

Significance and Engagement Policy - Summary

Council's Significance and Engagement Policy lets the Community know when and how they can expect to be engaged in Council's decision-making processes.

The final decision on a matter's significance rests with Council, but the following criteria are used in the assessment:

- ❖ Contribution to Community Outcomes or Key Projects
- ❖ Consistency with the Long-term Plan
- ❖ Net cost to Council
- ❖ Variation of options
- ❖ Reversibility
- ❖ Level of controversy
- ❖ Precautionary approach
- ❖ Impact on funders

Council's engagement with the Community can occur in a number of ways and at a number of different levels. Council has adapted the IAP2 Spectrum of Engagement for its use. The five levels of engagement are:

- 1) Inform
- 2) Consult
- 3) Involve
- 4) Collaborate
- 5) Empower

Council determines the most appropriate level for each community engagement process.

Council has determined to develop and implement an Engagement Strategy in 2018. As part of this process the Significance and Engagement Policy will be reviewed and opened for feedback from the Community.

A copy of the full Significance and Engagement Policy can be found on Council's website – www.icc.govt.nz.