"Older People and the Rental Market in the Western Bay of Plenty Sub-Region: Summary and Possible Ways Forward"*.

The Combined Tāngata Whenua Forum represents the special status and interests of the sub-region's Tāngata Whenua and provides the links between treaty settlement outcomes and strategy implementation.

SECTION 4: The Review

The review purpose

The SmartGrowth structure is regarded as an exemplar of the benefits integrated regional planning and strategic thinking deliver in maintaining a strong and unified voice in an increasingly crowded space - and the partner Forums are a valuable input to this. The SmartGrowth catchphrase *'Harnessing our strengths to build our future'* recognises the sum is greater than its requisite parts and SmartGrowth's longevity is a compelling barometer of success in acting on this statement.

The success of SmartGrowth relies in large part on the quality of advice and guidance it receives from its advisory groups and partner Forums. Successes to date include establishing and driving a long term integrated plan for future sub-regional development, strong joint advocacy for infrastructure development, and brokering key partnerships with the likes of tertiary providers and the DHB to drive transformational change.

The future vision requires integrated planning for smart housing and urban design, smart infrastructure and smart transport, planning for the population of the future, continued strong advocacy for the sub-region, and a focus on future thinking to lead community conversations on the planning that needs to be done now to create the kind of region people want to be part of in the future.

As the strategic needs of the Western Bay of Plenty region develop and change alongside its growing population - so too must the role of the Forums. SmartGrowth and its partners face an increasingly dynamic political and social environment in which they need to advocate on behalf of the Western Bay of Plenty so now more than ever, the role of the Forums must add value on behalf of the issues and opportunities they represent.

Collaboration has been a core component of the success in implementing the SmartGrowth strategic plan. Ensuring ongoing success in addressing the key issues the Forums outline requires a shared sense of purpose, ongoing commitment, and a sense of excitement at the potential for ideas and influence the Forums could have.

Reputation Matters Ltd was commissioned by SmartGrowth to conduct independent research with the partner Forum membership, governance and support roles to gather a range of views on the current state, and future needs of the Forums.

There are high expectations of SmartGrowth and its partners to deliver for the Western Bay of Plenty region, so robust and honest feedback from those involved is required, and that is why independent consultants from outside the region were engaged.

The goal of the research has been to understand the issues and opportunities with the Forums as seen by those most closely involved with them, and to provide an independent commentary and recommendations to improve the future operation and value of the partner Forums to SmartGrowth and the organisations represented.

The research process

To know where the Forums need to go in the future, it is important understand where they are currently positioned, particularly in the areas of:

- Role clarity and delivery on terms of reference
- Forum participation and operation
- Relationships with relevant community, industry and other groups
- Relationships with SmartGrowth partnership staff and governance

To gain this insight the researchers:

- ➔ **Established an interview list that ensured representation from all aspects of SmartGrowth** – this list included representation from all Forums including: Forum chairs and membership, elected councillors from the Tauranga City Council, Western Bay of Plenty District Council, Regional Council, SmartGrowth partnership staff, combined Tāngata Whenua, Bay of Plenty District Health Board, NZ Transport Agency, Ministry of Education, and SmartGrowth support staff/consultants. The researchers consulted with the SmartGrowth office to ensure broad representation in the sample set.
- ➔ **Established a series of questions** for all interviews which was replicated for an online survey (see Appendix 1).
- ➔ **Conducted 25 face-to-face interviews** with a selection of Forum members, governance and support staff, conducted in Tauranga over 4 days in May 2017.
- ➔ **Received 50 responses to the online survey** sent to the broader SmartGrowth membership (Forum members, key partner staff, and members of the managers and governance groups).

SECTION 5: Performance Review and Recommendations for Change

In this section, we discuss the key insights from the research interviews and online survey and recommend opportunities to change the way the Forums operate, to improve their performance and contribution to the SmartGrowth objectives.

5a: Clarity of role and purpose



1. The purpose of the Forums is not necessarily well understood
 2. A lack of understanding of local government and public policy processes is an impediment to Forum performance and leads to a misunderstanding as to the Forums' ability to influence
 3. There isn't universal agreement that better community engagement leads to better decision-making
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1. The purpose of the Forums is not necessarily well understood

"Forums have to accept they are a cog to inform across and up – we play a role to inform each other, to be a reference group and resource. We can't feel aggrieved if our view isn't used."

"In many cases, the purpose of Forums isn't clear, you have many of the same people on several Forums, and they are talking about things that are happening now when they should be focusing on the 11 to 50 year horizon."

There is general agreement as to what the partner Forums are intended to achieve, but how and why is not so well understood.

Put simply, Partner Forums are intended to deliver an advisory function, with responsibility to advise both to SmartGrowth and back to their communities of interest.

Given the purpose of SmartGrowth, Forums should be able to provide subject-matter expertise and a 'grass roots' perspective that contributes to the body of knowledge underpinning long-term, regional planning and decision-making by the SmartGrowth partnership.

Partner Forums are a great vehicle for agencies and councils to grow their understanding of community perspectives, but the benefits are not universally acknowledged or understood.

Likewise, partner Forums are a great channel through which agencies and councils can socialise their priorities, grow community understanding and support and improve the flow of information back into communities.

Councils and agencies already highly engaged with communities should not see engaging with the Forums as duplication – their specific role and function means they have a longer-term, whole-of-region perspective, which is their point-of-difference.

Some Forums believe it is their role to undertake activities that are the responsibility of SmartGrowth or the SmartGrowth partnership. For example, if a gap in the body of knowledge around a particular community characteristic is identified, some Forums believe they should be able to commission the research to plug the gap; rather than understanding their role is to recommend the research to the SmartGrowth partnership.

2. A lack of understanding of local government and public policy processes is an impediment to forum performance and leads to a misunderstanding as to the Forums' capacity to influence

"It's quite frustrating to not really understand our role and how we can see change and have influence. What is the point if we can't provide cross-sector influence and input?"

"There's some naivety in the Forums of what can be achieved – what's possible and what's not and this turns people off."

"There seems to be an opportunity to do some capability building on both sides of the fence. The Forums are a conduit to the community to feed information back out so they have the ability to become much more informed about the kind of constraints and trade-offs councils are having to make in their decisions and planning. There's almost a political and process naivety amongst the forum members about how they fit in and how stuff happens to make place."

Some Forums don't believe they're taken seriously by either the bureaucracy or elected officials; and on the other hand, some councillors and officials are frustrated by what they see as the Forums having an over-inflated sense of their 'authority' in local government decision-making.

It would appear both are valid perspectives.

Some Forum members believe that Forums have an approval function – that is, they're intended to approve or reject regional policy and planning decisions.

This is not the case, but is symptomatic of a misunderstanding as to the broader purpose of SmartGrowth alongside the functions of Local Government.

SmartGrowth is charged with providing a unified vision, strategic direction and voice for regional planning and development in Western Bay of Plenty over the long-term (50 years).

SmartGrowth is not a growth management strategy and nor is it a delivery agency with any statutory responsibilities.

Local Authorities, the Regional Council and central Government agencies (Transport, Education, and Health) have the responsibility for delivering the infrastructure and services to support and enable regional growth.

They do this within the parameters of statutory regulation (e.g. resource management, local government legislation). Those same regulations set out the requirements for consultation with the communities and businesses who will be impacted.

SmartGrowth's responsibilities and activities exist in parallel to these statutory processes, enabling councils and central government agencies a forum through which long-term visioning and planning can be co-ordinated across Western Bay of Plenty.

This means councils and central government agencies can deliver on their short- and medium- term territorial responsibilities, in the context of a shared longer-term vision for the sub-region.

This relationship between SmartGrowth and Councils is not well understood by many of the Forum members interviewed and underpins considerable misunderstanding as to the role of the Forums.

Even the name 'Partner Forums' appears to have contributed to a perception that the Forums are partners to SmartGrowth in the same way as the Councils. Yet this is not the case.

This lack of role clarity has contributed to considerable resentment developing within and between some Forums and SmartGrowth partnership. This tension is particularly acute between some Forums and the Tauranga City Council.

3. *There isn't universal agreement that better community engagement leads to better decision-making*

"Councils who say 'we hear nothing new' are getting it wrong. Reinforcement is also important, especially of the sub-regional view. They need to take it as a vote of confidence that their engagement is working well."

"The assumption of some is that the Forums meddle, 'they don't understand we do it anyway, it will cost us more, it will take us longer' and that causes me incredible frustration."

"SmartGrowth brings a level of expertise we don't have locally and outcomes we can promote [to Wellington] which makes our business case process easier."

"We spend millions on schools, councils spend millions on infrastructure – so avoiding duplication is vital. SmartGrowth gives us an opportunity to get in a room with people and understand what their focus is – the hui is good."

"Council officers are head down, bum up, they think they are doing consultation and this is duplication, therefore Forums are seen as problematic rather than adding value."

Several people from central government agencies who have joined SmartGrowth more recently expressed considerable support for the Forums as vehicles through which they can now engage with expert communities of interest more effectively. As a result, they believe the quality of their planning and decision-making has improved.

Likewise, Western Bay of Plenty District Council representatives interviewed report the Council has embraced the benefits of regular community engagement and can evidence those benefits in the quality of its decision-making and policy implementation. The SmartGrowth Forums are an important element of their engagements.

In contrast, some Forum members and officials expressed concern that some in Councils view community engagement and consultation, of which the Forums are part, as a distraction from day-to-day process.

