



## **Notice of Meeting**

A meeting of the Strategy, Growth and Planning Committee will be held in the Council Chamber, 156 High Street, Dannevirke on **Wednesday 7 May 2025** commencing at **9:30 am**.

Bryan Nicholson  
**Chief Executive**

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## **Agenda**

### **1. Welcome and Meeting Opening**

### **2. Apologies**

### **3. Public Forum**

A period of up to 30 minutes shall be set aside for a public forum. Each speaker during the public forum section of a meeting may speak for up to five minutes.

Standing Orders may be suspended on a vote of three-quarters of those present to extend the period of public participation or the period any speaker is allowed to speak.

With the permission of the Chairperson, members may ask questions of speakers during the period reserved for public forum. If permitted by the Chairperson, questions by members are to be confined to obtaining information or clarification on matters raised by the speaker.

### **4. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda**

Major items not on the agenda may be dealt with at this meeting if so resolved by the Council and the chairperson explains at the meeting at a time when it is open to the public the reason why the item was not listed on the agenda and the reason why discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

Minor matters not on the agenda relating to the general business of the Council may be discussed if the Chairperson explains at the beginning of the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public, that the item will be discussed at that

meeting, but no resolution, decision or recommendation may be made in respect of that item except to refer it to a subsequent meeting.

**5. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest in Relation to this Meeting's Items of Business**

**6. Confirmation of Minutes 3**

***Recommendation***

*That the minutes of the Strategy, Growth and Planning Committee meeting held on 5 March 2025 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.*

**7. Reports**

**7.1 Strategy Update 7**

**7.2 Policy and Bylaw Update 31**

**8. Items not on the Agenda Accepted in Accordance with the Procedure Outlined as per Agenda Item 4**

**9. Closure**



Minutes of a meeting of the Strategy, Growth and Planning Committee held in the Council Chamber, 156 High Street, Dannevirke on Wednesday 5 March 2025 commencing at 9:30am.

## **1. Present**

Councillor S M Wards (Chairperson), Her Worship the Mayor - Mrs T H Collis, Crs E L Peeti-Webber (Deputy Mayor), N L Chase, A K Franklin, S M Gilmore, P A Johns, M F Long, and S A Wallace

### **In Attendance**

Mr B Nicholson	- Chief Executive
Mr R Suppiah	- Group Manager – Corporate and Regulatory
Mrs K Tani	- Group Manager – Strategy and Community Wellbeing
Ms G Nock	- Strategy and District Development Manager
Ms A Rule	- Policy and Planning Advisor
Mrs S Anthony	- Democracy Support Officer

## **2. Welcome and Meeting Opening**

The Chairperson opened the meeting with karakia

## **3. Apologies**

Nil

## **4. Public Forum**

There were no requests for public forum.

## **5. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda**

Nil

**6. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest in Relation to this Meeting's Items of Business**

Nil

**7. Confirmation of Minutes**

*That the minutes of the Strategy, Growth and Planning Committee meeting held on 4 December 2024 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.*

*Johns/Gilmore*

*Carried*

**8. Reports**

**8.1 Policy and Bylaw Update**

The Strategy, Growth and Planning Committee considered the report of the Policy and Planning Advisor dated 10 February 2025 that provided an update on the policies and bylaws work programme.

It was advised that the submissions on the Freedom Camping Bylaw has now closed and the process is now to analyse the results. A brief overview of results was provided and the full analysis will be available in the next report to be presented at the next Council meeting.

It was queried as to when the asset disposal policy will be completed as currently still in draft. A timeline was unable to be confirmed, this policy is still being reviewed with the view to complete this month.

It was requested that the policies in draft be identified in order of priority for future meetings.

*That the report from the Policy and Planning Advisor dated 10 February 2025 concerning the Policy and Bylaw Update be received.*

*Johns/Long*

*Carried*

**8.2 Strategy Update**

The Strategy, Growth and Planning Committee considered the report of the Strategy and District Development Manager dated 26 February 2025 that provides updates on key strategic initiatives, including strategy development, central government submissions, and performance reporting improvements, and outlined the review of existing strategies, the exploration of a Council Facilities Strategy to guide land rationalisation, and upcoming legislative changes affecting

Council reporting.

It was noted that the strategy register is now complete and captures activities for all items. Next steps are to decide on all strategies/plans as to whether to adopt, are they relevant to Council activities, or whether they need to be updated or removed. Development is in progress for a performance reporting dashboard to streamline management reports. The current economic environment cannot support all strategies so the focus needs to be to streamline priorities as much as possible. Later this year there is expected to be a legislative change for reporting that will likely change how we collect information, however further details are not yet available.

It was requested that there be actions recorded for a systematic audit of the register, also to explore council facilities strategy and provide an update, performance monitoring by the Executive Leadership Team against the framework and streamline, and an update on the impact of Department of Internal Affairs introduced dashboards.

***That the report from the Strategy and District Development Manager dated 26 February 2025 concerning the Strategy Update be received.***

***Wallace/Gilmore***

***Carried***

## **9. Acknowledgement**

A thank you to Grace Nock - Strategy and District Development Manager was expressed for her work during her time at Tararua District Council as she takes up a new role for Palmerston North City Council.

## **10. Items not on the Agenda**

Nil

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 10:45am.

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Chairperson





## Report

Date : 1 May 2025

To : Chairperson and Committee Members  
Strategy, Growth and Planning Committee

From : Kawtar Tani  
Group Manager - Strategy and Community Wellbeing

Subject : **Strategy Update**

Item No : **7.1**

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### 1. Recommendation

- 1.1 ***That the report from the Group Manager - Strategy and Community Wellbeing dated 17 April 2025 concerning the Strategy Update be received.***

## Executive Summary

This report provides a review existing strategies and plans, outline of future strategies and plans, and upcoming legislative changes affecting Council reporting.

### 2. Strategy

- 2.1 **Strategy Register and Review of Existing Strategies:** A comprehensive strategy register has been established, identifying existing strategies and their associated actions and objectives. This register serves as a vital tool for tracking progress, ensuring accountability, and identifying any gaps in strategic delivery.
- 2.2 A summary of the Strategy register is attached. This identifies:
- 2.2.1 **Strategy purpose:** Purpose and sections of the strategy and alignment to Council activities: Identifies whether any ongoing or planned projects within Council contributes to strategic objectives.
- 2.2.2 **Future Projects or Plans:** Identifies whether there are any upcoming plans or projects to deliver on the strategic objectives.

- 2.2.3 **Current activity:** If objectives are not being actively pursued and there are no plans for implementation, the Council must consider whether these strategies remain relevant or should be revised, streamlined, or removed.
- 2.3 Existing strategies and associated plans were reviewed to ensure their continued relevance and effectiveness (✓ Met - ➤ Not met). Details on what current projects are underway can be seen in the attached summary of strategy register and summary of planning register.
- 2.3.1 **District Strategy 2050** – How are we tracking against the objectives?
- ✓ Thriving District: No direct funding in the LTP 2024 to deliver on activities to meet this objective.
  - ✓ Improving our Environment: A number of projects and initiatives in place to meet this objective.
  - ✓ Connected Communities: LTP funding for a number of activities to meet this objective.
  - ✓ Interactive Council: Mainly through Democracy Services and Communications with the promotion of the district through the provision of isite.
- 2.3.2 **Housing Strategy 2022** – How are we tracking against the focus areas?
- Infrastructure Investment: No LTP investment to expand infrastructure networks within existing residential zones
  - Build relationships and lobby for social housing investment: Recommended initiatives.
  - Utilise Council land: Rationalisation project underway but does not include pensioner housing activity.
  - ✓ Regulatory settings: District Plan review currently underway.
  - ✓ Information, guidance and strategy: Housing Strategy and Urban Growth Strategy completed.
  - ✓ Pensioner housing activity: LTP \$766k on maintenance and improvements of pensioner housing.
- 2.3.3 **Financial Strategy 2024/34** – Updated every LTP
- ✓ Thriving District: e.g., Development and Financial contributions.
  - ✓ Improving our Environment: e.g., Improved safety and resilience of the roading network.



