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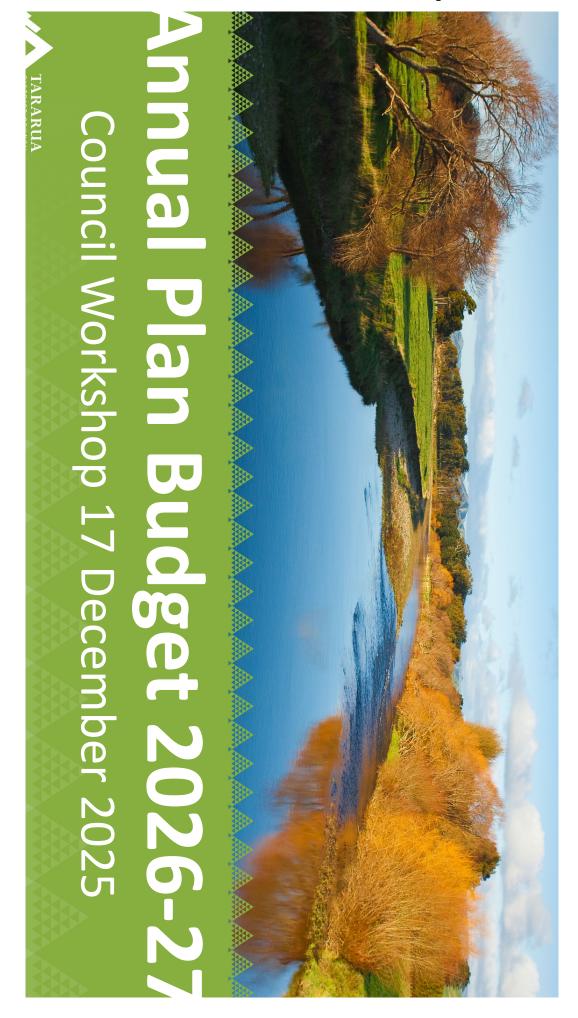
Time: Following conclusion of preceding Council meeting

Meeting Room: Council Chamber Venue: 156 High Street

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### Tararua District Council Workshop OPEN ATTACHMENTS

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## Workshop Objectives

- Present the timeline of the Annual Plan / Budget:
- STILL TO DO:
- Final headroom calculations
- **Accumulated Debt planning**
- Ensure alignment on delivering year 3 of the LTP
- Focus on the agreed budget and rates increase
- Provide an overview of key factors impacting the Annual Plan / budget
- Highlight the current special reserves and where the \$750k reserve contribution to 2027 rates saving was from
- Services impact discussion (Hamish Featonby)
- Seek elected members' input on any other focus areas
- Gather elected members feedback on the 2027 Plan / budget



Annual Plan / Budget Timeline

### Elected members 17 Dec workshop – high level Strategy Workshops Elected members 2 Day Jan. 2026 Elected members – drill Potential adoption of the 2027 Annual Plan Review for final approval down from strategy days, Feb 2026 engagement 2026 Consultation and/or Feb 2026 – Mar determined in February 2026 if resolution not Final approval of concept Apr 2026 Annual Plan adoption of the 2027 Official published June 2026

# TP Year 3 vs Annual Plan / Budget 2027

- LTP Year 3: 11.84%
- **Proposed**
- Annual Plan 2027: 5.36%
- Savings is derived from removal of the depreciation renewal for the 3 waters
- This is in anticipation of the water assets to be managed under the new WCCO entity.
- accordance with financial strategy Rates Increase in Quantified Limit 11.67% 11.48% 11.57% 6.86% 6.79% 6.13% 6.02% < 12% ^12% < 12% < 12% < 12% <12% 7.20% 7.10% 7.10% 7.00% 7.00% 6.90% + 3% # 3% + 2% BERL + 3% +2% + 3% + 2% 5.88% + 3% + 2% 5.02% 6.90% + 3% + 2%

Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 Year 6 Year 7 Year 8 Year 9

Limit

budgeted can differ significantly depending on actual consumption within any financial year and is charged to the individual properties Act (2002) to include revenue it has budgeted for water meter consumption in the rates increase calculation. Water consumption revenue

Actual Increases\*

11.09% 11.79% 11.84% 6.98% 6.91% 6.24% 6.12% 5.97%

### Note:

will operate under will influence a reasonable fee structure for the services moving forward The regulated environment the WCCO entity

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## calculation **Key factors impacting the 2027 rates**

- A strategic combination has decreased the expected LTP Year 3 rates increase of 11.84% to 5.36%, as follows:
- Levels of depreciation renewal
- Levels of external borrowings
- Revisited capital expenditures plans

and ZERO increase in operational overheads

Service level remains unimpacted. The capital projects planned in highlighted further in this presentation the LTP Year 3 plan remains the same, apart from the exceptions



Rates Requirement Change LTP Yr 3 to AP2027, AP2026 to LTP Yr3, AP2026 - AP2027 (\$000)

	5.36%	11.84%	39,871,951	46,389,635	42,009,209	100.0%	
	1		3				
						0.0%	Annual Plan 2026 savings to LTP Yr2
-1.9% Infracon reserve use - (banked sale proceeds in prior years)	-1.9%				(750,000)	-1.8%	Reserve adjustment
0.8% unfunded building depn, loan repayment the same	0.8%	2.1%	2,517,714	3,767,635	2,834,572	6.7%	District & Treasury
			,	1	,	0.0%	District & Treasury
(0.2%) unfunded further depn, payment of debt remains same	(0.2%)	(0.2%)	5,532,966	5,434,763	5,444,766	13.0%	Water Supplies
			,	1	,	0.0%	Water Supplies
unfunded further depn, payment of debt remains same	0.0%	3.7%	5,448,797	7,314,321	5,450,638	13.0%	Wastewater
					,	0.0%	Wastewater
0.4% unfunded further depn, payment of debt remains same	0.4%	0.8%	1,009,731	1,316,252	1,165,448	2.8%	Stormwater
					,	0.0%	Stormwater
4.3% debt repayment remains same in LTP3 and AP2027	4.3%	3.7%	6,737,577	8,593,295	8,435,760	20.1%	Roading
	(0.0%)	0.0%	551,201	561,511	537,725	1.3%	Footpaths
						0.0%	Transportation
	(0.0%)	0.0%	601,234	615,464	587,832	1.4%	Compliance & Monitoring
0.1% incr in shared costs	0.1%	(0.1%)	983,580	926,416	1,007,006	2.4%	Building Compliance
	(0.0%)	(0.2%)	148,424	58, 209	128,574	0.3%	Animal Management
					,	0.0%	Regulatory Compliance
	0.7%	0.8%	2,365,976	2,697,661	2,633,921	6.3%	Waste Management
	0.1%	0.1%	320,334	348,341	343,639	0.8%	Emergency Management
						0.0%	Improving our Environment
0.8% incr allocation of employee and shared costs	0.8%	0.6%	2,020,961	2,273,717	2,348,775	5.6%	Democracy
	0.2%	0.1%	1,127,719	1,156,303	1,225,775	2.9%	Customer Services
incr in employee costs allocation	0.2%	(0.0%)	516,058	498,177	594,344	1.4%	Communication
			,	,	,	0.0%	Governance & Community Engagement
0.3% incr in consulting fees allocation	0.3%	(0.1%)	762,587	712,444	883,046	2.1%	District Planning
						0.0%	District Planning
0.6% 1/2 year vs 1 yr op costs for Pahiatua pool	0.6%	0.9%	1,084,599	1,448,890	1,325,118	3.2%	Swimming Pools
	(0.1%)	(0.3%)	492,612	383,236	467,364	1.1%	Public Conveniences
unfunding of depreciation and incrin fees	0.1%	(0.4%)	2,372,350	2,224,688	2,404,362	5.7%	Parks and Reserves
	0.2%	0.2%	1,829,745	1,911,332	1,912,805	4.6%	Libraries
(1.4%) unfunding of depreciation	(1.4%)	0.2%	1,521,598	1,986,525	950,142	2.3%	Community Buildings
	0.1%	(0.1%)	479,664	426,551	539,129	1.3%	Cemeteries
						0.0%	Community Facilities & Services
0.0% reallocation of employee and contractor costs to shared costs and district planning	0.0%	0.1%	883,307	1,130,540	902,193	2.1%	Economic Development
	0.2%	0.1%	563,217	603,366	636,276	1.5%	Community Development
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	overall rates AP 2026 to AP 2027		Annual Plan 2026	al Plan 2027 LTP Yr3/2027	Annual Plan 2027	2027 % of total rates	Group Activity
	Comparative to	Comparative to					