Some Forum members expressed concern that Tauranga City Council takes a more singular approach to community engagement relying on its own existing channels and forums. This has led to the perception it considers external views from the SmartGrowth Forums as more of a hindrance than a help.

There was general acknowledgement that the increasing demands placed on Tauranga City Council to address the growth-related needs of today places more pressure on already stretched resources. This is leading to a tendency to look inward rather than out in the interests of saving time and effort, particularly if council staff feel more comfortable going to some Forums than others based on the reception they receive.

➔ RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Refine the purpose of Forums so that there is less ambiguity and less room for interpretation.
 2. Change the name from Partner Forums to Advisory Groups so that the relationship between the Forums and SmartGrowth is less ambiguous and the purpose of the groups is reinforced (advisory, not approval).
 3. Redefine the mandate of Advisory Groups and resource accordingly so they're not inclined to get involved in the 'doing' (e.g. plugging research gaps).
 4. Improve the quality of the induction for new Advisory Group members including:
 - a. The purpose & functions of SmartGrowth
 - b. The purpose & functions of the Advisory Groups
 - c. Operating principles
 - d. How central & local government work.
 5. The role of Advisory Groups in relation to the role of central and local government.
 6. Boost the induction and upskilling for councils and agencies (elected and non-elected officials), including:
 - a. The purpose & functions of SmartGrowth
 - b. The purpose & functions of the Advisory Groups
 - c. Making best use of the Advisory Groups (in the context of long-term planning and statutory processes).
 7. Councils and agencies need to adopt a more constructive approach to engagement with Advisory Groups to extract maximum value from the relationship.
 8. SmartGrowth needs to identify which other community networks and organisations it needs to grow its link with, and why (e.g. Social Link, rural groups, migrant associations).
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5b. Membership, representation and skills



KEY INSIGHTS

1. There are too many Forums overall, requiring considerable resource to support. This is causing Forums to be siloed from each other and disconnected from the SmartGrowth strategy. The Forums are not closely aligned with the four well-beings.
 2. Membership is determined by virtue of a random mix of expertise, availability or community profile and this influences the quality of contribution and level of participation from members.
 3. Forum members need to have a set of competencies and capabilities to ensure they can fully and appropriately fulfil their functions.
 4. There are opportunities to improve forum member accountability and willingness to participate and contribute more actively.
 5. Forums are not representative of Western Bay of Plenty's demographics or psychographics (mindsets).
 6. The quality and motivation of the Forum Chair is enormously influential over the reputation of the forum, the level of participation and quality of outcomes.
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"The Forums will perform based on the resources provided – many of us have day jobs."

"When you are in a Forum, it's a bit siloed and whilst there are common members there isn't a formal mechanism for bringing this information back."

"I would like to see more cross-pollination of information shared across Forums – to get a better understanding of the challenges."

There are seven Forums, each having been operating for a different period of time and each having been established in response to emerging regional issues.

For example, the Property Developers Forum has been operating for more than a decade, whereas the Environment and Sustainability Forum and Social Sector Forum have been established more recently.

Forums meet every two months, meaning SmartGrowth is required to support 48 meetings a year (support comprising agenda preparation, meeting venue co-ordination, circulation of pre-reading, minutes, support for follow up actions, and a long list of other organisational and communications tasks).

Given the role of Forums in the context of SmartGrowth's purpose and functions, it is not clear why all Forums need to meet as often as bi-monthly. Some Forum members expressed concern that there isn't necessarily enough relevant subject-matter to justify such frequent meetings. We agree, especially given it is not within the Forums' mandate to advance their own work programmes.

Many Forum members spoken to expressed concern at the lack of collaboration and alignment between Forums. There is little understanding of the focus of each and few opportunities for Forums to share insights and perspectives, or subject-matter of mutual interest. For example, the Environment and Sustainability Forum and the Property Developers Forum share common issues such as resource management and sustainable land use, yet never meet.

Some Forums benefit from having members who participate in several Forums, however this is not a reliable way to ensure cross-pollination of ideas and issues.

SmartGrowth has recently moved to address this by establishing a quarterly Chairs' meeting, but considerable responsibility sits with SmartGrowth staff to be able to identify common areas of focus between Forums. In the absence of Forums meeting together, the opportunities for the sharing of ideas and information are very limited.

We found a reasonable lack of understanding of SmartGrowth's purpose and strategy across the forum members we interviewed. Relatively few referenced the four well-beings and very few reflected that SmartGrowth has a sub-regional, long-term focus.

Forums need to be better anchored in SmartGrowth's purpose and strategy in order that they contribute more purposefully to the outcomes SmartGrowth exists to achieve.

This requires a tightening of focus and a realignment of Forum structures.

2. Forum membership is determined by virtue of a random mix of subject-matter expertise, availability or community profile and this influences the quality of contribution and level of participation from members

"Mandated members are elected, but are they qualified? Are they actually in a position to bring a hapu perspective?"

"The Forums are driven by people who are keen and available – some are more capable and experienced than others."

"The Forums are passionate, sometimes with flags to wave but so what? That pisses officials off because they are full of people who appear to be annoying, especially to TCC who are facing enormous growth pressure."

"Forum representatives are mandated by own organisations to be part of the Forums and that's fundamental for credibility, but if they're not focussing on their key issues engagement will be low."

There are currently around 160 members across the eight Forums and there is considerable variability in why and how members are appointed.

Some have been appointed because they're willing and able to attend Forum meetings. Others are appointed because of their considerable subject-matter expertise. In turn, others are appointed because of their community profile and history of having worked in a particular community of interest over a long period of time.

A number of those interviewed shared their concerns that some Forum members use their participation as a platform for promoting their own particular agendas and that such activism alienates not only fellow Forum members, but also Council and agency officials.

There is concern that a few personalities prone to single-issue 'grandstanding' are having an entirely counterproductive effect on the performance of their Forum and its reputation with stakeholders, the community and SmartGrowth itself.

There needs to be a more robust process for the appointment of Forum members and a thorough induction and clear guidelines to ensure members understand the purpose of Forums and the difference between advocacy and activism.

3. Forum members need to have a set of competencies and capabilities to ensure they can fully and appropriately fulfil their functions

"Forums need a mix of interest and competencies, strategic thinking and a good understanding of council processes."

"Forums need a mix of cultural backgrounds and skills - leadership, managerial, people skills, academic, and pragmatic project management."

There are core skills forum members need so they are able to fulfil their functions effectively. They include:

- Advocacy experience in the context of policy making and local government process
- Understanding of the machinery of government and public policy decision-making
- An understanding of and experience in effective community engagement
- Subject-matter expertise relevant to the SmartGrowth purpose and strategy

It isn't necessarily the case that a subject-matter expert will have the requisite advocacy and community engagement experience; or vice versa.

But in the interests of getting the right representation, SmartGrowth needs to ensure the right combination of skills and capabilities across each Forum's membership and to appoint a high-quality Chair who can ensure all voices are heard and the Forum operates to its terms of reference.

4. There are opportunities to improve Forum member accountability and willingness to participate and contribute more actively

"There has to be sufficient mutual value to member organisations to turn up and be involved."

"The Forums need to be better resourced – under the current model they're not resourced properly to run."

Some Forum members participate more actively and consistently than others and there are many reasons for the variability in participation. For example, one member we spoke to does not attend Forum meetings because they consider the meetings a waste of time. They are happy to read the supporting documentation, but do not believe there is enough value in the meetings to justify attending.

Other members participate in a number of Forums and dedicate considerable time to SmartGrowth.

While Forum Chairs are paid a modest honorarium, Forum members are not remunerated for their involvement. Notwithstanding, there is considerable investment in operating the Forums and so active participation is fundamental to the return on that investment.

There are a number of practical steps that could be considered to improve participation, both in frequency and quality:

- Reduce the frequency of meetings.
- Reduce the size of each Forum – appoint a core of members and supplement with specific expertise when the subject-matter requires (either by way of individuals or through Technical Advisory Groups).
- Attach specific accountabilities to the requirements of Forum membership, including minimum annual attendance at meetings, a minimum number of external engagements representing the forum, and so forth.
- Consider making membership a paid position (where the member organisation is not remunerating the member).

5. Forums are not representative of Western Bay of Plenty's demographics or psychographics (mindsets)

“Representation on Forums is not reflective of society and the issues we are facing – youth, ethnic minorities, inequality.”

“A lot of voices are not represented on Forums. How do you really and truly hear from communities that are most affected? We need to avoid a myopic view.”

“Representation tends to be more middle class – what about the Salvation Army and Women's Refuge for example?”

Forum members are drawn from across the region and contribute a range of expertise and perspectives relevant to the forum/s to which they belong. Considerable effort is made to ensure that forum members legitimately represent a community of interest and a new process was recently introduced to ensure that members are formally endorsed by the relevant community organisation or interest group they represent.

However, Forums are not representative of Western Bay of Plenty's demographics or psychographics (mindsets). For example, young people (youth), millennials, parents, rural communities, the economically disadvantaged and socially isolated, ethnic minorities, migrants, and the working poor are just some population subsets not specifically represented on any of the Forums.

6. The quality and motivation of the forum Chair is enormously influential over the reputation of the Forum, the level of participation and quality of outcomes

“The Chair needs to be good at covering issues, listening, keeping their network informed. Forums should be solidly behind you. You need a good overview of working environment, open mind, cut through emotions to see all views.”

“Their role is to look out for opportunities to provide that input. I’d like to see their role be more engaged with some of the other Forums and to bring that information back to the forum members.”