- Connected Communities: e.g., Improved climate resilience and improved delivery of capital projects.
- ✓ Interactive Council: e.g., Service levels achieved as set out in the plan.

#### 2.3.4 **Infrastructure Strategy 2024/2054** – Updated every LTP

- ✓ LTP Legislative Requirement: Water Projects, Wastewater Projects, Stormwater Projects, Transportation.

#### 2.3.5 **Play, Active Recreation, and Sport Strategy 2023**

- No funding in LTP 2024 for delivery on this strategy.

#### 2.3.6 **Urban Growth Strategy 2024** – How are we tracking against desired outcomes?

- ✓ Development Policy: District Plan review underway.
- ✓ District Plan Review: Review underway.
- ✓ Urban Growth Strategy: Strategy adopted in 2024 - review next LTP.
- ✓ Town Centre Upgrade Projects: Urban Centres Enhancement Strategy 2025 - draft developed for stakeholder consultation.
- Infrastructure Plans: Recommending developing infrastructure plans that prioritise increasing capacity over time and identify opportunities for easy successes to efficiently support growth aspirations.
- Urban Connectivity Strategy: There is no LTP investment for visitor growth services.

#### 2.3.7 **Transport Activity Procurement Strategy 2023** – Waka Kotahi Requirement

- ✓ This strategy is a requirement under NZTA and is reviewed and updated at least once every three years to align with the LTP. Last reviewed April 2023.

#### 2.3.8 **Communications Strategy and Plan 2024/2054** – Internal strategy

- ✓ Focus areas: Internal communications, External communications, Council projects, Communication projects.

#### 2.3.9 **Visitor and Walk-Cycle Strategy and Action Plan 2019**

- No LTP investment in visitor growth services - aside from provision of iSite. This has not been reviewed since adoption in 2019.

#### 2.3.10 **Economic Development Plan 2023 – How are we tracking against the objectives?**

- Supporting and facilitating growth in local business.
- Building district identity.
- Promoting the district by telling our story.
- ✓ Providing business friendly and welcoming support for new residents and businesses: Welcome packs for new residents.
- Facilitating the development of key reserves and recreational facilities to attract (and retain) residents and visitors.
- ✓ Ensuring affordability: Consultation on fees and charges.
- Reducing financial and business risk.
- Financial sustainability (long-term financial health).
- Cost control.

#### 2.3.11 **Civil Defence Plan 2016**

- The Civil Defence Plan 2016 plan is no longer required. There are response plans and Tararua falls under the regional Whanganui-Manawatu CDEM Plan.

#### 2.3.12 **Waste Minimisation Management Plan 2023 – Adopted in October 2024**

- CO1: Effective education and communication create a community that is knowledgeable about a low-waste, low-emissions future.
- ✓ CO2: There are collaborative opportunities for the community to be engaged in managing their waste.
- ✓ CO3: Waste and resource recovery services and facilities are accessible, reliable, and sustainable.

- ✓ CO4: Waste is managed and minimised in a way that protects public health.
- ✓ CO5: Waste is managed and minimised in a way that protects the environment.
- CO6: Iwi, industry, businesses, residents, and council are actively engaged in keeping resources in circulation.
- ✓ CO7: Opportunities for innovative waste solutions are explored.
- CO8: Central government, councils, private waste sector, businesses, mana whenua, and our community collaborate on resource recovery and waste challenges and solutions.

## **2.4 Development of New Strategies and Plans to Inform Decision-Making:**

### **2.4.1 Reserve Management Plan – New**

- ✓ Out for public consultation

### **2.4.2 Urban Centres Enhancement Strategy – New**

- ✓ Workshop with Elected Members 8 May – to be adopted for consultation on 26 May 2025.

### **2.4.3 Strategic Procurement Strategy – New**

- ✓ Draft presented to Audit and Risk Committee 29 April 2025.

### **2.4.4 Health and Safety Strategy – Under development**

- The strategy puts workers at the heart of system and outlines two key goals: 1) Focusing on what will make the biggest impact to reduce harm; and 2) Building everyone's capability to do this well.

### **2.4.5 Facilities Strategy – Proposed**

- Explore how best to embed strategic direction into facilities and land management decisions and provide clearer direction on how Council assets should be maintained, repurposed, or consolidated to optimise their long-term value and public benefit.

## **3. Submissions**

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- The following outlines the status of central government legislative submissions, as identified by Taituarā. The submissions are categorised as follows:

- 3.1.1 Final stages of the Parliamentary process – (Red): Submission made / No actions proposed.
- 3.1.2 Live for submissions – (White): These submissions are currently open for feedback, and Council has the opportunity to provide input.
- 3.1.3 Upcoming – (Green): These submissions are expected to open soon, allowing Council to prepare for engagement in advance.

Bill	Description	Status in Parliament	Proposed Taituarā Action
Principles of the Treaty of Waitangi Bill (Government Bill)  Introduced 7 November	Bill proposes a set of Treaty Principles to replace those developed through case law.  Note: while a Government Bill, the Prime Minister has ruled out National party support for this Bill at second reading.	At Justice Select Committee – submissions closed. Select Committee report due 14 May,	Taituarā submitted. No further action proposed.
Crimes (Countering Foreign Interference) Amendment Bill  Introduced 14 November	The Bill strengthens the law around foreign interference targeting New Zealand. The Bill brings local authorities into the provisions related to the wrongful communication, retention or copying of official information in section 78A of the Crimes Act.	Bill referred to Justice Committee – submissions closed. Select Committee report due 19 May.	No action proposed.
Resource Management Act (Consenting and Other System Changes) Amendment Bill  Introduced 9 December 2024	This Bill amends the Resource Management Act 1991 to progress Government priorities, including making it easier to consent new infrastructure, encouraging investment in renewable energy, and making medium-density residential standards optional for councils.	Bill referred to Environment Select Committee – submissions closed. Select Committee report due 17 June.	Taituarā submitted. Awaiting a hearing.

Bill	Description	Status in Parliament	Proposed Taituarā Action
Local Government (Water Services) Bill (Government Bill)  Introduced 10 December 2024	Gives effect to the Government decisions about the powers and duties of new water services entities, and the framework for economic regulation. Makes changes to quality regulation and powers of Taumata Arowai.	Bill referred to the Finance and Expenditure Select Committee. Submissions due by 23 February. Report due 17 June.	Submit
Land Transport Management (Time of Use charging) Amendment Bill (Government Bill)	Gives effect to the Government decisions to allow time of use charging on roads that meet policy criteria.	Bill awaits a first reading and referral to Select Committee. Submissions due in late March 2025 (likely).	Submit in favour of proposal and putting case for wider road pricing.
Public Works (Prohibition on the Compulsory Acquisition of Māori Land) Amendment Bill (Private Members Bill)	This bill amends the Public Works Act 1981 to protect Māori freehold and Māori customary land from being acquired for public works.	A private member's bill awaiting first reading.  We expect this one will <u>not</u> be referred to Select Committee as the core issue has been added to the review of the Public Works Act.	To be determined if and when the Bill is referred to Select Committee.
RMA Replacement Bill	A new act to “manage environmental effects that arise from the use of natural resources”.	Signalled in coalition agreements – mid 2025.	Submit
Urban Development and Infrastructure Bill	Bill to enable urban development and infrastructure. This act will also be aligned with the Government's Going for Housing Growth plan and its 30-year National Infrastructure Plan.	Signalled in coalition agreements – mid-late 2025.	Submit
Granny Flats Amendment Bill	New NES and changes to Building Act to allow for building of 60m2 secondary dwellings without consents.	Signalled in coalition agreements this is expected by the end of March 2025. Follows MBIE consultation that closed August 2024.	Submit depending on positions taken in our August submission.
Constitution (four Year Term) Amendment Bill	Provide for a referendum for a four-year term for Parliament.	Signalled in coalition agreements this is expected by the end of	Submit arguing that the Bill should extend to local