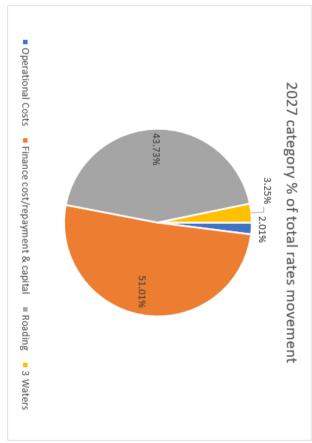




# 2027 Annual Plan/Budget LTP Yr 3 outline

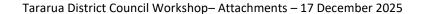
- Annual Plan 2027 Total change in rates from 2026 2027 +5.36%
- LTP Yr 3 11.84%
- Savings of 6.48% (7.16% savings plus a 1.80% benefit from utilisation of future benefits) reserves (previous years money from a sale of assets to be used for rates
- Annual Plan 2026 had a 7.50% increase from AP2025, a saving of 4.29% compared to the LTP Yr2/2026 11.79%
- Work still to do
- Calculate headroom on final rates scenario to ensure all funding levels are within benchmark
- Accumulated debt payment plan
- Stringent LTP planning will need to be applied to continue this rates capping level.





## 2027 activity % of total rates 3.56% 3.56% 4.96% 2.10% 4.10% Community & Economic Development Community Facilities & Services District & Treasury Governance & Community Engagement Improving our Environment Regulatory Compliance Transportation 3.66% 9.52% 7.09% 7.09% 9.10%

### Rates Requirement Change 2026 to 2027 (\$000) Parks and Reserves Public Conveniences Swimming Pools Customer Services Democracy Emergency Management Waste Management District Planning 42,009,209 539,129 950,142 1,912,805 2,404,362 467,364 1,325,118 1,165,448 883,046 39,871,951 479,664 1,521,598 1,829,745 2,372,350 492,612 1,084,599 516,058 1,127,719 2,020,961 762,587



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# 2027 Annual Plan / Budget Outline

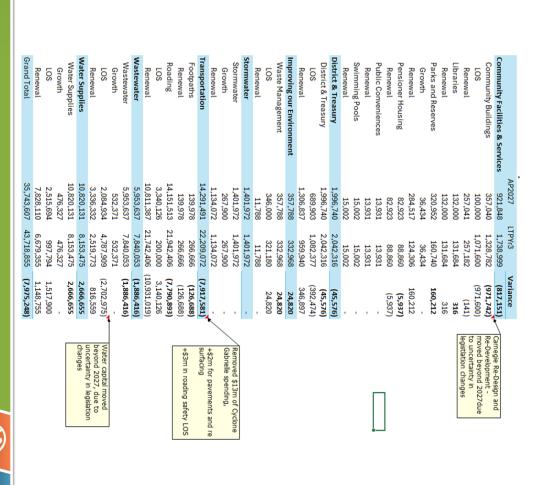
- Total change in rates from 2026 2027 +5.36%