“Chairs have big influence, being a good chair means managing the meeting, letting people have their say without talking too much, and the ability to sum up. It’s not about their personal position.”

Feedback suggests not every Forum currently enjoys the level of capability in their Chair to support the Forum to be successful, and the credibility of some Forums is compromised as a result (both with its membership and with SmartGrowth partnership and external stakeholders).

On the other hand, there was considerable consistency of view that several Chairs are exemplary in their abilities and that their Forums are highly regarded as a consequence.

There is universal agreement that having a competent and capable Chair is crucial to the effectiveness of Forums. The quality of the Chair is critical to the level of member engagement, the reputation of the Forum with SmartGrowth partners and other stakeholders, and the quality of outputs and outcomes.

A proficient Chair is one who:

- aligns the Forum’s activities closely to the SmartGrowth strategy and objectives
- advances the Forum’s purpose and functions and not their own ‘hobby horse’ or political interests
- manages the meeting agenda and process well so that the time is used to best effect and the outputs are aligned with the SmartGrowth purpose and objectives
- facilitates Forum discussions in an inclusive and collaborative way so that all participants can fully contribute and all perspectives are aired
- can represent the forum’s position and provide advice to the SmartGrowth management and governance groups on its behalf
- ensures Forum members represent SmartGrowth appropriately and effectively externally, especially with the communities of interest they represent
- ensures Forum members achieve their accountabilities and fulfil their responsibilities.

→ RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The number of Forums should be reduced to two Advisory Groups, reporting to the Governance Group with a broader focus to improve alignment with the SmartGrowth Strategy, facilitate a sub-regional, long-term planning focus and improve influence and engagement. These could be:
 - a. Land Use and Environment – representing all elements of the built environment from development and housing to transport infrastructure
 - b. People, Population and Culture – representing social and health needs, demographics and cultural wellbeing of region

The Combined Tāngata Whenua Forum should remain stand-alone, but with stronger links to the Advisory Groups. This could be facilitated by Tāngata Whenua representation on both Advisory Groups and regular interaction between the Chairs of the Combined Tāngata Whenua Forum and Advisory Groups.

2. Both Advisory Groups and the Combined Tāngata Whenua Forum would have the four well-beings (cultural, environmental, social, economic) as guiding principles.
3. Advisory Groups should have a core membership of expertise; supplemented by specialist expertise when required.
4. Advisory Groups would work independently but with strong links to each other and the Combined Tāngata Whenua Forum based in the principle that each informs and influences the other.
5. A stakeholder map should be developed for each Advisory Group identifying the key organisations and individuals that hold specific knowledge, or on the ground experience, or community perspective in the area of interest. This means that when more specialist expertise is required, a list of appropriate people is readily available from which to call on.
6. Core membership of Advisory Groups should comprise those referenced in Fig 1.
7. See Fig 2 for the proposed Advisory Group structure.
8. Advisory Group Chairs (x 2) should be contracted to deliver specific performance outcomes, and engaged based on their qualification and experience in governance and their ability to perform the functions of a competent Chair, set out in a position description.
9. Advisory Group Chairs (x 2) should be members of the SmartGrowth Governance Group.
10. Advisory Group members should be contracted based on their qualification and experience and their capacity to meet the requirements of participation, set out in a position description.

11. SmartGrowth should be required to develop and execute capability development plans for Advisory Group members and Chairs, enabling continuous improvement and to ensure competence and performance relevant to SmartGrowth.
12. The two Advisory Groups should be supported by Technical Advisory Groups with specific subject-matter expertise to advise on issues requiring more in-depth knowledge and specialised advice. For example - they may be used to commission research or act as a working group. These may be formed, operated and dissolved as required, depending on the needs of each Advisory Group.

A cautionary note:

Suggesting an alternative to the status quo is a dangerous place to live as a consultant, as people will be naturally inclined to explore the detail around 'what' it is and 'how' it would function.

This proposed structural changes to the current Forums is a 'straw man' only and is intended to stimulate further discussion between the SmartGrowth Partners that focusses on the benefits of change (the 'why') - to: keep the focus of SmartGrowth on the long-term, reduce information silos, encourage more cross pollination of ideas and enable the potential for a range of ideas to influence up, down and across the SmartGrowth partnership.

Figure 1: SmartGrowth Advisory Group Representation

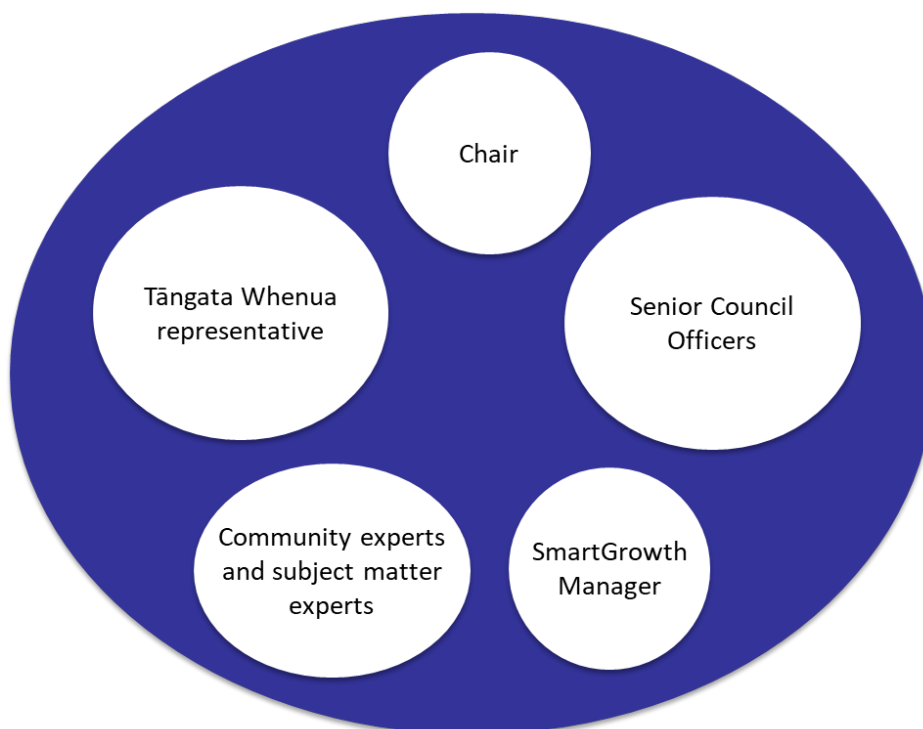
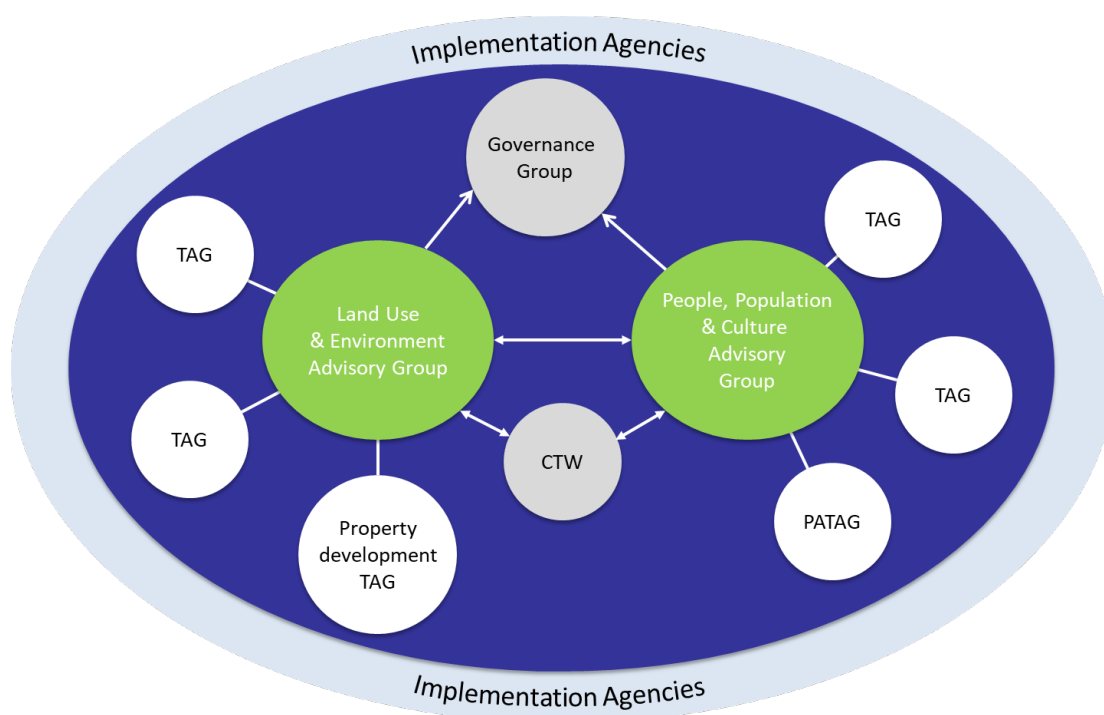


Figure 2: SmartGrowth Advisory Group Proposed Structure



5c. Influence and value



1. There is widespread agreement that the body of knowledge, expertise and insights available to SmartGrowth and its partners through the Forums is crucial to inform and improve long-term planning and decision-making for Western Bay of Plenty.
2. Some Forums are seen to have more influence than others.
3. The Combined Tāngata Whenua Forum is not experiencing sufficient relevance in the subject-matter to connect issues back to hapu or constructively contribute to advancing SmartGrowth's objectives

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"SmartGrowth's strength is its community. Politicians and committee structures come and go, but SmartGrowth remains – it keeps the polities honest, and stops them reinventing things every three years."

