Future development and housing package

Why do we need this package?

By 2055, Waipā is expected to welcome 22,000 new residents who will require adequate housing, employment opportunities, educational facilities, and recreational spaces. Council must effectively accommodate this growth by closely aligning infrastructure and planning with development opportunities across the district. The activity in this package aims to facilitate high-quality growth outcomes that reflect Waipā's authentic places and people.

What will we work towards?

This package will support the delivery of the following strategic opportunities identified in the plan:

Land use Management and Housing Affordability

Improve housing affordability and choice to meet evolving community needs and ensure housing developments and economic activities take place in appropriate areas.

Critical Community Infrastructure

Maintain Waipā's quality of lifestyle while meeting the changing needs of both an ageing population and a growing youth demographic.

Local and Regional Economic Development and Resilience

Optimise social and economic benefits in towns and villages by taking a place-based approach to community planning to balance traffic levels and pedestrian amenities.

Environmental & Cultural Stewardship

Foster a sense of belonging and cultural continuity for all members of our community by actively promoting and safeguarding the district's rich cultural heritage – including its expression through natural features like the Waikato and Waipā rivers.

How do we propose to achieve this?

In the short term (0-3 years) Council will:

- Review and Implement: Growth Strategy (i.e., Waipā 2050).
- Ongoing activities beginning in the short term: Update the Housing Strategy and Implementation Plan, District Plan changes, monitoring and reporting of Village and Town Concept Plans, Three Waters Masterplan review and implementation.

In the medium term (3-10 years), Council will:

- Develop and Implement a Heritage Asset Master Plan.