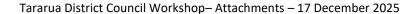
A rates increase is expected in the 2027 rates calculation. This comprises

- An operational savings of \$107k, 0.026% of total rates
- Accumulated depreciation has been unfunded by 38% and replaced with borrowings in the 2027 rates calculation. 52.7% of annual depreciation is removed in 2027 Budget due to revisiting capital project to future years, and removal of the 3 waters renewal depreciation
- Borrowing for capital expenditure and loan repayments are the main drivers of the 2027 rates increase
- All standard levers to depreciation renewal rates funding and external borrowing for capital spending and re-positioning in coming year of capital spending has been applied
- \$750k of the \$2.1m General Purpose Special Reserve (\$735k is from the result of the historical liquidation of the "Infracon" entity) has been applied to relieve the 2027 rates calculation. This recalculates rates increase from 2026 to 2027 from 7.4% to 5.36%
- Work still to do:
- Calculate headroom on final rates scenario to ensure all funding levels are within benchmark.
- Stringent LTP planning will need to be applied to continue this rates capping level.
- Accumulated debt payment plan



### Alignment to delivery of the LTP Year 3

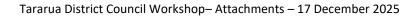




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### 2027 Capital Spending

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Row Labels	Growth	LOS	Renewal	<b>Grand Total</b>
Administration Buildings [030x]		-	1	
Animal Control [750x]				
Business Development [700x]		,		,
Camping Grounds [500x]	36,434	34	51,437	87,871
Carparks [330x]			107,160	107,160
Cemeteries [510x]		,		r
Civil Defense [570x]			r	
Community Buildings [530x]		100,000	257,041	357,040
Footpaths			139,978	139,978
Footpaths [300x]		,	1	
Health Licensing [770x]			1	
Housing [590x]		,	82,923	82,923
Information Services [140x]		350,000	1,039,187	1,389,187
Kerbside Recycling [460x]		ı		1
Kerbside Refuse Collection [370x]		121,000		121,000
Land Transfer/Landfill [350x]	1			
Libraries [600x]			132,000	132,000
Occupational Safety & Health [160x]		23,553		23,553
Parks [610x]		,	233,080	233,080
Pongaroa [390x]				
Pool - Photocopying [170x]		,		,
Pool - Vehicles [200x]		•	267,650	267,650
Project Management Office [280x]		316,350		316,350
Public Conveniences [620x]			13,931	13,931
Recycling [360x]		225,000	11,788	236,788
Stormwater [380x]	267,900	- 00	1,134,072	1,401,972
Strategy & Policy [260x]			,	
Subsidised [310x]		3,340,126	10,704,227	14,044,353
Swimming Pools [640x]			15,002	15,002
Wastewater[340x]	532,371	71 2,084,934	3,336,332	5,953,637
Water Supplies [400x]	476,327	27 2,515,694	7,828,110	10,820,131
Grand Total	1,313,033	33 9,076,656	25,353,918	35,743,607



## **Current Special Reserves**

All reserve balance intentions are to be	calculation	relief to the 2027 rates	has been used to provide	<b>General Purpose reserve</b>