There is no doubt that the Forums are widely regarded as a crucial element of the success of SmartGrowth over time, and for contributing significantly to better long-term regional planning and decision-making.

As discussed earlier in this report, while some Forum members struggled to articulate the value of the Forums in relation to their individual influence, there was unanimous concern that the quality of long-term planning and development in Western Bay of Plenty would be significantly compromised without them.

There is strong support for the SmartGrowth vision to be delivered for the long-term well-being of the region and its communities.

SmartGrowth itself is highly regarded as being instrumental in unifying key players across the sub-region, connecting them to each other and the community and galvanising them around a shared vision.

Without doubt, the Forums have been an important part of that success.

2. Some Forums are seen to have more influence than others

“There’s huge engagement across the Forums, but this fails if people aren’t being listened to.”

There is a perception that some Forums are more influential in the regional planning and development process than others. For example, the Property Developers’ Forum versus the Social Sector Forum.

The level of influence seems to be determined by:

- the Forum’s understanding of its purpose and the parameters of its mandate
- the Forum’s understanding of the SmartGrowth strategy and objectives
- the Forum’s understanding of local government and public policy processes; and their role in the context of those processes
- the frequency and quality of engagements with elected officials and officials
- whether the engagement between Forums and councils and agencies is collaborative or combative;
- the willingness of officials and councillors to consult and engage with Forums authentically (without conscious or unconscious bias)

3. The Combined Tāngata Whenua Forum is not experiencing sufficient relevance in the subject-matter to connect issues back to hapu or constructively contribute to advancing SmartGrowth’s objectives

“I’m not sure we have the right formula for the [CTW] Forum – I don’t see commitment or skills to engage in the bigger picture.”

“The people on the forum are not right to represent – they are available rather than skilled”

“The ‘so what’ for our people isn’t clear – there’s a disconnect between what’s being said to them and what the future action is so there’s not a compelling reason to turn up – we need to link better to the issues that are relevant to them.”

As one member of the Combined Tāngata Whenua Forum said, SmartGrowth is valuable vehicle and provides a long-term vision for Western Bay of Plenty that they can work with and relate to.

There was a strong consensus on the importance of the Combined Tāngata Whenua Forum, but relatively little understanding from those outside it of how it is operating or the challenges it faces in the current structure, creating a sense of isolation from the broader SmartGrowth structure.

For SmartGrowth to make best use of the insights and perspective of Tāngata Whenua, members of the Forum feel there needs to be more connection made between the immediate challenges and priorities for iwi and hapu and the immediate priorities and activities of SmartGrowth.

This has begun with work to ensure better communication from the Forum back to hapu and marae, but without better alignment to SmartGrowth, partner organisations and the other Forums, the Combined Tāngata Whenua Forum will continue to struggle to represent issues back to their hapu in a way that resonates or seems relevant.

➔ RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Improve the quality of engagements between Forums and SmartGrowth Partners (Councillors and officials) to improve opportunities to share their expert perspectives and build the body of knowledge within Councils and Agencies.
 2. Change the structure of the Forums so people feel more enabled to influence and to improve Tāngata Whenua representation and contribution (see Fig 1).
 3. Build institutional capability around effective community engagement & consultation (within councils/agencies and community organisations).
 4. Rethink the role and purpose of the Combined Tāngata Whenua Forum to improve the mutual benefit to iwi, hapu, SmartGrowth and the SmartGrowth partners.
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5d. Quality of interactions with SmartGrowth governance and management



KEY INSIGHT

1. The quality and frequency of engagement between the Forums and governance are not optimal and there are mixed views as to the purpose of such engagements

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“Forums have become largely ineffective except Property Developers because they feel they have to be combative to be heard, and we – the bureaucracy and politicians – have created that.”

“Leadership doesn’t understand the partner Forums – the story is lost; council staff often roll their eyes about SmartGrowth. We can’t have that. We need to rebirth the partnership.”

“Partners could be clearer about their expectations - what they want, like, don’t like, so there’s more direction.”

“There’s not a great relationship with leadership group – because there’s limited opportunities to give feedback and attend.”

Whether Forum members or council officials, there is a sense that the level of regard for the Forums within councils is not as strong as it should be, and there has been a deterioration in the quality of the relationships over time.

We suggest this is again a consequence of there being a lack of common understanding of the purpose of the Forums – from both quarters – meaning the engagements between Councils and Forums fall short of expectations.

Realigning the purpose of the Forums and aligning their structure more closely with the SmartGrowth Strategy and objectives could help resolve this, as would a deeper understanding amongst all parties as to the purpose of the relationship between SmartGrowth partners and the Forums.

Appointing the Advisory Group Chairs to the SmartGrowth Governance Group will also benefit the relationship between the SmartGrowth partnership and the Advisory Groups.

➔ RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Realign the purpose, functions and structure of the Forums (Advisory Groups) to align more closely with the SmartGrowth strategy and objectives (as discussed earlier).
 2. Appoint the Advisory Group Chairs to the SmartGrowth Governance Group (as discussed earlier).
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APPENDIX 1: SmartGrowth Research Interview Questions

	Forum Partners	Leadership Group	Management/Support Staff
PARTICIPATION & OPERATION			
Clarity of role and purpose	<p>Describe in your own words the role of the SmartGrowth partner Forums, and why you think they exist.</p> <p>To what extent do you think the Forum you're involved in delivers on its purpose? In other words, do you think the Forum is fit-for-purpose? Why do you say that?</p> <p>Do you think there's consistency and alignment across the Forums in terms of their performance & contribution to SmartGrowth's vision?</p>	<p>Describe in your own words the role of the SmartGrowth partner Forums & why you think they exist.</p> <p>To what extent do you think the Forums deliver on their purpose? In other words, do you think the Forums are fit-for-purpose? Why do you say that?</p> <p>Do you think there's consistency and alignment across the Forums in terms of their performance & contribution to SmartGrowth's vision?</p>	<p>Describe in your own words the role of the SmartGrowth partner Forums & why you think they exist.</p> <p>To what extent do you think the Forums deliver on their purpose? In other words, do you think the Forums are fit-for-purpose? Why do you say that?</p> <p>Do you think there's consistency and alignment across the Forums in terms of their performance & contribution to SmartGrowth's vision?</p>
Membership, representation & skills	<p>What combination of skills and representation do you think the Forums need? Why?</p> <p>Do you think there need to be changes to the current representation and skills? What would those changes be and why?</p>	<p>What combination of skills and representation do you think the Forums need? Why?</p> <p>Do you think there need to be changes to the current representation and skills? What would those changes be and why?</p>	<p>What combination of skills and representation do you think the Forums need? Why?</p> <p>Do you think there need to be changes to the current representation and skills? What would those changes be and why?</p>
Influence & energy	<p>Do you think there are challenges to members participating actively in Forums and attending meetings, or is it easy?</p> <p>Do think there are better or easier ways forum members could participate?</p> <p>Do you feel the Forum has the influence you expect it to have? Why do you say that?</p>	<p>Do you think there are challenges to members participating actively in Forums and attending meetings, or is it easy?</p> <p>Do think there are better or easier ways forum members could participate?</p> <p>Do you feel the Forums have the influence you expect them to have? Why do you say that?</p>	<p>Do you think there are challenges to members participating actively in Forums and attending meetings, or is it easy?</p> <p>Do think there are better or easier ways forum members could participate?</p> <p>Do you feel the Forums have the influence you expect them to have? Why do you say that?</p>

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RELATIONSHIPS & INTERACTIONS			
Quality of interaction with SmartGrowth governance & management	<p>Ð Tell us about the quality of the interactions your forum has with the SmartGrowth Leaders Group.</p>	<p>Ð Tell us about the quality of the interactions the SmartGrowth Leaders Group has with the Forums.</p>	<p>Ð Tell us about your perceptions or understanding of the quality of the interactions between the SmartGrowth Leaders Group and the Forums.</p>
	<p>Ð Do you think there are opportunities to improve the quality or frequency of the engagement, and what would they be? Why do you think that would help?</p>	<p>Ð Do you think there are opportunities to improve the quality or frequency of the engagement, and what would they be? How do you think that would help?</p>	<p>Ð Do you think there are opportunities to improve the quality or frequency of the engagement, and what would they be? How do you think that would help?</p>
	<p>Ð Tell us about the quality of the interactions you have with the SmartGrowth support team.</p>	<p>Ð Tell us about your perceptions or understanding of the quality of the interactions Forums have with the SmartGrowth support team.</p>	<p>Ð Tell us about your perceptions or understanding of the quality of the interactions Forums have with the SmartGrowth support team.</p>
	<p>Ð Do you think there are opportunities to improve the quality of the engagement and what would they be?</p>	<p>Ð Do you think there are opportunities to improve the quality of the engagement and what would they be?</p> <p>Ð Tell us about the quality of support you receive from the Support Team. Are you satisfied the team responds appropriately to the direction from the Leadership Group and are you satisfied with their overall performance?</p>	<p>Ð Do you think there are opportunities to improve the quality of the engagement and what would they be?</p> <p>Ð Tell us about the quality of the direction you receive from the Leadership Group. Are you satisfied the direction you receive is adequate and sufficient for you to be successful in your role?</p>
Effectiveness as a vehicle for community engagement	<p>Ð How does your Forum enable the community to participate and have a voice? Do you think this is sufficient to give you confidence you understand the community's perspective? Why, why not?</p>	<p>Ð How do the Forums enable the community to participate and have a voice? Do you think this is sufficient to give you confidence that Forums are reflecting the community's perspective? Why, why not?</p>	<p>Ð How do the Forums enable the community to participate and have a voice? Do you think this is sufficient to give you confidence that Forums are reflecting the community's perspective? Why, why not?</p>
	<p>Ð Do you think SmartGrowth should consult with others in the community not represented in the Forum? Who and why?</p>	<p>Ð Do you think SmartGrowth should consult with others in the community not represented in the Forums? Who and why?</p>	<p>Ð Do you think SmartGrowth should consult with others in the community not represented in the Forums? Who and why?</p>