Bill	Description	Status in Parliament	Proposed Taituarā Action
		March 2025.	government (LGNZ likely to submit on same lines).
Local Water Done Well Bill #4	<u>Speculative</u> – we anticipate a final tidy-up Bill to fix errors or additional policy matters.	Would be needed by mid-2025 at the latest.	Submit
Local Government Systems Improvements Bill  (Appeared in the last tracker as the Local Government Legislation Bill)	Gives effect to proposed change of purpose of local government, rate-capping and performance comparisons.	Signalled in the back to basics announcements at the LGNZ Conference. Mid 2025.  <u>Speculative</u> – we suspect that there will be a Bill to give effect to the change of purpose, rate capping and performance comparisons in March/April 2025.	Submit
Te Ture Whenua Māori Amendment Bill  (New initiative)	Amends Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993 to “better enable Māori economic development”.	Announced in the release of the Quarter One 2025 Action Plan. Policy decisions in the first quarter and legislation late 2025.  <u>Speculative</u> – this may include changes to the Rating Act	Submit
Building Act Amendment Bill	More comprehensive changes to Building consenting making it easier for private BCAs, address barriers to voluntary consolidation, national consenting body, ensuring national consistency, strengthening roles and responsibilities, new consent pathway for commercial buildings, new assurance pathways more self certification – further streamlining, risk and liability.	Late 2025	Submit

Bill	Description	Status in Parliament	Proposed Taituarā Action
Public Works Act Amendment Bill	Gives effect to recommendations made by PWA Expert Panel and other tidy-ups.	Policy decisions to be made in late 2024. Legislation is expected late 2025 – Government has announced acquisition and disposal of Māori land has been added to the terms of reference.	To be determined
Emergency Management Bill	<p>The Government will implement a programme of changes in five broad areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Give effect to the whole-of-society approach to emergency management.</li> <li>• Support and enable local government to deliver a consistent minimum standard of emergency management across New Zealand.</li> <li>• Professionalise and build the capability and capacity of the emergency management workforce.</li> <li>• Enable the different parts of the system to work better together.</li> <li>• Drive a strategic focus on implementation and investment to ensure delivery.</li> </ul>	In preparation – expected mid 2025	Submit – perhaps in conjunction with CDEM groups.
Treaty Clauses Legislation Bill (New initiative)	Bill implementing results of the review of existing Treaty clauses in legislation.	Mid-late 2025	To be determined
Going for Housing Growth Bill	Speculative – Bill to implement latest	Late 2025	To be determined

Bill	Description	Status in Parliament	Proposed Taituarā Action
(New initiative)	decisions from the Going for Housing Growth programme. This includes the Treasury led review of development contributions.		
Biosecurity Amendment Bill	Bill to give effect to any policy decisions to modernise this legislation. Consultation closed December 2024. .	Mid-late 2025	To be determined
Land Transport Legislation Bill	Bill to place government under an obligation to prepare the GPS Land Transport with a ten-year investment horizon (as signalled in the draft GPS). Will empower road tolling. Will be needed to empower transition away from fuel excise, and value capture.	Signalled by minister – expected in mid-2025.	Submit
Waste Management Bill	<u>Speculative</u> – implementing the conclusions of the 2023 consultation on waste management.	Not clear how fast this is progressing within MFE. Mid-late 2025.	Submit if and when it comes.
Emissions Trading Scheme Amendment Bill	Introduces the split gas approach and methane targets referred to in the National/Act agreement.	Not clear how fast this is progressing within MFE.	To be determined
Hazard Substances and New Organisms Amendment Bill	liberalises the laws around GMOs as set out in the National/Act agreement.	Not clear how fast this is progressing.	To be determined
Credit Contracts and Customer Finance Bill	Intended to make access to this finance easier and cost effective. Submission would ensure there are no unintended consequences for the sector (for example, nothing gets in the way of the operation of voluntary targeted rates).	Review announced in June. Late 2025?	Submission would ensure there are no unintended consequences for the sector (for example, nothing gets in the way of the operation of voluntary targeted rates).



Bill	Description	Status in Parliament	Proposed Taituarā Action
Infrastructure Funding and Financing Amendment Bill	<u>Speculative</u> – would give effect to refinements to the vehicle for special purpose vehicles signalled in DIA Brief to Incoming Minister	????	To be determined – unlikely to be a major piece of work.
Climate Adaptation Bill	Bill sets the legal framework for powers and responsibilities with respect to climate adaptation. If there is a climate adaptation fund it will be in this Bill.	Not clear how fast this is progressing within MFE.	Submit if and when it comes.
Regulatory Standards Bill	Bill to improve standards of government regulation and the policy-making process in general. (This would give effect to any policy decisions arising from the November 2024 consultation document).	Signalled for introduction in mid-2025.	Submit – the sector will have views about the allocation of functions, funding, cost/benefit analysis, engagement etc that this is a vehicle for putting to Government.
GST Amendment Bill	<u>Speculative</u> – a Bill may be needed to give effect to any decision to hypothecate a share of the revenue from GST for new builds to the sector.	Signalled in the ACT/National agreement for investigation. Likely to be and end of 2025 (if at all).	Submit in favour (Taituarā would not submit on any proposals for distribution of any fund between councils).
Rates Rebates Amendment Bill	<u>Speculative</u> – extends scheme for Super Gold Card holders.	Investigation signalled in the NZ First/National agreement has not progressed to date.	To be determined

## 4. Performance Reporting

- 4.1 Efforts are underway to improve performance reporting to enhance staff utility, Council, and public transparency, and compliance with future legislative requirements. The key focus is exploring better methods for collecting community data to inform service delivery more effectively. This work is underway, and a report will be presented to ELT on the recommendation for the appropriate

method of data collection that will meet future needs. Improvement of the survey questions will be worked through with Elected Members.

**4.2 Future Development of Dashboards:** Looking ahead, there is an opportunity to develop dashboards to present clearer, more accessible data. These dashboards would aim to ensure that we communicated well-structured, easily understandable insights into service levels across the organisation. This work will be informed by the upcoming legislative changes that are expected to introduce a more standardised approach to Council performance reporting. The System Improvements Bill proposes the following reforms:

**4.2.1** Establishing a Council performance measurement framework, including regular information releases.

**4.2.2** Introducing new Council reporting requirements to ensure a consistent and transparent approach.

**4.3** The Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) is also working on Council performance dashboards, which will be published on the DIA website in 2025 to provide publicly accessible insights into Council operations and service performance.

**4.4** The following key milestones outline the expected timeline for these reporting changes:

<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Date</b>
Cabinet report back – second tranche policy approvals	<b>Q1 2025</b>
Bill introduced	<b>June 2025</b>
2025 Local Elections	<b>11 October 2025</b>
Bill enacted	<b>Late 2025</b>
Implementation begins	<b>Early 2026</b>

## **5. Public Engagement**

**5.1** Upcoming public engagement from April to September 2025:

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Status</b>
Local Water Done Well	14 March - 22 April	Closed
Annual Plan 2025/26	14 April - 15 May	Open
Reserves Management Plan	14 April - 20 June	Open

Local Elections (Vote2025)	Enrolments (now) Nominations (opens in July) Voting (docs delivered mid-Sept)	Open Not started Not started
Freedom Camping Bylaw	19 May – 20 June	Not started
District Plan Review	----	Not started
Urban Centres Enhancement Strategy 2025-2050	2 June – 27 June	Not started
Communications Survey (for SPM)	TBC	Commencing soon - TBC
Road Naming and Numbering Policy	TBC	TBC
Backflow Prevention Policy	TBC	TBC

