

Agenda Report Details

Agenda Item : Auckland Unitary Plan – Proposed Plan Change 78 – Decisions on Independent Hearing Panel recommendations for Metropolitan Centres

Purpose of the Report

To seek Auckland Council decisions on the Independent Hearings Panel recommendations on proposed Plan Change 78: Intensification for the Metropolitan Centre Zone provisions including relevant precincts and qualifying matters.

Council Resolution

Councillor Newman returned to the meeting at 12:07pm.

Resolution number PPDC/2025/2

MOVED by Councillor Hills, seconded by Councillor Filipaina:

That the Policy, Planning and Development Committee:

- a. **whiwhi / receive the Independent Hearings Panel Recommendation Report for Metropolitan Centre Zone provisions, appended as Attachment A to the agenda report.**
- b. **whakaae / accept the Independent Hearings Panel recommendations and adopt the reasons as set out in Attachment A, with the exception of the recommendation applying to the part of the Newmarket Special Character Area Business overlay outside the Newmarket Metropolitan Centre Zone.**
- c. **whakahē / reject the Independent Hearings Panel recommendation applying to the part of the Newmarket Special Character Area Business overlay outside the Newmarket Metropolitan Centre Zone because:**
 - i. **the recommendation applies to land outside the Newmarket Metropolitan Centre Zone**
 - ii. **Proposed Plan Change 78 was withdrawn in part on 9 October 2025 in relation to those areas of land (which are included in Proposed Plan Change 120: Housing Intensification and Resilience).**
- d. **tūtohu / recommend to the Minister for the Environment that the existing operative Auckland Unitary Plan provisions are retained for those areas of land identified in clause c.**
- e. **whakaae / approve the correction of minor errors, as set out in Attachment B of the agenda report, in accordance with clause 102(2), Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act.**
- f. **tono / request staff to undertake the necessary steps to make the Metropolitan Centre Zone provisions operative, for all accepted Independent Hearings Panel recommendations.**
- g. **tono / request staff to refer the rejected recommendations, together with the reasons for rejection in clause c. and any alternative recommendation in clause d. to the Minister for the Environment.**