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Extent & effectiveness of relevant relationships with stakeholders and the community	<p>Ⓓ How would you characterise the relationship of your Forum with key stakeholders and the community? Why do you say that?</p>	<p>Ⓓ How would you characterise the relationships that Forums have with key stakeholders and the community? Why do you say that?</p>	<p>Ⓓ How would you characterise the relationships that Forums have with key stakeholders and the community? Why do you say that?</p>
Value to SmartGrowth decision-making & information sharing	<p>Ⓓ What value do you think Forums provide to individual member organisations?</p> <p>Ⓓ One of the roles of the Forums is to facilitate and encourage information and data sharing. Do you think your Forum is achieving that? Why, why not?</p> <p>Ⓓ Do you think the Forum is delivering value? What does value mean, to you?</p> <p>Ⓓ Do you think there's consistency and alignment across the Forums in terms of the value they're delivering? Why, why not?</p>	<p>Ⓓ What value do you think Forums provide to individual member organisations?</p> <p>Ⓓ One of the roles of the Forums is to facilitate and encourage information and data sharing. Do you think they're achieving that? Why, why not?</p> <p>Ⓓ Do you think the Forums are delivering value? What does value mean, to you?</p> <p>Ⓓ Do you think there's consistency and alignment across the Forums in terms of the value they're delivering? Why, why not?</p>	<p>Ⓓ What value do you think Forums provide to individual member organisations?</p> <p>Ⓓ One of the roles of the Forums is to facilitate and encourage information and data sharing. Do you think they're achieving that? Why, why not?</p> <p>Ⓓ Do you think the Forums are delivering value? What does value mean, to you?</p> <p>Ⓓ Do you think there's consistency and alignment across the Forums in terms of the value they're delivering? Why, why not?</p>

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Specific SmartGrowth Endorsed Growth Projects		
<p>Te Tumu Structure Plan/Rezoning</p> <p><i>This project involves the delivery of a new greenfield urban growth area of approximately 7,700 dwellings, 100 hectares of employment land with an adjoining town centre located in Wairakei. The project will go a significant way to meeting National Policy Statement development capacity requirements. It involves significant transport, waters, reserves and social/community infrastructure planning and delivery. The project is working on a timeframe of notifying a plan change to rezone the area for urban development in mid-2018 and the first houses being built in 2020. The council is working with the government to deliver infrastructure to the growth area boundary through the Housing Infrastructure Fund.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program of works underway: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 3D model development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ First Stage completed, including new Digital Elevation Model. ○ Natural hazard assessments (Due August): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Geotech/Liquefaction; ▪ Coastal Erosion; ▪ Tsunami ○ Active Fault Assessment (completed). • Contaminated Land; • Coastal Storm Surge; • Flood Modelling; • Stormwater/Hydrology; • Stormwater Strategy development; • Rainfall Modelling. • Archaeological assessment. • Master Planning – to initiated in August 2017 • Iwi and Hapu Engagement initiated. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural Hazard Risk assessments due at end August 2017; • Contaminated Land Investigations due in July 2017. • Stormwater Strategy development progresses within inputs into Structure Plan – due mid-October. • Master Planning/Landscape Planning initiated. • Infrastructure Planning Stress testing initiated. • Continued six weekly joint meetings with NZTA/MoE and DHB regarding joint planning within growth areas and defining ways to work together to deliver new communities. • Communications and engagement planning continues. • Infrastructure Planning within Wairakei and delivery of infrastructure program of works, including pre-planning for Wairakei/Te Tumu Framework Plan. • First Open Day – Planned for mid-September.
<p>Tauriko West Structure Planning/Rezoning (including associated link transport and boundary adjustment)</p> <p><i>This project involves the delivery of a new greenfield urban growth area of approximately 3,000 dwellings. The project will go a significant way to meeting National Policy Statement development capacity</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program of works underway: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Digital Elevation Model development ○ Natural hazard assessments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Drafts received: Geotech/Liquefaction; ○ Active Fault Assessment (stage 1 - completed). • Contaminated Land – Draft received; • Flood Modelling; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master Planning/Landscape Planning initiated. • Continued 6 weekly joint meetings with NZTA/MoE and DHB regarding joint planning within growth areas and defining ways to work together to deliver new communities. • Stormwater Strategy development process initiated (principles to be developed). • Infrastructure Planning initiated. • Communications and engagement planning continues.

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<p><i>requirements. It involves significant transport, waters, reserves and social/community infrastructure planning and delivery. The project is working on a timeframe of notifying a plan change to rezone the area for urban development in mid-2018 and the first houses being built in 2020. The project also involves changes to the urban limits under the Regional Policy Statement and a boundary alteration with the WBOPDC as well as integration with NZTA on the planning and delivery of an upgraded SH29 corridor through Tauriko.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infrastructure Planning Assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water/Wastewater - underway Archaeological assessment - completed. Commercial/Economic Assessment – due end July Wairakei Landscape Assessment – due end July Master Planning – to initiated in August 2017 Iwi and Hapu Engagement initiated. community facility requirements have been determined, work commenced to determine preferred locations Broadened engagement with central government social and community infrastructure providers re possible facility requirements. In addition to BoPDHB and MoE engagement, CD team have connected Oranga Tamariki, NZ Police, Fire and Ambulance service into the planning process. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planned Next Open Day – late October
<p>Compact City</p> <p><i>This project is focused on the delivery of a more compact urban form for the city via redevelopment and intensification of the city centre/surrounds, other commercial centres and suburban areas. Higher density greenfield outcomes also contribute toward compact city aims.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first draft of the centres technical assessment was received and members of the project steering committee have provided comments A draft Tauranga Urban Strategy has been developed and it will be presented to ELT on 16 August 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Centre Residential Intensification report to be presented to SLG in September Review of City Living Zone Receiving draft report of centres technical assessment Development of background to Tauranga Urban Strategy Review of suburban intensification opportunities <p>Risks relate to adequate resourcing for delivery in a timely manner.</p>

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Landuse		
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<p>Keenan Road & Western Corridor</p> <p><i>Keenan Rd and the wider Western Corridor present future greenfield urban growth opportunities. Some of this area is within the current urban limits and much all of the area is located in the WBOP District</i></p>	<p><u>Keenan Rd</u></p> <p>The Kopurererua flood model rebuild is continuing and is on-track for completion this calendar year.</p> <p><u>Western Corridor Ring Road</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Western Corridor Ring Road investigations are progressing, including early discussion with Tauriko Business Estate in terms of design and delivery of the section through their development A report to Council is being considered in August regarding a commitment to corridor protection through the Tauriko Business Estate as it develops. 	<p><u>Keenan Rd</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine when to begin planning work for the Keenan Rd area Respond to request for Stage 1 to get underway (to be informed in part by the stormwater modelling) <p><u>Western Corridor Ring Road</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and shortlist options Determine corridor protection strategy
<p>Economic Employment Projections</p> <p><i>This project delivers new long-term employment projections for the city and sub-region broken into employment types and locations. It provides important base information for many disciplines such as urban planning and transport planning. Data from these employment projections is required to update the Tauranga Transport Model to achieve more accurate transport modelling outcomes.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beca and ME Spatial are ironing out final inconsistencies between the forecast and Tauranga Traffic Model (TTM), but broadly speaking the employments forecasts are acceptable. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A statement from Beca about the projections being fit for purpose (for the TTM), following TTM testing.
<p>Tauranga Urban Centres Technical Assessment</p> <p><i>This project involves an assessment of the role and function of all commercial centres within the city from the city centre down to small local centres, including</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first draft of the centres technical assessment was received and members of the project steering committee have provided comments for the consultants The next steps are to do an assessment of social and community infrastructure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final report in August 2017

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<i>recommendations for future development of current and new centres.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake an assessment of current network centres against urban structure criteria • Identify the key drivers which are influencing the outcomes in particular centres and; • Test and refine the findings with key stakeholders and combine them with a strategy for Tauranga's urban centres. 	
Growth Related Plan Changes <i>This relates to changes that are being made to the City Plan under the RMA to deliver on residential and non-residential growth management outcomes.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council meeting scheduled for 27 July 2017 for Council to consider the recommendations and notify decisions on Plan Change 25 (Wairakei). • Hearings for Plan Change 18 (Tauriko Industrial Estate) was held on 6 July. Council meeting to consider the recommendations and agree to notify decisions in August. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete hearings, receive and consider recommendation, make plan changes operative.
Special Housing Areas (Proposals and Implementation) <i>This relates to the implementation of the Tauranga Housing Accord through the creation of SHA's to increase the short term provision of housing in the city through a fast-tracked mechanism.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendations for Golden Sands SHA and Chadwick Road SHA have been sent to the Minister for consideration. • A decision is expected in August 2017. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider possible second round of SHAs late 2017.
Wairakei/Te Tumu Framework Plan <i>This relates to the delivery of an overall plan for the development of the Wairakei town centre and its integration with commercial, employment and social/community facilities in the adjoining Kaituna 14 block in Te Tumu.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of Action Plan to support implementation through future LTP process continues. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation progresses as per Framework Plan implementation plan.