## 5.2 Communication plans for upcoming public consultation / engagement:

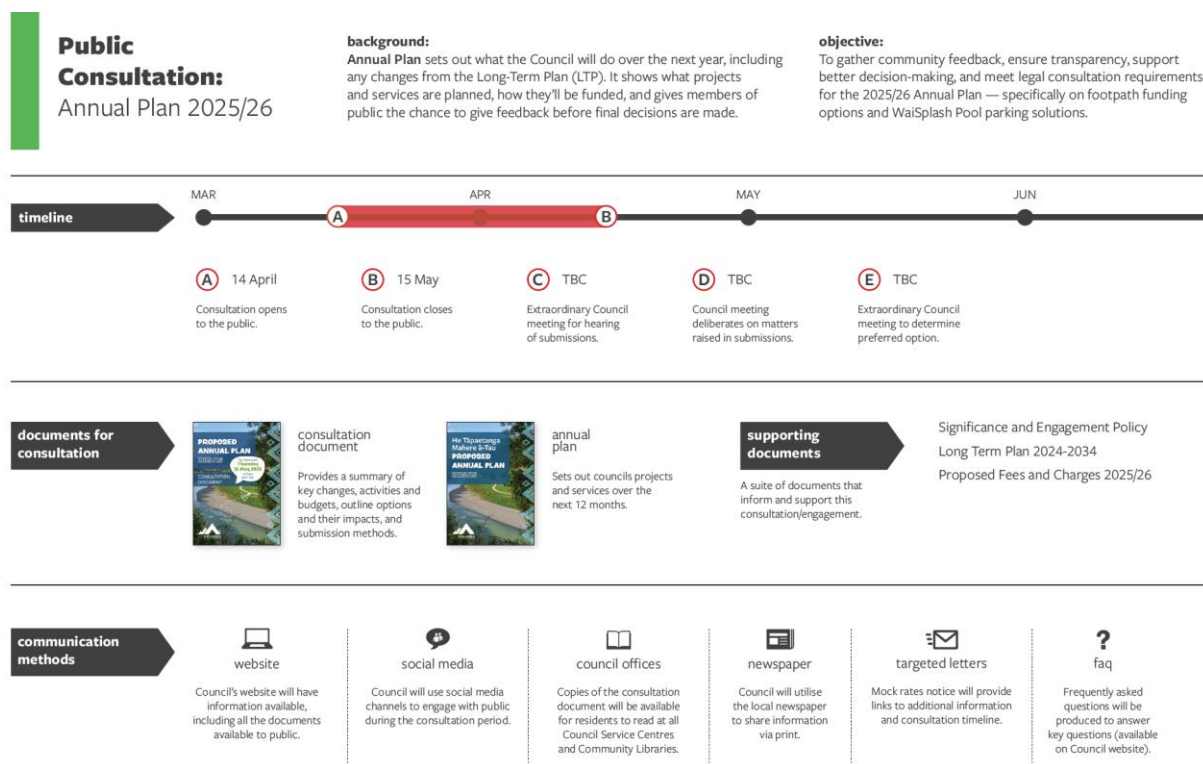


Figure 1: Communications plan for Annual Plan consultation.

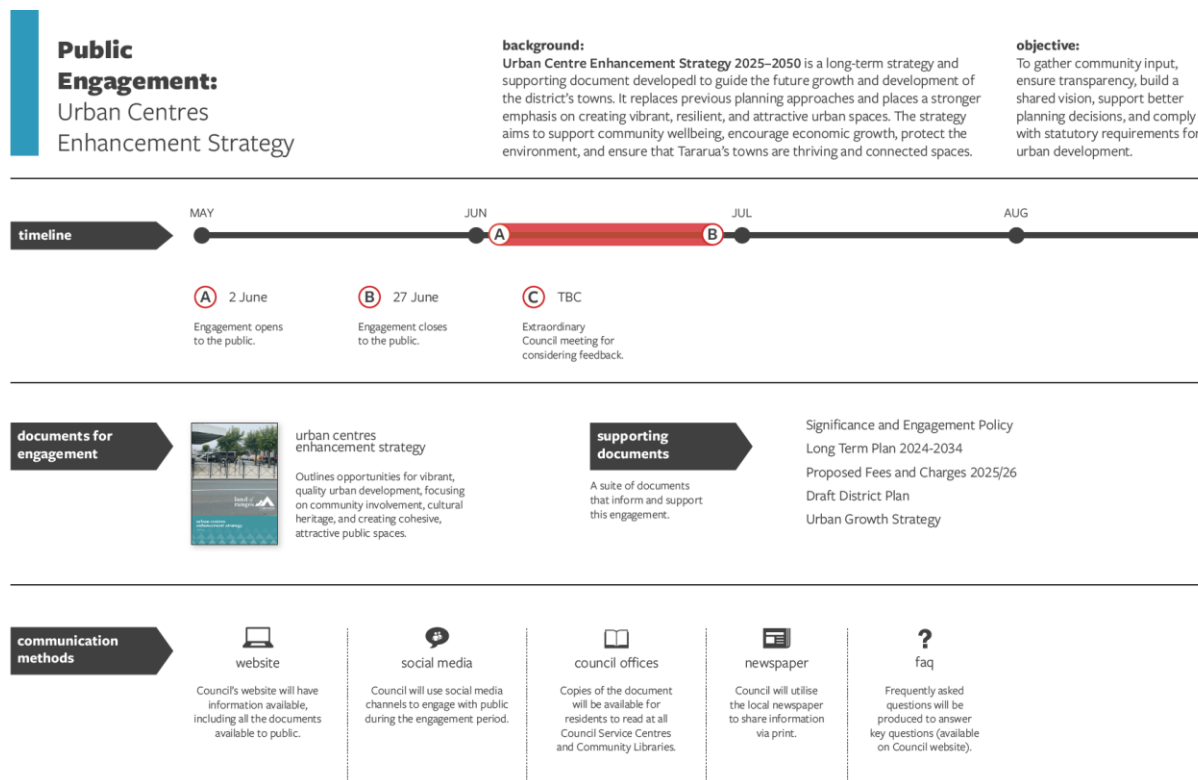


Figure 2: Communications plan for Urban Centre Enhancement Strategy consultation.

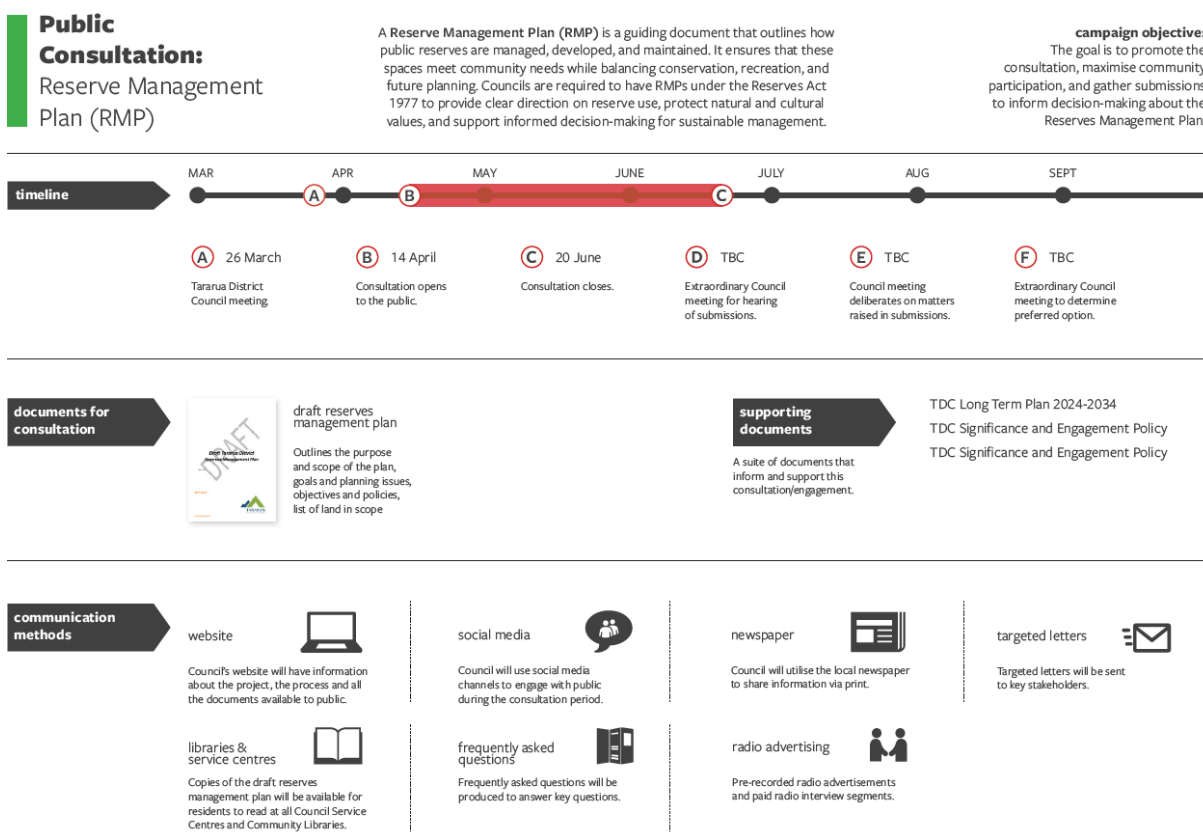


Figure 3: Communications plan for Reserve Management Plan consultation.

