

**QLDC Council**

**3 June 2015**

**Report for Agenda Item: 3**

**Department: CEO Office**

Energy Futures Taskforce Report – Shaping Our Future

**Purpose**

- 1 The purpose of this report is to receive the Energy Futures Taskforce Report from Shaping Our Future.

**Recommendation**

That Council:

1. Note the contents of this report.
2. Recommend that the findings of the report be considered in the District Plan Review process as appropriate.

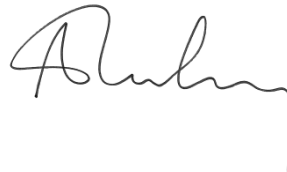
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## Background

- 2 The Energy Futures Task Force was established under the umbrella of Shaping our Future (SOF), following a public forum in February 2013.
- 3 The Task Force was charged with considering the energy resilience of the district and to prepare recommendations for the agencies responsible.
- 4 The report has been through a public process and incorporates feedback from the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA).

## Comment

- 5 The taskforce has developed a vision for the Queenstown Lakes District:

*The district will be known for its innovative and efficient energy use. By 2035, new buildings in the Queenstown Lakes District will be built to the highest standards of energy efficiency. Housing will be warm and dry through effective energy use rather than high energy use. Transport systems will efficiently move people and goods and avoid inefficient use of fossil fuels.*

- 6 Accordingly the report contains eight key recommendations which are all pertinent to the Queenstown Lakes District Council. They are:
  1. Amend QLDC District Plan to consider the public and private benefits of energy efficient buildings and intensification of urban areas. (this affects both Stationery and Transport energy)
  2. QLDC to work with other agencies (including NZTA, ORC, and AA to support energy efficiencies in transport sector.
  3. QLDC to work with agencies such as EECA to educate stakeholders about the specific benefits of energy efficiency. Good planning now, saves energy use in the future. Where a building is located affects transport energy, the quality of the building affects energy costs over the life of the building.
  4. QLDC begin work to prepare a detailed energy profile for the district that would inform use, needs and future planning. This recommendation asks the QLDC do whatever it can within its own sphere of influence to prepare a profile.
  5. QLDC to investigate ways to require landlords to improve the energy efficiency of rental accommodation towards providing warm, efficient and healthy housing.
  6. Engage and collaborate with other councils and other parts of the world to find solutions.
  7. QLDC to formally recognise the influence that energy costs have on the standard of living in the district and establish proportionate representation for the community.
  8. That the energy vision is received and adopted by the QLDC.

**Options**

- 7 The individual recommendations will need to be assessed and options considered in relation to implementation.

**Significance and Engagement**

- 8 This matter is of low significance, in accordance with Council's Significance and Engagement Policy because the matter is for noting.

**Risk**

- 9 This matter does not have significant risk.

**Financial Implications**

- 10 There are no financial implications.

**Council Policies, Strategies and Bylaws**

- 11 This matter is not included in the 10-Year Plan/Annual Plan

**Local Government Act 2002 Purpose Provisions**

- 12 The recommended option:

- Will help meet the current and future needs of communities for good-quality local infrastructure, local public services, and performance of regulatory functions in a way that is most cost-effective for households and businesses.
- Can be implemented through current funding under the 10-Year Plan and Annual Plan;
- Is consistent with the Council's plans and policies; and
- Would not alter significantly the intended level of service provision for any significant activity undertaken by or on behalf of the Council, or transfer the ownership or control of a strategic asset to or from the Council.

**Consultation: Community Views and Preferences**

- 13 Shaping Our Future is an Incorporated Society established to facilitate consultative public forums to capture community outputs on matters of public interest towards a better future for the communities of the Queenstown Lakes District.

**Attachments**

- A Shaping Our Future Letter to the Mayor  
B Energy Futures Report