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Infrastructure Planning		
Project	Current Update (key matters)	Next Steps and Identified Risks
<p>Infrastructure Development Code (IDC) Review</p> <p><i>The IDC sets the standards for infrastructure built by developers that will be vested to the Council as well as infrastructure that the Council builds itself. This project is aimed at improving the IDC and its implementation to achieve better infrastructure outcomes.</i></p> <p>Workstream 1 - Identifying Issues & Changes to the IDC</p> <p>This workstream is to address prioritised problem areas in terms of implementation of the existing IDC. There is engagement with the development & consultant sector and industry professionals from around NZ are providing expertise into the project. The issues in this workstream are mainly technical in nature.</p> <p>Workstream 2 – Medium Density Development / Intensification Issues</p> <p>Workstream 2 is focused on creating new approaches relevant to medium density within the IDC and other frameworks where required.</p> <p>The project will look nationally and internationally at medium density development and what is aspired to in terms of the infrastructure to support that. It will include areas such as road and intersection cross-sections, walking & cycling, public transport etc. It will also look to improve subdivision design and connectivity. The</p>	<p>Workstream 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informal and Formal consultation on the various 16/17 issues is complete, with consequential changes to the IDC operative on 1 July 2017. Some future improvements have been identified in the geotechnical sector that could not be provided for under the IDC Review as they affect Building Consent compliance issues. An industry presentation / acknowledgement for the general IDC changes was provided on 19/07. Approx. 70 practitioners attended. An industry presentation / workshop for Ground Soakage / Natural Hazards & Earthworks changes was provided on 26/07. Approx. 110 practitioners attended. <p>Workstream 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project Plan approved. 	<p>Workstream 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete all sub-projects prioritised in the 2016/17 year. Establish the prioritised list of issues to be addressed in 2017/18. <p>Workstream 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Due to a staff resignation reconsidering allocation of resources for this workstream. Progress per the steps identified in the project plan. Workshops of internal and then external stakeholders to firstly identify issues that have arisen or that are continuing to arise in medium density development, and then to identify potential solutions.

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<p>intention is that this project will align with the structure plan work to create an IDC framework that will be able to be utilised for Te Tumu and Tauriko West.</p> <p>Workstream 3 – Asset Manager / Key Staff Involvement in the Resource Consent Process This is a project about improving internal TCC processes between Council departments</p> <p>Workstreams 4 & 5 – Internal / External Compliance with the IDC These workstreams will commence when work in the other three project workstreams are further advanced.</p>	<p>Workstream 3 An engineering report has been prepared by City Planning and Growth in conjunction with the Development Engineers and Consents Planners. The report seeks to address the majority of the identified issues. It is currently being trialled. Other subsequent issues concerning the relationship between the City Plan and the IDC will be addressed through rolling the review on Plan.</p>	<p>Workstream 3 Continue with the trial of new processes.</p>
<p>Tauranga Transport Model Review <i>This project involves the development of detailed new transport models that are best practice to replace the current Tauranga Transport Model that has significant shortcomings, such as not explicitly being able to deal with public transport.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TCC has budgeted \$100k and Western BOP \$50k to supplement the National Household Travel Survey sample. Hybrid meso-/micro-simulation model RFP is being finalised. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Household Travel surveys will begin in January 2018. RFP to market by end of September with 9 months for completion Scoping of regular census update of TTM demand model.
<p>Housing Infrastructure Fund Application <i>This project involves the development of detailed business cases to secure 10-year interest free loans from the government to assist in the delivery of the Waiari water treatment plant, upgrades of the Te Maunga wastewater treatment plant and infrastructure to enable development in the Te Tumu urban growth area.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meetings held with MBIE to progress HIF arrangements Project Manager and Business Case consultants selected and appointed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requirements to undertake Full Business Case to support project implementation. Conflict between National Policy Statement on Urban Development targets and prudent financial management requirements and providing amenity to existing ratepayers.
<p>Welcome Bay/Ohauti Planning Study</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project Plan is now being finalised. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project has commenced. Project completion dates subject to new resources being available.

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<i>This project involves revisiting the planning for these suburbs to determine whether existing issues can be overcome (transport and waters capacity, retail provision, education provision etc) and whether additional growth could be accommodated.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engagement on the project has begun with the Tangata Whenua Collective, relevant Hapu and some landowners. Desktop study of planning constraints is now underway. 	
Rural land Planning Study <i>This project involves the review of the over 2,000ha of rural land remaining in the city boundary to determine whether any of it is suitable for future urban development.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project Plan is now being finalised. Engagement on the project has begun with the Tangata Whenua Collective, relevant Hapu and some landowners. Desktop study of planning constraints is now underway. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project has commenced. Project completion dates subject to new resources being available.

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External Community and/or Stakeholder Discussions		
Growth related Community and/or Stakeholder discussions (this includes community infrastructure issues)	<p>Homelessness projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our Community Project multi-agency group continues to investigate partnership with an experienced homeless service provider to set up a best practice Housing First integrated homeless service hub in Tauranga. Conversations with central government regarding funding also progressing. Addressing homeless individuals and families accommodation needs by leasing TCC properties and land to emergency housing NGOs. Opal Drive vacant land leased to MSD for 19 emergency housing units. <p>TCC is working with WBOPDC on the SmartGrowth led housing needs assessment project. Will be looking closely at integration of this work with NPS UDC housing demand measures work by SmartGrowth TIG. RFP process closed, two proposals shortlisted for final consultant selection stage. Expected final report mid-October.</p>	

SmartGrowth Partnership Report September 2017



This report is divided into three sections.

Section 1: SmartGrowth Partnership Office

Update on actions that are currently led, funded and activated by the office.

Section 2: SmartGrowth Partner Forums

Update on the actions and meetings of the forums including links to minutes from forums meetings.


Section One

Actions led, funded and activated by the **SmartGrowth Partnership Office**

SMARTGROWTH STRATEGY Priority Actions: Part B: Implementation Plan and Part C Settlement Pattern Implementation Plan

SLG Priority SmartGrowth Strategy/Action Link Ongoing Actions	September Progress Update
<p>SmartGrowth Leadership Group (SLG) Priority: United advocacy/co-ordinated planning</p> <p>SmartGrowth Strategy Action 7 Strengthen visionary leadership and collaboration</p> <p>SmartGrowth Strategy Action 7B 1 and 2: Strengthen the SmartGrowth Partnership/Memorandum of Agreement</p> <p>Governance, partnership and decision-making support for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SmartGrowth Leadership Group (SLG) - Independent chair - Chief Executives' Advisory Group (CEAG) - SmartGrowth Strategic (managers) Group (SSG) - Technical working groups (TIG) 	<p>Update: September</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CEAG met on 12 July. Next meeting 13 September. Strategic Transport Workshop scope will be discussed. • SSG met on July 4. Next meeting 5 September. SmartGrowth work programme and progress on key projects including SmartGrowth Forums Health Check final research report. • TIG for National Policy Statement co-ordination/Settlement Pattern Review projects is meeting monthly, chaired by strategic advisor Ken Tremaine. • SLG September workshop – Freshwater for Life – western Bay perspectives. BoPRC facilitating and leading this workshop.
<p>SmartGrowth Leadership Group (SLG) Priority: Future Thinking</p> <p>SmartGrowth Strategy Action 7G Promote SmartGrowth as information portal for access to data, research and demographics.</p>	<p>Update: September</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Smart Talk. Future Thinking' event – • 11 July Smart Talk highlights on the housing challenge now on website. 230+ people attended the event. • August 10 – the Future of Health. Keynote speaker was Dr Lance O'Sullivan. 270 attendees. • September 13 - SmartGrowth sponsoring 'Placemaking and Density Done Well' Smart Talk event as part of Architecture Week in

