

PC22A Appendix 1 - Assessing the Appropriateness of the Objectives

	OPTION 1 – OPERATIVE/STATUS QUO	OPTION 2 – PROPOSED
	<p>Option 1: Objective 1, 2 and 3</p> <p><i>Objective 1: To identify and undertake appropriate compliance monitoring in order to discharge the Council's duties under s35 of the RMA</i></p> <p><i>Objective 2: To identify and undertake appropriate process monitoring in order to discharge the Council's duties under s35 of the RMA</i></p> <p><i>Objective 3: To identify and undertake appropriate environmental monitoring in order to discharge the Council's duties under s35 of the RMA</i></p>	<p>Option 2: Objective 1</p> <p><i>To enable the Council to discharge its duties under s35 of the RMA, particularly in respect of:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The State of the Environment,</i> • <i>Policy and Plan Effectiveness, and</i> • <i>Resource Consents, Complaints and Compliance.</i>
Relevance		
Directly related to resource management issue?	There are no resource management issues contained with the operative Section 25, as it provides the administrative monitoring function of the Plan to support the purpose of the Act.	Section 25 provides details on the administrative monitoring function of the Plan to support the purpose of the Act, which is to promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources (s5).Section 25 does not include resource management issues as it does not directly identify problems that need to be resolved to meet Section 5 of the Act, but addresses the functions of the Council, that assist in the Council meeting the purpose of the Act.
Will achieve one or more aspects of the purpose and principles of the RMA?	Yes. When included in the District Plan, these operative objectives would have intended to contribute to the achievement of RMA purpose of s5	The objective will assist the Council in the achievement of s5 of the RMA.
Relevant to Māori environmental issues? (sections 6(e),6(g),7(aa), 8)	Yes. It is not inconsistent with Maori environmental issues.	Yes. It is not inconsistent with Maori environmental issues.
Relevant to statutory functions or to give effect to another plan or policy (i.e., NPS, RPS)?	Yes. s35 of the RMA places a duty on the Council to gather, monitor and keep records. There is no NPS or RPS relevant to monitoring, however the outcomes sort by NPS and RPS and how the Councils gives effect to NPS and RPS are required to be monitored within the city.	Yes. S35 of the RMA places a duty on the Council to gather, monitor and keep records. There is no NPS or RPS relevant to monitoring, however the outcomes sort by NPS and RPS and how the Councils gives effect to NPS and RPS are required to be monitored within the city.
Usefulness		
Will effectively guide decision-making?	The objectives identify the need for the Council to meet obligations relating to some of the identified obligations contained within s35. The objectives however are repetitive in nature and may lead to confusion to Plan users as to the difference in each objective.	Yes. The objective clearly identifies the need for the Council to meet all of the obligations of s35 of the RMA. As the Council is the party most affected by the objective, it provides clear direction to the Council to make decisions in relation to monitoring and reporting that will result in the objective being met.