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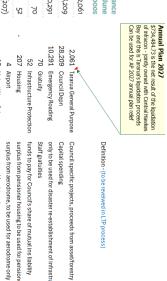
	43,827	893	(11,770)	13,888	40,814	Total special funded reserves
	642		(276)	277	641	Domain Boards Bank Balances
	129			20	109	Bush Multisport Depreciation
	407		(76)	56	427	Forestry Reserve
43,827	439	=		65	364	TACT Wai Splash Depreciation
1 2 2 2 2 2	1,042	4		451	587	Waste Management
642 Domain boards	41			30	=	Election
407 Forestry	42		6		47	Biodiversity Protection
439 TACT	34				34	Heritage Reserve
42 Biodiversity 41 Election 1.042 Waste Management	230		(18)	7	241	Pongaroa Water Supply Depreciation
34 Heritage	239		(116)		354	Tenant Contribution
230 Poligatoa water supply	88		(50)		138	Recreation Grant
239 Tenant contribution	13	¥	ı		13	Makuri Water Scheme
88 Recreational	4	8			4	Dannevirke Airport Authority
4 Airport  13 Makuri Water Scheme	(207)		(615)	782	(374)	Tararua Housing
- 207 Housing	25				52	Infrastructure Protection Reserve
<ul><li>/0 Gratuity</li><li>52 Infrastructure Protection</li></ul>	70				70	Tararua Gratuity
10,291 Emergency Roading	10,291	23	(249)	2,647	7,871	Tararua Emergency Roading
28,209 Council Depn	28,209	818	(10,214)	9,554	28,051	Council Depreciation
	2,061	38	(150)		2,173	Tararua General Purpose
	Balance 30 June \$000s	Transfer interest in \$000s	Transfers out \$000s	Transfers in	Balance 1 July \$000s	2025

asset renewal for this scheme

ecreational projects in the district Pensioner tenant contribution funds

unds reserved to furthe rthe district plan outcomes sustainable and protection of the districts environmen! process

reviewed in the LTP





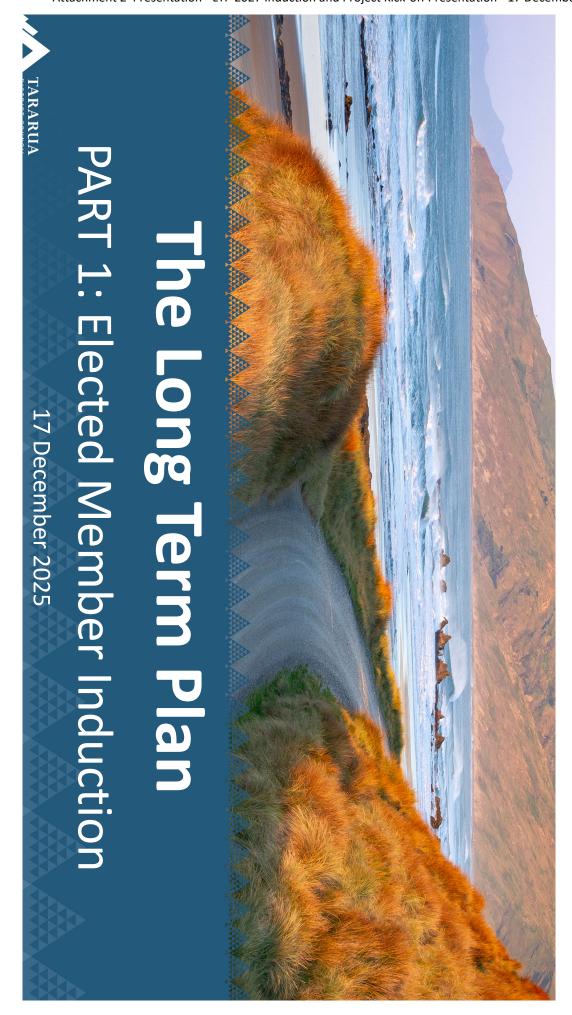
proceeds from forestry, for continued operational maintenace for forestry

asset renewal of major assets

- Elected members input on any other focus areas?
- Elected members feedback on the 2027







### Welcome

## Introductory comments from the Mayor

### Structure for today:

- Part 1 Introduction to the Long Term Plan
- Part 2 Kicking off the Long Term Plan 2027-37



## What is a Long Term Plan?

activities, services, projects, and finances A 10-year strategic planning document that outlines the Council's

- Purpose:
- Sets Council's strategic direction and desired community outcomes
- Guides investment in infrastructure and levels of service
- Ensures financial sustainability and transparency
- Provides transparency and accountability to the community
- Key Components:
- Community outcomes
- Financial strategy and infrastructure strategy
- Funding and rating mechanisms
- Levels of service and performance measures
- **Budgets and financial forecasts**
- **Descriptions of Council activities**



