



Te tārai tahi i tō tātou kokenga Shaping our direction together

Why it's a proposed priority

Council decisions affect everyday life in Kāpiti – the services people use, the places we invest in, how rates are spent, and how we plan for the future.

We can't do everything at once. Some things need to happen now, some will need to wait, and some will be shaped by national reforms that Council must respond to. That makes it even more important for people to understand the choices in front of us, what they cost, and how decisions are made.

Kāpiti is made up of communities with different needs and priorities. People want to see action in their own areas, but they also want the Council to make fair, affordable decisions for the whole district.

In a tighter economy, value for money matters. People need clear, factual information about what Council does, what it must do, how rates and other funding are used, and what difference that investment makes.

Our role

Under legislation Council has a role in seeking community input on where we're heading, what we do, and the impacts of local changes. This includes reporting on what we do, how rates and funding are used, and what value this provides.



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Actions to shift the dial

- Strengthen engagement with residents and mana whenua on major proposals, including the Long-term Plan
- Continue working with residents on Vision Kāpiti Phase 2, including a district blueprint to affordably deliver on community aspirations
- Support more regular Elected Member engagement in the community, so a broader range of residents can inform decisions
- Report back more clearly on the range of views Council receives, how those views are balanced, and why decisions are made
- Introduce a small set of principles to help balance affordability and value when investment decisions are being made
- Simplify reporting so it's easier to understand what Council has achieved
- New reporting that focuses on impacts for different communities, not just services delivered
- Focus engagement, and information shared, with residents on a more balanced view between total cost / affordability, and per resident value.

How we'll know:

These are our proposed measures of success:

- Residents feel consulted on significant issues and options
- Residents agree their views inform decisions about services, rates, funding, and the district's direction
- Residents agree that they are informed about proposed, significant change
- Residents are aware of what Council does and the value it provides.

Learn more about when and how we engage with our community in our Significance and Engagement Policy:

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