## Freedom Camping Bylaw Consultation – Plan on a Page



### Public consultation communications overview and objective

A district-wide communications campaign to let people know about the proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw consultation period and encourage them to have their say through online and in-person submissions. We want to show how community feedback shaped the draft bylaw, and build trust that Council is listening and acting on community input. A key focus will be showing how the bylaw is designed to benefit both residents and visitors - not just Council.

### Timeline

Consultation dates: 19 May – 20 June 2025 (subject to Council approval)

April 2025	May 2025	June 2025	July 2025	August 2025
<b>30 April</b> – Council Meeting Council approves consultation dates, statement of proposal and draft bylaw	<b>19 May</b> - Consultation opens	<b>20 June</b> - Consultation closes.	<b>9 July</b> - Hearings <b>30 July (TBC)</b> - Deliberations	<b>27 August</b> – Proposed adoption date

### Documents for consultation

#### Draft bylaw

This will be available for the public to review before making their submission. This will be available on Council's website and hard copies at service centres and libraries, with links being promoted on posters, Facebook and Antenna.

#### Statement of Proposal

This explains the proposal – Council proposes the draft bylaw for public consideration and comment.

#### FAQs

These will be available on Council's website, hard copies at service centres and libraries. Links will be shared on posters, Facebook and Antenna.

#### Submission form

This will be available on Council's website and hard copies at service centres and libraries. Links for submission forms will be shared on posters, Facebook and Antenna.

Figure 4: Communications plan for Freedom Camping Bylaw consultation

## Attachments

- 1 [Download](#) Strategy Register
- 2 [Download](#) Plan Register

Strategy Register Last updated – April 2025				
Document Name	Purpose of Strategy	Objectives	Current or Recommended initiative	Activity Status
District Strategy	The Tararua District Strategy 2050, Thriving Together, outlines a 30-year vision to guide the district's growth and development.	<u>Thriving District:</u>  1. To capitalise on opportunities such as the new Te Ahu a Tūranga – Manawatū Tararua Highway. 2. To ensure sustainable growth. 3. To have pride in our district.	1. Funding support 2. Spatial plans, housing strategy 3. Funding support	
		<u>Improving our Environment:</u>  1. Infrastructure and services are developed with environmental protection as a key consideration. 2. To protect our environment through reducing emissions. 3. To ensure our towns are designed in a way that considers future resident and environment needs. 4. To adapt and respond to changes in Tararua's environmental landscape, including agricultural opportunities and reforestation activities. 5. To support initiatives that improve community resilience to climate change.	1. Local Water Done Well - Consultation and LTP Amendment 2025. - Norsewood Water Treatment Plant Upgrade. - Dannevirke Impounded Water Supply. - IAF Pahiatua Three Waters Upgrade. - Eketāhuna Wastewater - Treatment Plant Upgrade. - Infrastructure Strategy for more project details - Waste Management - District Planning 2. Waste management 3. District Plan review currently underway. Urban Growth Strategy 4. Urban Growth Strategy - District Plan review 5. Emergency Management - Waste Management - District Plan review	
		<u>Connected Communities:</u>  1. To ensure our towns have outstanding facilities for all to enjoy. 2. To ensure all residents have access to services that enhance their ability to engage safely with their communities. 3. We have resilient and reliable infrastructure that connects our communities.	1- LTP \$2.8M Pahiatua Swimming Pool. LTP \$1.5M on libraries (books, software, equipment). LTP \$338k maintaining camping grounds. LTP \$343k on public toilets. LTP \$862k maintain and upgrading playgrounds. LTP \$3.9M upgrading community buildings. 2- Provision of public access to digital services and a digital services trailer in Woodville. - Peripheral project to support a Starlink base station on reserve land outside Woodville is complete and operational, and this lease is for a three-year period.	

			<p>- Partnership with Inspire Networks and legal indefensible rights of use and access to dark fibre.</p> <p>3- LTP \$169M renewing roads, \$2.9M maintaining footpaths, \$42k cycle/walking trails.</p>	
		<p><u>Interactive Council:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To have effective partnerships with iwi.</li> <li>2. To promote the Tararua District and our aspirations.</li> <li>3. The community is satisfied with the Council's performance.</li> <li>4. To strive for transparency in decision making and reporting.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Organisational Plan to improve cultural competency and implement better engagement strategies with iwi.</li> <li>2. Support through provision of iSite.</li> <li>3. Review of resident's survey process.</li> <li>4. BAU through communications and democracy support.</li> </ol>	
Housing Strategy	The Tararua District Council Housing Strategy 2022 focuses on addressing housing challenges by promoting affordable, diverse, and high-quality housing, expanding town boundaries, and increasing social housing through partnerships with government and community organisations.	<p><u>Council as an active enabler:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Infrastructure Investment</li> <li>2. Build relationships and lobby for social housing investment</li> <li>3. Regulatory settings</li> <li>4. Information, guidance and strategy</li> <li>5. Pensioner housing activity</li> </ol> <p>Utilise Council land</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Renewal of key network infrastructure to support greater infill development.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Seek external funding to expand infrastructure networks within existing residential zones.</li> <li>- Improve asset information and condition assessments.</li> <li>- Develop optimal future designs for network infrastructure to meet forecast growth.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. <b>Work with Kainga Ora to encourage new investment in social housing.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Work to support local iwi to invest in new Papakainga and investment housing.</li> <li>- Form relationships with Trust House and other Community Housing Providers.</li> <li>- Build relationships with local community organisations and significant landowners.</li> <li>- Work with alternative housing models such as Abbeyfield.</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. District Plan review currently underway.</li> <li>4. Housing Strategy and Urban Growth Strategy completed.</li> <li>5. LTP \$766k on maintenance and improvements of Pensioner Housing</li> </ol> <p><b>Rationalisation of community buildings, reserves and other council-owned land, not including Pensioner Housing. S17a Review of the activity would look at the delivery model and activity as a whole.</b></p>	

Urban Growth Strategy	This strategy provides a comprehensive framework to manage and direct urban development within the district over the next three decades.	<u>Desired Outcomes:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Development Policy</li> <li>2. Urban Connectivity Strategy</li> <li>3. District Plan Review</li> <li>4. Infrastructure Plans</li> <li>5. Town Centre Upgrade Projects</li> <li>6. Urban Growth Strategy Review</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. District Plan review</li> <li>2. A unified Urban Connectivity Strategy to integrate walking, cycling, and road transport, beginning with a review of the roading strategy to identify long-term upgrades, in collaboration with stakeholders to address future transport needs, alongside enhancements to in-town multi-modal opportunities, such as wider footpaths, cycling lanes, and improved pedestrian safety.</li> <li>3. District Plan review</li> <li>4. Develop infrastructure plans that prioritise increasing capacity over time and identify opportunities for easy successes to efficiently support growth aspirations.</li> <li>5. Urban Centres Enhancement Strategy 2025 - draft developed for stakeholder consultation.</li> <li>6. Strategy adopted in 2024 - review next LTP.</li> </ol>	
Financial Strategy	The Financial Strategy 2024–2034 outlines the Tararua District Council’s approach to managing financial resources sustainably over the next decade.	<u>Thriving District:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Development and Financial contributions will be in place</li> <li>2. Opportunities for non-rate revenue realised</li> <li>3. Council has become a credit rated Council</li> </ol>		
		<u>Improving our Environment:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Improved safety and resilience of the roading network.</li> <li>2. Emergency roading reserve maintained at a sustainable level.</li> <li>3. A significant amount of required renewals completed on our ageing reticulation network, while significantly reducing the risk of network failures or risks to the environment.</li> </ol>		