## egislative framework

- **Key Legislation:**
- Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) primary legislation guiding LTPs
- Section 76-81: Decision making
- Section 93: Requirement to adopt an LTP every 3 years

Section 93A-C: Requirements for the consultation and the consultation document

- Schedule 10: Content requirements for an LTP
- Subpart 3 (s 100 111): Financial management
- **Local Government (Rating) Act 2002** informs funding tools
- Governs rating tools and requirements. All rating decisions in the LTP must align with this



## The LTP as a living document

- Long Term Plan
- 10-year planning horizon
- **Annual Plans**
- LTP was adopted

Prepared in years 2 and 3 of the LTP cycle. Responds to changes that have occurred since the

Refines budgets and confirms fees

Annual Reports

- Report on performance against the LTP
- Provide community accountability

Audited

- LTP Amendments
- Major changes to LTP
- Requires an audit and public consultation



## Roles and responsibilities

### **Elected Members**

Mayor

### Management

Set strategic direction and priorities

Set - and fund - realistic levels of service

Engage with the community

Provide democratic oversight

- All Elected Members territorial authority. LGA s41A(2) for consideration by the members of the Leads the development of the long-term plan
- Provide analysis, advice, and options
- Develop draft documents and consultation materials
- Coordinate community
- engagement/consultation
- Deliver on adopted priorities



# Key Considerations for Elected Members

- Balancing short- and long-term needs
- Affordability and funding tools
- Climate resilience
- Working with iwi, regional partners, and stakeholders
- Transparency and defensibility of decisions
- Implications of central government reforms and changes in policy (2026 election



## Decision making and the LGA

## Core Duties When Making Decisions (ss76–82 LGA):

- Be proportionate: Match the scale of analysis to the significance of the decision.
- Consider all reasonable options: Including doing nothing.

Use the right information: Identify assumptions, uncertainties, and gaps

- Assess impacts: Costs, benefits, risks, and who is affected
- the Significance & Engagement Policy. Engage appropriately: Consultation must suit the decision's significance; apply
- were met Document the reasoning: Records should show how statutory requirements

and well-reasoned path from the problem to the decision. Key Idea: Good decision-making is not about perfection; it's about a clear, lawful,



based decision making.

