



Planning and Accountability Working Party Newsletter December 2016

SOLGM's Planning and Accountability Working Party met on Friday, 25 November and covered a variety of topical issues for the sector. In this edition you will find:

- Long-Term Plan Guidance – Quality Assurance
- National Policy Statement – Urban Development (NPS-UDC)
- Spatial Planning

Long-Term Plan Guidance

The SOLGM Sector Improvement Team has been working alongside our working parties to produce reviewed guidance for the 2018-28 LTPs. The final guide in our long-term plan suite will be available to the early in the coming year. This will be a set of long-term plan quality assurance checklists, available to download. These checklists will be divided into two aspects, quality assurance and legal compliance.

Our current suite of long-term guides can be found on lgsectorgoodtoolkit.co.nz

National Policy Statement – Urban Development (NPS-UDC)

The focus of the NPS-UDC is on development capacity. Particularly, referred to within the NPS-UDC as the amount of development allowed by zoning and regulations in plans that is supported by infrastructure. The Ministry for the Environment has made an introductory guidance on the NPS-UDC available online <http://www.mfe.govt.nz/more/towns-and-cities/national-policy-statement-urban-development-capacity>

The introductory guide further explains key terminology and concepts, along with providing a general overview of the NPS-UDC. The working party discussed the introductory guide released by MBIE and the implications for the local government sector.

Spatial Planning

The working party discussed the importance and current use of spatial planning as a tool by councils. The working party looked at the definition of spatial planning and the connection to infrastructure and asset planning. The working party will continue to consider how spatial planning could best be used by the local government sector in the coming year.

Season's Greetings

On behalf of SOLGM's Planning and Accountability Working Party, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Sheryl Bryant

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