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Meets sound principles for writing objectives? (specific; state what is to be achieved where and when; relate to the issue; able to be assessed)	No. The operative objective states the desired outcome, however describes how the objective will be achieved, which is what should be outlined within policies. In addition, the operative objectives are repetitive, but seek the same outcome.	Yes. The objective states what is to be achieved, with s35 of the RMA specifically referred to within the objective to provide the platform on which the objective can be assessed.
Consistent with other objectives?	The proposed objectives are consistent with each other in that they each address one of the obligations under s35.	Yes. This is the only proposed objective within Section 25, but the objective is also consistent with other objectives within the Plan, in that it provides the tool for enabling other provisions within the Plan to be monitored.
Achievability		
Will it be clear when the objective has been achieved in the future? Is the objective measureable and how would its achievement be measured?	The operative objectives provide direction on how the outcome is to be achieved (identifying and undertaking), and by using the wording 'appropriate' it is difficult to interpret when the objective will be achieved.	Yes. The objective is clear of the outcomes sought, that being to ensure that monitoring and reporting is undertaken to an appropriate level to meet the Councils obligations under s35. The outcomes can be assessed specifically by reference to requirements contained within s35 of the RMA, and the policies within Section 25 that will assist the Council in how this objective will be met.
Is it expected that the objective will be achieved within the life of the Plan or is it an aspirational objective that will be achieved sometime in the future?	Yes. The objective requires measures to be put in place for the outlined obligations of s35 to be met to be achieved throughout the life of the Plan.	Yes. The objective requires measures to be put in place for the obligations of s35 to be met. The objective will not be met immediately but will provide the basis for measures to be put in place to achieve the objective throughout the life of the Plan.
Does the council have the functions, powers, and policy tools to ensure that they can be achieved? Can you describe them?	Yes. The Council has the policy staff that have a monitoring function within their job descriptions, and consents and compliance staff to monitor and report on each of the objectives.	Yes. The Council has the policy staff that have a monitoring function within their job descriptions, and consents and compliance staff to monitor and report in accordance with the requirements of s35 of the RMA.
What other parties can the Council realistically expect to influence to contribute to this outcome?	The Council will be the primary party influenced by the objective, as the objective reflects a statutory obligation on the Council. The public however will have an influence in the outcome of this objective. The outcomes sort by objective serve to provide a level of accountability to the public that the functions of the Council will be carried out. In achieving the objective, the Council can demonstrate to the public their commitment to the outlined statutory obligations under the Act.	The Council will be the primary party influenced by the objective, as the objective reflects a statutory obligation on the Council. The public however will have an influence in the outcome of this objective. The outcomes sort by objective serve to provide a level of accountability to the public that the functions of the Council will be carried out. In achieving the objective, the Council can demonstrate to the public their commitment to their statutory obligations under the Act.
What risks have been identified in respect of outcomes?	The objective and policies are reflective of the Councils obligations for monitoring under S35 of the Act, and therefore there is sound information to proceed with the inclusion of the provisions within the Plan.	The proposed objective and policies are directly reflective of the Councils obligations for monitoring under S35 of the Act, and therefore there is sound information to proceed with the inclusion of the proposed provisions within the Plan.

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Reasonableness		
Does the objective seek an outcome that would have greater benefits either environmentally or economically/socially compared with the costs necessary to achieve it?	The expected outcome of this objective is for the Council to meet the outlined obligations under the Act. As the objective seeks achievement of a statutory requirement then the benefits of achieving, outweigh any costs in achieving the objective.	The expected outcome of the proposed objective has no additional costs or benefits to the Council. The cost of meeting the objective is a cost that the Council is already required to consider. The benefits of meeting the objective are statutory, so must be met, however in meeting the objective there will be benefits to the environment, by ensuring that its state is monitored, and plans and policies are monitored for their efficiency. This will also have flow on economic benefits to the Council, likely to reduce the amount of time and resources needed for plan reviews.
Who is likely to be most affected by achieving the objective and what are the implications for them?	<p>The Council is most affected by achieving the objective, as in not meeting the objective the Council would fail to meet its statutory obligations under the RMA and would leave itself open to potential challenges from the public and MfE. In achieving the objective, the Council ensures the fundamental step in policy and plan development is achieved and the provision of meaningful information for decision-making occurs.</p> <p>The public will be affected by this objective as the outcomes sort by the objective serve to provide a level of accountability to the public that the functions of the Council are being carried out. In achieving the objective, the Council can demonstrate to the public their commitment to their statutory obligations under the Act.</p>	<p>The Council is most affected by achieving the objective, as in not meeting the objective the Council would fail to meet its statutory obligations under the RMA and would leave itself open to potential challenges from the public and MfE. In achieving the objective, the Council ensures the fundamental step in policy and plan development is achieved and the provision of meaningful information for decision-making occurs.</p> <p>The public will be affected by this objective as the outcomes sort by objective serve to provide a level of accountability to the public that the functions of the Council are being carried out. In achieving the objective, the Council can demonstrate to the public their commitment to their statutory obligations under the Act.</p>