		<u>Connected Communities:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Improved climate resilience.</li> <li>2. Improved delivery of capital projects with the embedment of our project management framework within the organisation.</li> <li>3. Our assets are taken care of with sufficient funding for renewal budgets being available throughout the plan.</li> </ol>		
		<u>Interactive Council:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Three waters depreciation reserves well on their way to being replenished to an appropriate level.</li> <li>2. Balanced budget each year of the plan.</li> <li>3. Debt maintained within borrowing limits</li> <li>4. Accelerated debt repayment program followed.</li> <li>5. Sufficient ability to borrow funds for an unforeseen event should it be required.</li> <li>6. A clear risk appetite and effective insurance strategy is in place.</li> </ol>		
Infrastructure Strategy	The Infrastructure Strategy for Tararua District Council (2024-2054) outlines a long-term vision to deliver reliable, safe, and resilient infrastructure that supports vibrant, connected communities while planning for future growth.	<u>LTP Legislative Requirement</u>  Updated each LTP: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water Projects</li> <li>• Waste Water Projects</li> <li>• Stormwater Projects</li> <li>• Transportation Projects</li> </ul>		
Play, Active Recreation and Sport Strategy	The Tararua District Council Play, Active Recreation, and Sport (PARS) Strategy aims to	<u>Desired outcomes:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reshaping Council Investment</li> <li>2. Reshaping Delivery - Two Keystone Hubs</li> </ol>	Funding support for this activity	

	enhance community well-being by increasing participation in play, recreation, and sport through accessible, inclusive, and sustainable opportunities.	3. Accessible and Inclusive Provision – Hub and Spokes Approach 4. Rationalisation of Some Spaces and Places 5. Walking and Cycling		
Urban Centres Enhancement Strategy	The urban enhancement strategy helps to influence and guide future urban development in each town centre. It aims to support quality future development, attracting visitors, consumers, businesses, investors and residents, who all contribute to the overall vibrancy of the town and district.	Strategy focuses on Dannevirke, Norsewood and Woodville, with provisions for Eketāhuna and Pahiatua.  Key pillars to strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identity</li> <li>• Movement</li> <li>• Environment</li> <li>• Connection</li> <li>• Place</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• District Planning</li> <li>• Urban Design</li> <li>• Community funding</li> <li>• Community facilities</li> </ul>	
Transport Activity Procurement Strategy 2023-2026	Waka Kotahi Requirement	Waka Kotahi Requirement		
Communications Strategy	Internal strategy - identifies priorities and goals for communications	<u>Focus areas:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internal communications</li> <li>• External communications</li> <li>• Council projects</li> <li>• Communication projects</li> </ul>	Ongoing BAU for communications team	

Plan Register Last updated – April 2025				
Document Name	Purpose	Objectives	Current or <b>Recommended</b> initiative	Status
Civil Defence Plan 1 January 2016 - 31 December 2018	To provide local direction on the delivery of CDEM within the district in line with the policies set and agreed to in the Group Plan.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To improve our understanding of the hazards within our district and their consequential risks</li> <li>2. To effectively communicate risks to the community and our partners</li> <li>3. To adopt best practice when assessing and communicating risk</li> <li>4. To undertake long term strategic reduction of risk from hazards through collaborative planning with stakeholders.</li> <li>5. Community response groups are recognised as being the key to developing community resilience.</li> <li>6. CDEM Group and local Community CD Response Group public education programmes are supported by the Council.</li> <li>7. Increase readiness capability by involving local volunteers and voluntary organisations</li> <li>8. Promote professional development of staff and volunteers within the district through provision of training and exercises.</li> <li>9. Ensure structures, procedures and systems are available to provide a credible response to an emergency.</li> <li>10. To ensure organisations (with a role in CDEM) are capable and ready to respond to an emergency.</li> <li>11. To develop and strengthen relationships with CDEM partner organisations and agencies.</li> <li>12. Actively monitor, evaluate and address gaps in current and future planning.</li> <li>13. A response plan is available and current.</li> <li>14. EOC building and Civil Defence centres are for purpose and properly equipped</li> <li>15. Council is able to carry out business as usual during the response phase of an event.</li> <li>16. Strengthen recovery capability and capacity across all agencies and the wider community.</li> <li>17. To better understand each agency and organisation's role in recovery.</li> <li>18. Maintain business as usual during the recovery phase.</li> </ol>	The Civil Defence Plan 2016 plan is no longer required. There are response plans and Tararua falls under the regional Whanganui-Manawatu CDEM Plan.	

Reserve Management Plan	The RMP is required by law under the Reserves Act 1977, and it provides a framework for how the Council can manage reserves now and in the future.	The RMP covers land which Council has decision making powers over. It includes both reserves held under the Reserves Act and other land held for park purposes under the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA). It also includes land owned by the Crown but controlled and managed by Council as a reserve.	Currently out for public consultation until 20 June 2025.	
Economic Development Plan	The purpose of economic development is to improve the economic and social well-being of the people of the Tararua District.	<u>Continued investment in core infrastructure to:</u> 1. increase public safety on Council roads, footpaths, recreation facilities, and in public buildings; 2. build resilience in water, wastewater, stormwater, and roading networks; 3. support efficient transport access and digital connectivity within the district and regionally; 4. improve our environment and meet our commitments to the Manawatu River Leaders' Accord; 5. meet legally required performance standards.	As per the initiatives undertaken to meet the strategic objective "Delivering resilient infrastructure"	
		<u>Promoting and facilitating economic development through:</u> 1. supporting and facilitating growth in local business; 2. building district identity; 3. promoting the district by telling our story; 4. providing business friendly and welcoming support for new residents and businesses; 5. facilitating the development of key reserves and recreational facilities to attract (and retain) residents and visitors.	1/2/3: Growing strong communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental management</li> <li>• LTP dog pound improvements year 2</li> <li>• Fundraising support - funders forum</li> <li>• Contestable grant funding of \$100k</li> <li>• LTP \$269k on enhancing parks and reserves</li> <li>• LTP 2030 \$0.8M Pahiatua Library/Townhall strengthening</li> <li>• Dannevirke Multisport park – skatepark development</li> <li>• Pahiatua Pool</li> <li>• Resource planning – RMA</li> </ul> Building a vibrant economy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• iSite:</li> <li>• Producing the visitor guide</li> <li>• Producing the visitor map</li> <li>• Co-ordinating the Tararua Golf Tournament</li> <li>• Council provides camping grounds in its four main towns to encourage tourists to holiday in the district.</li> <li>• Walking tracks</li> </ul>	

			4/5: Funding support	
		<u>Continued financial viability through sustainable growth &amp; investment, including:</u> 1. ensuring affordability; 2. reducing financial and business risk; 3. financial sustainability (long-term financial health); 4. cost control.	1/2/3/4: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding Impact Statement – LTP</li> <li>To ensure debt is maintained within prudent levels.</li> <li>Revenue and Financing Policy</li> <li>To optimise the amount of external funding received to reduce the financial burden on ratepayers.</li> <li>Revenue and Financing Policy</li> </ul>	
Visitor and Walk-Cycle Strategy and Action Plan	The document aims to develop and promote visitor attractions, improve walking and cycling infrastructure, and support local businesses to boost economic growth.	<u>Council Objectives:</u> 1. Enhance Visitor Experiences in Te Āpiti / Manawatū Gorge Area. 2. Improve Walk and Cycle Experiences in Key Towns. 3. Develop the Pahiatua to Mangatainoka Trail. 4. Establish the Lindauer Appreciation Trail in Woodville. 5. Enhance Waihi Falls and Surrounding Scenic Drives. 6. Support Existing Attractions. 7. Promote Unique Events. 8. Foster Collaboration and Partnerships. 9. Build Visitor-Sector Capability. 10. Invest in Infrastructure and Marketing.	Funding support	
Waste Minimisation Management Plan 2023	.	<u>Council Objectives:</u> 1. Effective education and communication create a community that is knowledgeable about a low-waste, low-emissions future 2. There are collaborative opportunities for the community to be engaged in managing their waste 3. Waste and resource recovery services and facilities are accessible, reliable, and sustainable 4. Waste is managed and minimised in a way that protects public health 5. Waste is managed and minimised in a way that protects the environment 6. Iwi, industry, businesses, residents, and council are actively engaged in keeping resources in circulation 7. Opportunities for innovative waste solutions are explored 8. Central government, councils, private waste sector, businesses, mana whenua, and our community collaborate on resource recovery and waste challenges and solutions	1. No direct council activity to meet this objective but council supports externally run activities that promote the education of the community. 2. Investigate options to meet central government requirements, including supporting services such as a possible household rubbish collection. 3. Waste Management activity - We own, manage and operate a small network of solid waste assets. - Kerbside recycling and recycling centres. - LTP - looking at exploring full kerbside service i.e. recycling and refuse collection from Year 4 onwards. 4. Waste minimisation plan 2023. 5. All landfill sites are subject to resource consent conditions and ongoing monitoring. This includes leachate pond operations.	

