

Grass Verge Policy 2016

Policy Owner:	Chief Executive
Policy Sponsor:	General Manager Service Delivery
Approved By:	Council
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Effective Date:	1 October 2016
Next Review Date:	October 2019

Objective

To provide consistency across the Waikato District over the responsibility of maintaining grass verges located within the district's 50km/ph residential zones.

Significance

The Significance and Engagement Policy requires the Council to take into account the degree of importance and determine the appropriate level of engagement, as assessed by the local authority, of the issue, proposal, decision, or matter, in terms of its likely impact on, and likely consequences for:

- (a) The district or region;
- (b) Any persons who are likely to be particularly affected by, or interest in, the issue, proposal, decision, or matter;
- (c) The capacity of the local authority to perform its role, and the financial and other costs of doing so.

Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed as deemed appropriate by the Chief Executive, but not less than once every three years.

Policy Statements

Council adopts the following policy for maintenance of grass verges located outside residential properties within all urban areas of the district:

1. That the maintenance of all grass verges is the sole responsibility of the adjacent property owner.
2. That the Council will continue to maintain grass verges currently identified in existing reserve maintenance contract maps.
3. Council will undertake a review annually of grass verges it maintains with a view to reducing the number of verges it maintains. Part of this process will involve an understanding of the reason for Council undertaking individual verge maintenance in the first place.
4. Unless by way of age, illness or condition of the verge that prevents the property owner undertaking maintenance, notice will be given to the property owner that Council will cease maintaining the verge in accordance with this policy.
5. That the policy be implemented from 1st October 2016.
6. Urban area means – within the 50 km/ph areas only.

Application

This policy applies to all property owners who own land adjacent to road verges within any 50pkm/ph zones within the district as identified within existing reserve maintenance contract maps only.

For clarity, urban areas but not individual grass verges are shown on attached map.