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<p>.</p>	<p>Tauranga in partnership with Bay of Plenty branch of Institute of Architects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2017 Smart Talk strategic partnership with Chamber of Commerce assists with event and registration management, marketing and promotion confirmed and agreed. • July and August SmartGrowth newsletters published. Media release planned on Ageing Renters research summary. • New factsheet on housing continuum published. See attachment. • Forum chairs masterplan design workshop for Tauriko West set for 6 September. Te Tumu August 16.
<p>7. Strengthen visionary leadership and collaboration</p> <p>SmartGrowth Action 7A1: SmartGrowth Partner Forums</p> <p>Support for seven established forums + Social Infrastructure Providers</p> <p>Support for seven established forums + Social Infrastructure Providers</p>	<p>Update: September</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SmartGrowth Forums Health Check Research report completed. (SmartGrowth Strategy Action 7A1a). Reported back to SmartGrowth Leadership Group August 2017. Decision pathway for Nov/Dec decisions on recommendations. • Youth engagement advice received (SmartGrowth Action 7A1e). • Forum bi-monthly meetings supported across all seven forums. • <i>See Section Two for full report on forums.</i>
<p>7. Strengthen visionary leadership and collaboration</p> <p>SmartGrowth Action 7C3 Integration with District Health Board (DHB)</p>	<p>Update: September</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August Smart Talk held in partnership with DHB. • DHB has set up new Strategic Committee – to focus on future planning and innovative delivery of their strategic plan. • DHB Board approved the Strategic Health Services Plan on 19 July. • Attended Sam Johnson (Student Army) workshop with DHB.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SmartGrowth manager attended first Active Living and Environment: Towards a Healthier and More Sustainable Future conference. • SmartGrowth manager presented at annual Economic Development Association conference.
<p>SmartGrowth (SG) Strategy Action 71 Reporting and monitoring SLG priority: Reporting/ monitoring Effectively reporting, measuring and monitoring the implementation of the SG Strategy is a priority.</p> <p>Develop monitoring and reporting framework with key indicators as part of producing the next ‘progress report’. Use this mechanism to see ‘gaps’ in priorities and use for future planning.</p>	<p>Update: September</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft indicator framework for SmartGrowth Strategy outcome/interest areas • Feedback being worked through by project team. • Rescoped into technical report due to budget constraints. • Should be completed by the end of October 2017; reporting to SmartGrowth Leadership Group Nov/Dec 2017.
<p>9. Build the Community</p> <p>SmartGrowth Strategy Priority Action 9A Build and value partnership with the community. Ongoing communication and engagement with the community 9A2 Ongoing communication and engagement with the community Lead agency: SmartGrowth Partnership Office</p> <p>Measure of success is that community awareness and understanding of SmartGrowth is improved and maintained.</p>	<p>Update: September</p> <p>9A2 All Smart Talks have attracted more than 200 people from across the community, including business sector to all events. Positive feedback. August one resulted in more than 200 new newsletter registrations. September Smart Talk in partnership with Architecture Week will be the last for the year.</p> <p>Digital strategy developed and being implemented by communications consultant – more activity on social media; new template for newsletter developed and implemented for mobile-friendly format; media activity ongoing.</p>

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<p>Implementing/reviewing communications engagement plan</p> <p>Includes leveraging off new website, other channels and new SmartGrowth programme of 'Smart Talk. Future Thinking community conversations.</p> <p>Work with council communications teams</p> <p>Effectiveness in the social sector 9A3 <i>Not a priority action in the strategy but currently funded and approved action. SSF-lead agency.</i></p> <p>Build on existing social services mapping to inform future work on improving long-term sustainable outcomes. Build collaboration.</p> <p>Mapping the social sector project. Social inventory – social services mapping. This project has been contracted to SocialLink.</p> <p>9A3 Mapping of the social sector project now led and managed by SocialLink following CEAG delegated funding decision; contract for delivery of work using SmartGrowth funding signed with SocialLink – partnership funding approach – SocialLink also contributing funding. Set up phase completed; now in data collection phase. Project report completion expected by December 2017. Regular progress reporting into SSG, Social Sector Forum and other SmartGrowth stakeholders.</p>	<p>Regular (most days) postings to our social media channels – Facebook now main social media channel.</p> <p>Results of TCC residents perception survey shows just over one third of respondents (36%) have heard of SmartGrowth with nearly half of those (47%) stating that it has to do with growth planning and controls where development can happen;. New SmartGrowth factsheets well received and positive feedback. Many new people are signing up to the SmartGrowth newsletter as a result of the Smart Talks.</p> <p>Supporting Sustainable Business Network to run a one-off transport forum in partnership with PriorityOne, Chamber of Commerce and councils.</p> <p>SmartGrowth chair is scoping Strategic Transport workshop for October SmartGrowth Leadership Group meeting.</p> <p>SmartGrowth chair met with Fire and Emergency Services to discuss future planning.</p>
<p>10. Grow a Sustainable Economy</p> <p>SmartGrowth Strategy Action 10D1 SLG priority: future thinking</p>	<p>Housing Affordability Forum (HAF) progressing pilot project. Registration of Interest (RoI) document, calling for parties interested in developing a proposal released. Registrations closed 31 July 2017.</p>

SLG Priority SmartGrowth Strategy/Action Link Ongoing Actions	September Progress Update
<p>Research sub-regional workforce implications of population ageing</p> <p>SmartGrowth Strategy Action 10E5 Housing affordability project</p> <p>United advocacy: housing affordability 10E6 SLG priority: united advocacy The Housing We Need project</p>	<p>Western Bay of Plenty District Council is making land available within the Omokoroa Special Housing Area for an affordable housing pilot project. Two sites have been identified, one in stage 2 for development early next year, and one for a later stage with timing dependent upon the speed of the market. Comms support from SmartGrowth for project; Rol management support from Western Bay of Plenty District Council.</p> <p>Update: SmartGrowth Partnership Office, through the independent chair, with the support of Tauranga City and Western Bay District Council, a Housing Reference Group and Social Sector and Housing Affordability forums, has scoped work on a Housing Needs Assessment, particularly focused on social and affordable housing sector. Consideration of the request for proposals is completed and this work is now underway – SmartGrowth Office will lead management of the project, funded jointly by SmartGrowth, BayTrust, Western Bay of Plenty District Council (WBOPDC) and Tauranga City Council (TCC). Completion programmed for end of November 2017.</p>
<p>11. Recognise Tangata Whenua cultural identity and change SmartGrowth Strategy Actions 11A-C</p> <p>Actions 11A and 11B and 11C Priority actions 11A1; 11A2; 11B1; 11B2; 11C1</p>	<p>Combined Tangata Whenua Forum (CTWF) Meetings to discuss key issues. Current issues include, housing affordability, BOPRC Plan Change 9 and RMA amendments, in particular Te Mana Whakahono Agreements.</p> <p>Action 11A1 & 11A2 Partner Councils are reviewing the project heritage database project plan to assess potential changes to enable to project to progress.</p>

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	<p>Action 11A4 Sub-regional tangata whenua consultation policy for resource consent processing, has been partially complete. BOPRC will rely on contact databases and areas of interest supplied by TCC and WBOPDC. TCC and WBOPDC will develop a single tangata whenua consultation policy.</p> <p>TCC and WBOPDC Maori policy staff are continually reviewing contact and area of interest information in response to iwi and hapu.</p> <p>Action 11A7 TCC and WBOPDC Maori policy staff assessing internal cultural awareness programs for partner organization.</p> <p>Action 11B1 Project is on-going and progress has been made for papakainga within the sub-region.</p> <p>Action 11B2 Project is on-going as treaty settlements progress. Some settled iwi not in a position to articulate aspirations for property return through settlements. Nga Potiki is the only settlement group to date that have responded as at December 2015.</p> <p>Action 11BC Project is complete. CTWF have requested a parallel supplementary report to be prepared looking at issues of health and education.</p>
SmartGrowth Strategy Part C: 21 Integrated planning and settlement pattern SmartGrowth Strategy Actions 21A to 21G	<p>Update: August TIG has been workshopping with Lawrence McIlrath from Market Economics Spatial to nail down the required work for the business capacity assessment.</p>

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<p>SLG priority: NPS co-ordination; co-ordinating sub-regional spatial planning</p> <p>TIG - A cross-council, cross-implementation partner Technical Implementation Group (TIG) for Settlement Pattern Review and National Policy Statement for Urban Development Capacity work is meeting monthly.</p> <p>Project plan for this work agreed with SLG, SSG and CEAG; SPR projects bi-monthly updates now going to SSG/SLG – see Part 3 of this report. Co-ordination, monitoring and alignment role for SG.</p> <p>SmartGrowth Strategy Action 21A3</p> <p>Consider future housing needs – including supply and demand to cater for changing demographics</p> <p>PATAG research project – ageing well science challenge – Life when Renting Bay of Plenty case study <i>Not a priority/urgent action in 2013 strategy, but approved and funded this project to complement other NPS research now underway. Report and research completed July 2017. PATAG-led/SGP funded.</i></p>	<p>Critical background and guidance documents have been released by the Ministry for the Environment. Focus of this latest piece of work is to get a clear picture of what our Business Land Assessment will look like by the end of this year and the necessary inputs.</p> <p>http://www.mfe.govt.nz/more/towns-and-cities/implementing-national-policy-statement-urban-development-capacity</p> <p>SmartGrowth manager interviewed as part of ‘responsive planning’ guidance development by MBIE/MfE officials.</p> <p>Summary Research Paper from the Ageing Well Life when Renting project is now available on the SmartGrowth website and well utilised by other agencies. Media release coverage. http://www.smartgrowthbop.org.nz/research/new-research/</p>