			<p>6. No activity identified</p> <p>7. Expanded our recycling services in 2021/22, with urban kerbside co-mingle wheelie bin and glass collection services.</p> <p>8. Partner with iwi to understand and explore iwi visions and aspirations for waste management facilities across the district. Support and engage with iwi on local organic processing facilities and diversion of waste for reuse.</p>	
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## Report

Date : 30 April 2025

To : Chairperson and Committee Members  
Strategy, Growth and Planning Committee

From : Angela Rule  
Policy and Planning Advisor

Subject : **Policy and Bylaw Update**

Item No : **7.2**

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### **1. Recommendation**

- 1.1 *That the report from the Policy and Planning Advisor dated 21 March 2025 concerning the Policy and Bylaw Update be received.*

### **2. Reason for the Report**

- 2.1 Regular update on policies and bylaws work programme.

### **3. Background**

- 3.1 This committee has oversight of the whole policy and bylaw work programme.
- 3.2 The terms of reference for committees determines which policies and bylaws will be reviewed through each committee.

### **4. Status of Policies Reported to this Committee**

- 4.1 Refer to update on bylaws reviews.

### **5. Status of Policies Reported to other Committees**

- 5.1 Since the last Strategy, Growth and Planning Committee meeting on 5 March 2025 the following policies have been presented at other Council Committees.

#### **Audit and Risk Committee (29 Apr)**

Strategic Procurement Policy

**Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee (19 Mar and 16 Apr)**

Nil.

**Community Development and Wellbeing Committee (2 Apr)**

Nil

**6. Bylaws**

- 6.1 See attached work schedule for status of all bylaws.
- 6.2 The Traffic and Road Use Bylaw, Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw and the Trade Waste Bylaw were presented for Council adoption on 30 April 2025.
- 6.3 Stormwater, Wastewater Drainage, Water Supply - on hold due to expected legislation changes.
- 6.4 Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw and Statement of Proposal for consultation were presented for Council adoption on 30 April 2025.

**Attachments**

- 1 [↓](#). Policy Schedule
- 2 [↓](#). Bylaw Schedule



Policy Schedule										
Listed by review date.										Updated 17 April 2025
Policy Name and Purpose (Committees or Council give direction. Council adopts.)	Dated	Review Frequency	Planned presentation to elected members							
STRATEGY GROWTH AND PLANNING COMMITTEE			Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct
<b>Litter Infringement Policy</b> This Policy shall ensure that the Tararua District is kept tidy and free from illegal dumping. To provide guidance to Council Officers on issuing infringement notices under the Litter Act 1979. It shall also define what is meant by litter; provide a graduated level of litter for infringement purposes, provide a fee schedule for infringements and define the rights of the Council in litter removal. Only by adopting Section 13 and 14 of the Litter Act by resolution, can the Council issue infringements for any breach of the Act.	30/03/2022	5yrs								
<b>Enforcement</b> How we give effect to enforcing legislation, bylaws, infringements, etc.	1/03/2022	3yrs								
<b>Dog Control Policy</b> To enable people to enjoy the benefits of dog ownership and provide for the exercise and recreational needs of dogs, while minimising danger, distress, and nuisance to the wider community. This policy is to be read in conjunction with the Tararua District Council Dog Control Bylaw 2022.	25/05/2022	5yrs								
<b>Class 4 Gambling and Racing Board Venue Policy</b> To: • address Tararua District Council's (Council) responsibilities in regard to the Gambling Act 2003 and the Racing Industry Act 2020, and • state it's approach to class 4 venues and gaming machines, and • state its approach to NZ Racing Board (NZRB) venues.	29/06/2022	3yrs								
<b>Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings Policy</b> To clearly outline: • The approach that Tararua District Council (Council) will take in performing its functions under the Act. • Council's priorities in performing those functions. • How the policy will apply to heritage buildings.	1/07/2024	5yrs								
<b>Local Alcohol Policy</b> By having a LAP, communities can: • limit the location of licences in particular areas or near certain types of facilities such as in specific neighbourhoods or near schools or churches (this doesn't apply to special licences) • limit the density of licences by specifying whether new licences or types of licences should be issued in a particular area (this doesn't apply to special licences) • impose conditions on groups of licences, such as a 'one-way door' condition that would allow patrons to leave premises but not enter or re-enter after a certain time • restrict or extend the maximum opening hours set in the new Act. <b>Status:</b> In development	2026								X	
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND WELLBEING COMMITTEE			Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct
<b>Freedom Camping Policy</b> Council allows limited freedom camping by self-contained motor caravans on all Council land except for prohibited areas. Legislation changed in 2022. <b>Status:</b> To be replaced with new bylaw in 2025.	1/03/2006	3yrs	X	X	New bylaw consultation			X		
<b>Road Numbering and Naming</b> <b>Status:</b> In development									X	

INFRASTRUCTURE, CLIMATE CHANGE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE			Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct
<b>Stopping of Unformed Roads</b> Provides a process for assessing a request to purchase an unformed road. <b>Status:</b> To be reviewed	15/04/1992	Unknown								
<b>White Crosses At Fatal Accident Sites</b> That Council adopt the Transit NZ guidelines. <b>Status:</b> To be reviewed	23/02/1995	Unknown								
<b>Conditions of use for reflectorised House Numbers on Kerbs</b> Council permits the use of reflectorised numbers on kerbs subject to conditions. <b>Status:</b> To be reviewed	26/04/1995	Unknown								
<b>Historical Road Name Signs</b> Applications will only be considered by the Historic Places Trust and cost met from Heritage Protection Reserve subject to the maximum amount of funding available for this purpose in any year not to exceed 10% of the reserve's annual budget allocated from the Council. Note, this reserve is no longer being rate funded. <b>Status:</b> Will expire as Heritage Protection Reserve depletes.	26/09/2007	Unknown								
<b>Stock Underpasses</b> Ownership of underpass, use and construction agreements, Inspections, public liability insurance of indemnity. <b>Status:</b> To be moved to Livestock Control Bylaw	6/09/2010	Unknown								
<b>Unformed Legal Roads</b> Initiated and in draft. <b>Status:</b> In development	Draft	TBC								
<b>Backflow Policy</b> To meet the requirements of the Water Services Act 2021 (part of 3 waters reform). <b>Status:</b> In development	New	TBC								
FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE			Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct
<b>Rating Policy (LTP)</b> Refer to LTP 2024-34, page 161 "Rating system"	LTP2024-34	3yrs								
<b>Rates Remissions Policy (LTP)</b> Refer to LTP 2024-34, page 180 "Rates Remission Policy"	LTP2024-34	3yrs								
<b>Rates Remission on Freehold Māori Land (LTP)</b> Refer to LTP 2024-34, page 187, clause 14., as part of the "Rates Remission Policy".	LTP2024-34	3yrs								
<b>Revenue and Financing (LTP)</b> How the Council funds each activity it is involved in and why.	LTP2024-34	3yrs								
<b>Significance and Engagement (LTP)</b> Council is empowered to consider and make decisions on a wide range of matters on behalf of our communities. Whether these decisions are considered significant, depends in part on how they will impact our communities. This policy sets out those decisions and activities which Council and its communities consider to be significant and how our communities can expect to be engaged with and to participate in Council's decision making.	LTP2024-34	3yrs								
<b>Treasury Risk Management</b> Refer to LTP 2024-34, page 193 "Treasury Risk Managmeent Policy"	LTP2024-34	3yrs								
AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE			Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct
<b>Asset Disposal Policy</b> Initiated because the disposal of items originally purchased by Council for use in delivering community services requires a transparent process that is understood by staff and community. <b>Status:</b> In development	Draft	TBC					X			
<b>Vehicle User Policy</b> Use of Council owned vehicles and user responsibilities.	06/2017	3yrs								