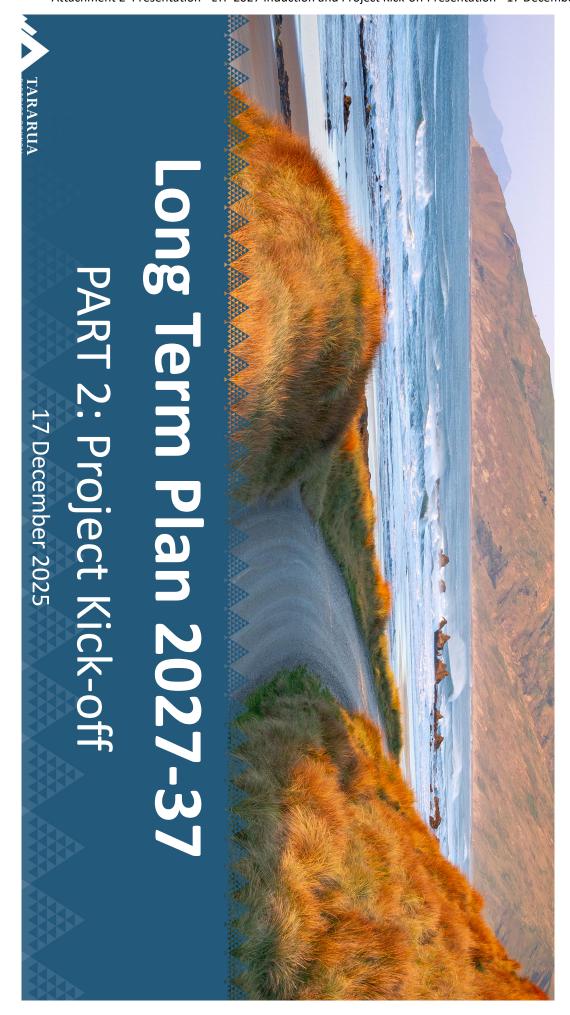
### n summary

- years The LTP is a legally required, community driven roadmap for council's next 10
- Success relies on good planning, robust engagement, alignment with legislative requirements, and the use of quality data to support evidence-
- While community engagement provides valuable insights and the local voice, both community perspectives and factual evidence it must be complemented by reliable data to ensure decisions are grounded in
- Everyone has a role Elected members, staff, our community.



### Questions?





## Today's discussion

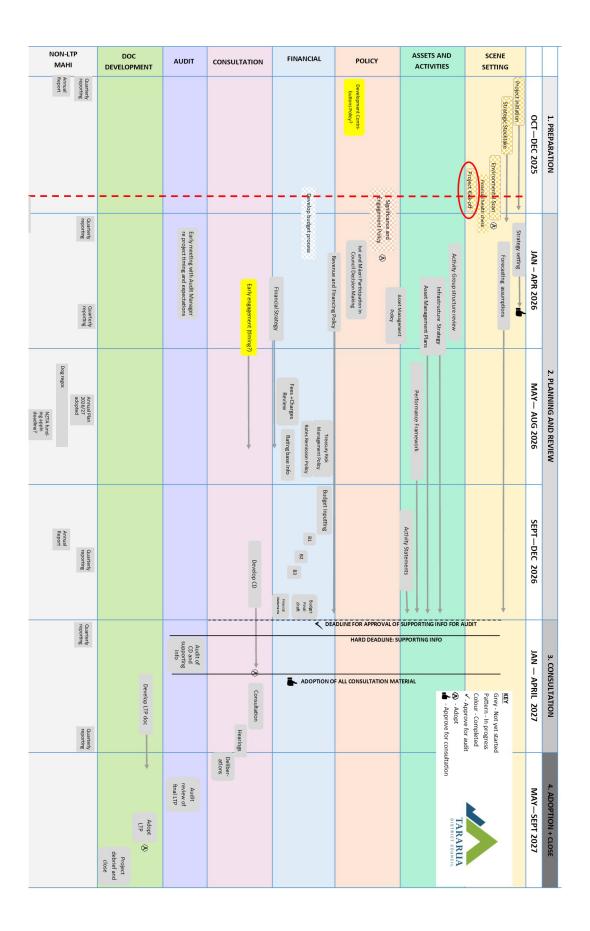
Laying the groundwork for a successful Long-Term Plan 2027 – 37

- High level overview of:
- Project phases and timing
- Areas of focus
- Identifying project risks and opportunities
- Think about how we might describe project success
- Opportunity for questions and comments



The LTP Development Process

### Strategic direction setting Scene setting Project kick-off Project initiation OCT—DEC 2025 1. PREPARATION JAN – APR 2026 Budget Performance Framework **Financial Strategy** Early engagement Activity Statements Policy reviews Forecasting assumptions Activity group structure review Infrastructure Strategy / AMPs 2. PLANNING AND REVIEW **MAY- AUG 2026** SEPT-DEC 2026 Audit CD/supporting info Consultation CD preparation 3. CONSULTATION JAN — APRIL 2027 LTP doc preparation Project debrief Adoption Audit of LTP 4. ADOPTION **MAY—SEPT 2027 AND CLOSE**



- **Project initiation**
- Project planning, schedule, project team, project processes and templates, etc.
- Scene setting Project kick-off
  - Formal start to the project.
- Strategic direction setting

Environmental scan, strategic stocktake, financial health check

Elected Member 2-day hui: community outcomes, priorities, strategic framework (29-30 Jan)



### essons Learned

- LTP 2024
- Staff debrief
- Recommendations from ARC Chair
- Audit Management Report

\_TP 2027 - Pre-project

Conversations with key staff (Nov 2025)



- Focus areas for this LTP
- Risk assessment and management (strategic/corporate and project risks) Clear communication between project team, Activity Managers, Exec Team, Elected
- Clear project roles and responsibilities

Members, e.g. processes, timing, expectations, etc.