Section Two

SmartGrowth Strategy Action 7. Strengthen visionary leadership and collaboration

SmartGrowth Action 7A: Strengthen relationships with the community

SmartGrowth Forums

Environment and Sustainability Forum



Housing Affordability Forum



Combined Tangata Whenua Forum



Population Ageing Technical Advisory Group



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"cognitive frameworks", "emotional terrains", "spiritual journeys", "mythological realms", "legendary domains", "fantasy worlds", "science fiction settings", "post-apocalyptic wastelands", "utopian societies", "dystopian futures", "ancient civilizations", "medieval kingdoms", "renaissance courts", "baroque palaces", "Victorian estates", "modernist cities", "futuristic metropolises", "alien planets", "interstellar highways", "time-travel corridors", "dimensional rifts", "reality distortions", "consciousness expansions", "mind-bending experiences", "heart-wrenching moments", "joyful celebrations", "peaceful resolutions", "conflict-ridden territories", "war-torn regions", "refugee camps", "detention facilities", "prison systems", "labor camps", "slavery plantations", "colonial outposts", "frontier settlements", "wilderness preserves", "national parks", "biosphere reserves", "world heritage sites", "UNESCO monuments", "Olympic stadiums", "World Cup arenas", "concert venues", "theater districts", "film studios", "television networks", "radio stations", "newspaper offices", "government buildings", "courts of law", "legislative chambers", "executive suites", "boardrooms", "conference halls", "lecture theaters", "research laboratories", "libraries", "archives", "museums", "galleries", "concert halls", "opera houses", "symphony orchestras", "rock bands", "pop stars", "hip-hop artists", "country musicians", "jazz legends", "classical composers", "avant-garde performers", "street vendors", "market stalls", "flea markets", "car boot sales", "online marketplaces", "e-commerce platforms", "digital storefronts", "virtual shopping malls", "cryptocurrency exchanges", "blockchain networks", "smart city initiatives", "autonomous vehicle fleets", "drone delivery services", "robotic assistants", "AI-powered chatbots", "personalized recommendation engines", "predictive analytics dashboards", "big data processing centers", "cloud storage solutions", "cybersecurity protocols", "firewall defenses", "encryption algorithms", "authentication mechanisms", "password managers", "two-factor authentication systems", "biometric scanners", "facial recognition software", "voice-activated assistants", "gesture-controlled interfaces", "wearable devices", "smart home appliances", "connected cars", "IoT sensors", "RFID tags", "NFC payments", "QR code trackers", "GPS location services", "mobile app ecosystems", "operating system updates", "software patches", "bug fixes", "feature releases", "beta testing programs", "user feedback loops", "customer support channels", "helpdesk tickets", "FAQ pages", "knowledge base articles", "webinars", "podcasts", "YouTube channel", "Instagram posts", "Twitter threads", "LinkedIn articles", "Facebook shares", "Pinterest boards", "Snapchat stories", "TikTok videos", " Twitch streams, YouTube Live broadcasts, Instagram Live sessions, Facebook Live events, Twitter Spaces discussions, LinkedIn Live presentations, Zoom webinars, Microsoft Teams 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Partner Forum	Update summary / link to minutes on SmartGrowth website	Key messages for SmartGrowth Leadership Group
Strategic Partners (SPF)	http://www.smartgrowthbop.org.nz/about-us/partner-forums/strategic-partners-forum <i>Proposed water workshop and strategic transport workshop for SmartGrowth Leadership Group discussed.</i>	<p>Next meeting is 10 October. Please click on forum link for latest meeting minutes.</p> <p>Met on August 8.</p>
Social Sector (SSF)	http://www.smartgrowthbop.org.nz/about-us/partner-forums/social-sector-forum http://www.smartgrowthbop.org.nz/about-us/partner-forums/social-sector-forum	<p>Met on July 27.</p> <p>Next meeting 28 September.</p>
Combined Tangata Whenua (CTWF)	http://www.smartgrowthbop.org.nz/about-us/partner-forums/combined-tangata-whenua-forum	<p>Please click on forum link for latest meeting minutes.</p> <p>Met on 9 August. Next meeting 4 October.</p>
Property Developers (PDF)	http://www.smartgrowthbop.org.nz/about-us/partner-forums/property-developers-forum <p>Met August 3. Key message - Tauranga City Council and other councils to prioritise and resource future review work (Project 2 Workstream) on the Infrastructure Development Code (IDC). Sub-regional alignment.</p> <p>Project 2 Workstream – High Density Development / Intensification Issues</p> <p>This project is focused on creating new approaches relevant to medium density within the IDC and other frameworks where required.</p> <p><i>Forum chair was on the Smart Talk housing discussion panel.</i></p>	<p>The Property Developers Forum wants to see how all the work across the councils transport, land use and planning projects integrated in a sub-regional manner.</p> <p>A ‘visual mapping’ of the sub-regional housing work has been completed. A transport equivalent is now under development. Chair has also requested the following series of one page diagrams similar to the Housing one Others (in addition to transport) that could be done include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure, land use planning and placemaking, • Water, • The Environment, • Tangata Whenua Cultural Identity and Change, • Economic Growth and a Sustainable Economy (incl Education & Tourism). • Next meeting 5 October.

<p>Population Ageing Technical Advisory Group (PATAG)</p>	<p>http://www.smartgrowthbop.org.nz/about-us/partner-forums/population-ageing-technical-advisory-group</p> <p>PATAG is exploring with the District Health Board the possibility to extend into the Eastern Bay of Plenty.</p> <p>Met on July 26. Next meeting 27 September.</p>	<p>Research papers from the Ageing Well Life When Renting project are now available on the SmartGrowth website. This research project is now complete including a summary of the work and recommendations for action. A presentation from the researchers will be organised for the SmartGrowth Leadership Group. Please click on forum link for latest meeting minutes.</p> <p>Chair of PATAG was on the housing Smart Talk panel.</p>
<p>Housing Affordability (HAF)</p>	<p>http://www.smartgrowthbop.org.nz/about-us/partner-forums/housing-affordability-forum</p> <p>The Forum has formed a Pilot Project Steering Group that is now meeting regularly to guide the Registration of Interest. (RoI) Registrations closed 31 July 2017. The Omokoroa land for the Pilot Project has now been identified as two blocks available at different stages of the development rather than the original 400sqm in an early stage.</p> <p>The panel for assessment of the RoI is in place with a timeline of September for the announcement of the preferred projects. There are no limitations as to what and where the projects include and are situated as long as they occur in the western Bay of Plenty sub region.</p>	<p>The Housing Affordability Forum met on 11 August. Please see the link for the minutes of the August meeting.</p> <p>Next meeting 13 October</p>
<p>Environment & Sustainability (E&S)</p>	<p>http://www.smartgrowthbop.org.nz/about-us/partner-forums/environment-and-sustainability-forum</p> <p>Met on July 18</p> <p>Next meeting on 19 September.</p>	<p>The E & S Forum is engaged across a wide range of activity in the district, which is now being captured and documented for the Forum's bi-monthly meetings and is presented for inclusion in the reporting.</p> <p>Chair Jo Wills presented to the SmartGrowth Leadership Group on the forum's activities at the August meeting.</p>

		<p>The purpose of capturing this information is manyfold, but demonstrates to the SmartGrowth Leadership Group the environmental and sustainability touch points as seen by the forum for SmartGrowth planning and development processes. It highlights the position of the forum relevant to each issue, as well as bringing attention to the breadth of knowledge and expertise within the forum. It is the forum's expectation that there will be meaningful engagement throughout all SmartGrowth processes, as per the forum's scope. Forum members will add value through the utilisation of member's expertise and connections. Adding this bi-monthly activity report (Paper A) will help SmartGrowth Leadership Group members to support inclusion of the E & S forum in decision-making processes.</p>
Social Infrastructure Providers Group	<p>This is not a forum – and meets as an informal networking group. Councils are members as they are providers.</p> <p>Met in June. Discussed linkages, presentation from Ministry for Vulnerable Children; Tauranga Budget Advisory Service.</p> <p>Fire Service representatives attended Joint Forums Hui; follow up meeting held with Bill Wasley and Tauranga City community development to discuss future community planning.</p> <p>Social infrastructure providers being met with for Te Tumu and Tauriko West Structure Planning.</p> <p>No formal minutes. Position paper link.</p>	<p>Meetings have highlighted need to share project synergies e.g. Katikati Community Centre learnings.</p> <p>Need to keep focus on social infrastructure and share learnings and opportunities.</p> <p>Key question is What would Smart Growth want to know about social infrastructure providers and their aspirations, to include in future thinking and forward planning?"</p>



Meeting Agenda - The Freshwater Workshop

Purpose:	<i>Briefing on national freshwater discussions and how they relate to Smartgrowth Discuss / identify areas of collaboration in support of Smartgrowth</i>	Chair : Date :	Bill Wasley Thursday 29 September 2017
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1.	Welcome	Chairman Leeder	Introductions and talk through BOPRC ' Freshwater for Life' LTP outcome and objectives
2.	Outline of national perspectives and what was happening in the water space	Namouta / Ian / Cllr Crosbie	Brief all councillors on impacts & landscape at national level : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Who is doing what - NPSFM Changes & Implications (inc Swimmability Targets) - Other National topics (DIA 3 waters / Urban design / Havelock etc) - Cllr Crosbie LGNZ presentation
3.	Quality and quantity matters and who gets to use water	Namouta /Rob / Ian / Industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing RMA – understanding • Current science understanding (Water quality / Water Quantity) • Swimmability & impact for TA's (Process) & link to NPSFM • Allocation & impact for TA's (PC9) • Regional Growth Study – Water Opportunities / Barriers.
4.	Need for joined up approach between TLA's and Regional Councils. There are obligations on both RC's and TLAs.	Kelvin / Steve / Ian	Areas of collaboration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WBOP / TCC collaboration - Havelock North Joint Risk Assessment
5.	Infrastructure provision including affordability and timing	TLA's	TBC – DIA 3 waters
6.	Iwi interest / role	Kat / Anaru	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Te Mana Whakahono & implications for BOPRC & what this could mean for TA's • Te Mana o Te Wai implications



Smart Transport Forum



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When

Thursday 28th September
9 am – 12 pm

Where

Club Mount Maunganui
45 Kawaka St
Mount Maunganui

Cost

No charge, morning tea
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