<b>Strategic Procurement Policy</b> Contains the high level statements of the principles and values that guide procurement decisions for Council in regards to planning, sourcing, and managing procurement. <b>Status:</b> Being reviewed 2024/25	05/2018			X						
<b>Sensitive Expenditure Policy</b> To provide Council staff with a clear framework for identifying, reviewing, approving and managing sensitive expenditure, and addressing any potential conflicts of interest or impropriety that may arise. Specifically; •Explains what types of expenditures are and are not allowed •Outlines a clear approval procedure •Sets spending limits/boundaries where practicable •Defines when staff are expected to exercise judgement <b>Status:</b> Being reviewed 2025	11/2021	2yrs		X						
<b>Delegations</b> The purpose of the Delegations Policy is to define and authorise the scope of: - The division between governance and management activities. - Council's delegations of governance activities to Council Committees and Community Boards. - Council delegations of management activities to the Chief Executive. - The Chief Executive's delegations to Council Officers, including the Executive Leadership Team (Group Managers).	05/2022	3yrs								
<b>Conflicts of Interest</b> To state Council's position and guidelines on conflicts of interest for employees.	09/2022	3yrs								
<b>Fraud and Corruption</b> To provide pathways for prevention, detection and response to fraud and corruption at Council.	09/2022	3yrs								
<b>Protected Disclosures Policy and Guidelines</b> To describe Council's responsibilities based on the Protected Disclosures (Protection of Whistleblowers) Act 2022.	09/2022	3yrs								
<b>Security Policy</b> To reduce security risk to the organisation, its stakeholders, and the community at large.	10/2022	2yrs								
<b>Information Management Policy</b> To document requirements relating to the creation and management of information at Council. The term information management encompasses both records and information management.	06/2023	2yrs								
<b>Remote and Lone Worker</b> The purpose of this Policy is to provide a set of protocols to keep staff, contractors, and visitors safe while at Taranaki District Council (Council) sites in accordance with the Health and Safety at Work (General Risk and Workplace Management) Regulations 2016 and Council's Health & Safety Policy.	03/2024	3yrs								
<b>Health and Safety</b> Council is committed to providing and maintaining a working environment where employees, visitors, contractors, and members of the public are protected against harm to their health, safety, and welfare from hazards and risks arising from work carried out as part of its operations or undertakings as far as is reasonably practicable. Status: Being reviewed 2025	04/2024	2yrs								
<b>ICT Acceptable Use Policy</b> To ensure that all computer systems (software, hardware, and networks) owned or managed by Council are operated in an effective, safe, and lawful manner. This protects the user, Council, and our data and information.	05/2024	2yrs								

<b>Privacy (Information Services)</b> To ensure that employees, contractors, consultants, secondees, volunteers, and elected members of Council are aware of their obligations and how to comply with the Privacy Act 2020.	06/2024	2yrs								
<b>Unreasonable Customer Behaviour and Complaints</b> To protect the health, safety, wellbeing, and security of our staff, while ensuring that all customers have fair and equitable access to our services, and our interactions remain respectful, constructive, and efficient.	10/2024	2yrs								
<b>Artificial Intelligence</b> To establish a framework and provide guidance for the practical and ethical use of Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) products for work purposes by employees, contractors, consultants, secondees, volunteers, and elected members of our Council.	11/2024	2yrs								
<b>CCTV</b> The Tararua District Council is committed to ensuring a safe and secure environment for its staff, customers, and ratepayers. To achieve this, Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras are installed and operated, some to assist the NZ Police in public areas, and others over council property. <b>Status:</b> In development	Draft	TBC								
<b>Contract Management</b> <b>Status:</b> Initiated and being drafted. To be finalised after completion of Procurement Policy.	New	TBC								

Bylaw Schedule									
Updated 17 April 2025									
Bylaw Name and Purpose (NB Committees give direction. Council adopts.)	Dated	Review Frequency	Planned presentation to elected members						
STRATEGY GROWTH AND PLANNING COMMITTEE			Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
<b>Administration Bylaw</b> The purpose of this Bylaw is to identify those terms and expressions common to and used in all Bylaws. This Bylaw also addresses the service of orders and notices, powers of delegation and entry, suspension and revocation of licences, removal of works executed contrary to any Bylaw, and fees and charges payable under any Bylaw. <b>Status:</b> Being replaced by bylaws in review programme.	5/11/2018	5yrs							
<b>Dog Control Bylaw</b> This Bylaw will protect the health and safety of the community by regulating the keeping of dogs, while also promoting responsible dog ownership and recognising the rights and needs of dog owners. <b>Status:</b> Current	1/05/2022	10 yrs							
<b>Alcohol Bylaw</b> The purpose of this bylaw is to enhance safety and the public enjoyment of public places within the District by providing for alcohol control in public places to reduce alcohol related harm. <b>Status:</b> Current	30/09/2024	10 yrs							
<b>Cemeteries Bylaw</b> To provide for the efficient management and maintenance of cemeteries under Council's control. <b>Status:</b> Current	30/09/2024	10 yrs							
<b>Public Places Bylaw</b> To protect, promote and maintain health and safety and the public enjoyment of public places within the District by ensuring that public places are used in a manner that will not cause any obstruction, nuisance or damage, or endanger the public. <b>Status:</b> Current	30/09/2024	10 yrs							
<b>Keeping of Animals</b> To provide for the keeping of animals (excluding dogs) so that they do not create a nuisance or endanger the health and safety of the public. <b>Status:</b> Current	30/09/2024	10 yrs							
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND WELLBEING COMMITTEE									
<b>Freedom Camping</b> Current policy is in a schedule to the Public Places Bylaw. <b>Status:</b> Initated and in development.	New		X	X	Consultati on			X	
INFRASTRUCTURE, CLIMATE CHANGE, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE									

<b>Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw</b> To: -Promote and deliver effective and efficient waste management and minimisation in the District; -Assist in implementing the Council's Waste Management and Minimisation Plan; -Promote the purpose of the Act (Waste Minimisation Act 2008) and the goals of the New Zealand Waste Strategy; -Regulate the collection, storage, management and disposal of waste (including recyclable material); and -Protect the health and safety of waste collectors, waste operators and the public. <b>Status:</b> Consultation 14 November to 16 December 2024	5/11/2018	5 yrs			X				
<b>Trade Waste Bylaw</b> This Bylaw regulates the discharge of trade waste to a sewerage system operated by the Council. <b>Status:</b> Consultation 14 November to 16 December 2024	5/11/2018	5 yrs			X				
<b>Traffic and Road Use Bylaw</b> The purpose of this Bylaw is to set out the requirements for parking and control of vehicles and other traffic on any road in the district other than state highways which are controlled by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency. <b>Status:</b> Yet to have deliberations.	5/11/2018	5 yrs			X				
<b>Livestock Control</b> "Stock Control" addressed in schedule of reviewed (2024) Traffic and Road Use Bylaw. "Animals and stock on public places" is a schedule to the Public Places Bylaw 2024. <b>Status:</b> Initiated and in development.	New								X
<b>Wastewater Drainage Bylaw</b> This Bylaw is for wastewater drainage from both domestic and trade premises to the Council's wastewater system. The quality and quantity limits that separate domestic wastewater from trade waste are to be found in the Council's Trade Waste Bylaw. <b>Status:</b> On hold - Pending Central gvt legislative changes Dec 2024	5/11/2018	5 yrs							
<b>Water Supply Bylaw</b> The purpose of this Bylaw is to: a. Ensure a safe and efficient public water supply; b. To manage and regulate the Council's water supply; and c. To protect public water supply infrastructure. <b>Status:</b> On hold - Pending Central gvt legislative changes Dec 2024	28/08/2019	5 yrs							
<b>Stormwater</b> To be developed. Awaiting updated legislation December 2024. First, district strategy for stormwater. Bylaw needs to be developed after this strategy. <b>Status:</b> On hold - Pending Central gvt legislative changes Dec 2024	New								