- Focussed workshops with clear purpose

Earlier review of the Infrastructure Strategy and Financial Strategy

- Integration of levels of service and budget
- Overall organisational LTP competency
- Also
- Community engagement
- Central government requirements



## Risks and Opportunities

and project risks What do you consider the key risks and opportunities of this Long-Term Plan? E.g. strategic risks

(To be added to slide during workshop brainstorm)



### success factors?

What might LTP success look like? E.g. For the community? For Council? From a project perspective?

(To be added to slide during workshop brainstorm)



## Some nuts and bolt

- LTP documentation Big Tin Can
- 2024 LTP your reference point
- LTP workshops schedule available



### **Elected Members**

29-30 Jan

Elected Member hui, strategic direction setting

led by the Mayor

### February

LTP-focused workshops begin

### Now – 22 Jan Project Team / Management

Preparing LTP scene-setting material for the

### Now - Feb

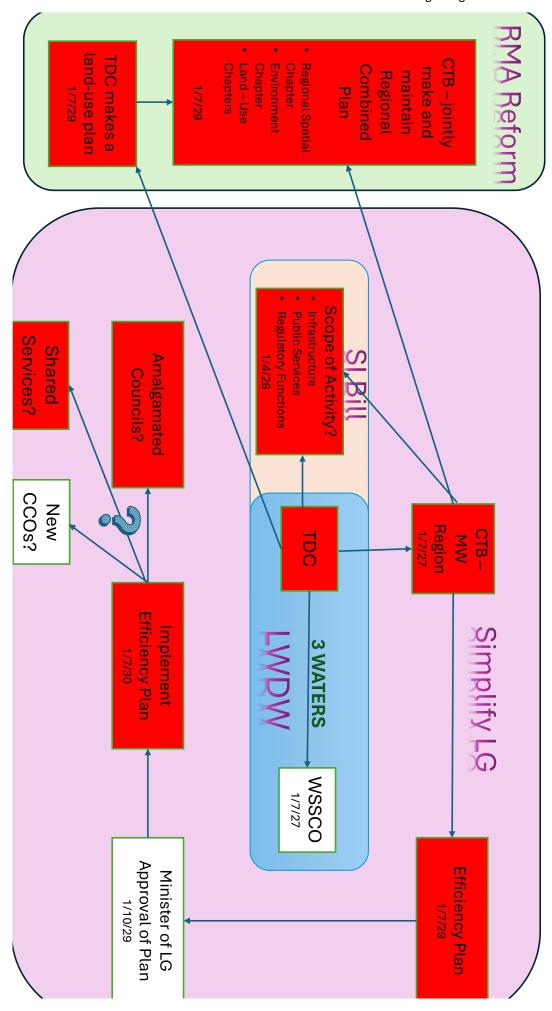
- Getting the detailed project schedule nailed down for the whole project
- Preparing Activity Managers for the requirements



### Questions?







	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 Year 6	Year 6	Year 7	Year 7 Year 8 Year 9	Year 9	Year 10
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Quantified Limit	< 12%	< 12%	< 12%	7.20%	7.10%	7.10%	7.00%	7.00%	6.90%	6.90%
Rates Increase in accordance with financial strategy	11.67%	11.67% 11.48%	11.57%	11.57% 6.86%	6.79%	6.13%	6.02%	5.88%	5.02%	5.44%
Actual Increases*	11.09%	11.79%	11.84%	11.79% 11.84% 6.98%	6.91% 6.24%	6.24%	6.12%	5.97%	5.08%	5.52%
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