Strategic Framework Package

Why do we need this package?

Council must effectively work towards positive and lasting environmental, economic, transportation, and climate change outcomes. To do this Council must establish defined and clear directions for future investments and partnership. This will help the Council to reduce risks and allocate resources efficiently in the long run.

What will we work towards?

These activities will be measured against the achievement of the following Strategic Opportunities:

Land use Management and Housing Affordability

- 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.
- Enhance economic development to provide local opportunities for working-age residents and Mana Whenua and Iwi by leveraging market connections, the land-based primary sector, Māori economy, and heritage/ environmental tourism to facilitate high-quality job creation.
- Maximise regional economic development initiatives by focusing on key sectors to bolster economic resiliency, generate new growth opportunities for an ageing population and the emerging workforce.

Critical Community Infrastructure

- Improve community resilience and wellbeing by maintaining high-quality community infrastructure, including lifeline utilities, and adapting to climate change.
- Maintain Waipā's quality of lifestyle while meeting the changing needs of both an ageing population and a growing youth demographic.

Environmental & Cultural Stewardship

Preserve biodiversity and support ecosystem services by protecting and restoring the district's natural environment.

Integrated Transport and Freight Management

- Prioritise local walking and cycling options when relevant and possible and strengthen existing and future regional connections with a comprehensive, safer, multi-modal transport system.
- Safeguard the freight function of key transport corridors and integrate major transport infrastructure (i.e., airports, inland ports, freight hubs) with the development of our towns and villages in a symbiotic way.

What's included in this package?

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

- Develop an Economic Wellbeing Strategy and Programme [underway]
- Develop a Climate Change Strategy [underway]

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

- Review the Transport Strategy
- Review the Environment Strategy and Implementation Plan