

Policy and Strategy



To help lower future rates and keep services sustainable, Council is reviewing whether services should stay the same, change, be reduced or stop.

Policy and Strategy helps Council plan for the future and make informed decisions.

It includes preparing Council key strategic planning documents such as the Long-Term Plan and Annual Plan, developing strategies, policies and bylaws, reviewing Council's non-financial performance and providing advice to elected members.

Why does Council do this?

Council needs to plan ahead, set priorities, and make decisions that balance community needs with what ratepayers can afford.

Good planning helps ensure services work well together, resources are used wisely, and Council is prepared for future challenges and opportunities.

Who benefits, and how is it funded?

Everyone in the district benefits from good planning and clear direction. It helps ensure Council delivers the right services in the right way. This activity is funded mainly through general rates.

Could we reduce services to reduce costs?

Some of this work is required by law. Other work helps inform Council to make better decisions or to make sure our District's voice is heard by others.

We could reduce or stop some Policy and Strategy activities to save money, although this may mean Council has less say on issues affecting the district or fewer local policies to guide decision-making.

1. Should Council continue developing and maintaining local policies that are not legally required but where they provide a clear community benefit such as the Local Alcohol Policy or Smokefree/Vapefree Policy?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure ☐

2. Should Council reduce its advocacy work and only respond where Council is legally required or where there is a significant impact on the district?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure ☐

3. Do you have any other feedback about Policy and Strategy?

4. Where do you live?

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| ☐ Taumarunui | ☐ Ohura | ☐ Ongarue |
| ☐ Owhango | ☐ Waimarino | ☐ Rangataua |
| ☐ Ohakune | ☐ Raetihi | ☐ Waouru |
| ☐ Other | | |