

## VISION: Waipā Home of Champions | Building connected communities

### Community Outcomes

#### Social Well-being – all about people

Great place to live, work, play and invest.  
Invest in health and well-being and support community groups.  
High quality of life.

#### Cultural champions – promote culture and heritage

Unique history cultural awareness.  
Tangata Whenua partnerships.  
Respect cultural diversity.

#### Environmental champions – protect and sustain the environment

Promote awareness and responsibilities.  
Support programmes.  
Responsive to climate change.

#### Economically progressive – support thriving sustainable economy

Financially sustainable decision-making.  
Provide economic stimulus through new infrastructure.  
Provide value for money from services, promotion and a great place to invest and do business.

### Ahu Ake – Waipā Community Spatial Plan\*

High-economic growth areas  
More housing choices  
Public transport connections  
Expansion of Ōhaupō  
Better walking and cycling connections  
Strengthening Karāpiro village

Improvements around Lake Karāpiro  
Protecting our peat lakes  
Taiea te Taiao (Maungatautari to Mt Pirongia ecological corridor)  
Heritage, culture, and arts precincts  
Improving our public spaces  
Rural cycleway network

\* Draft until the plan is adopted in early 2025.

### External Strategic Priorities (2025-2027)

Creating vibrant communities.

Nurturing and respecting our unique culture and heritage.

Responding to climate change.

Caring for and valuing our environment now and in the future.

Effectively planning and providing for growing communities.

See the next page for External Priorities descriptions

What we want for the future of Waipā

What we will focus on for the next 3 years

External Strategic Priority	What do we mean by this?	What we are going to do to deliver on this
<b>Creating vibrant communities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ We celebrate and take pride in everything we love about Waipā.</li> <li>▶ We have a strong community spirit and continue to work together to support each other and thrive.</li> <li>▶ We recognise and respond to the needs of the increasingly diverse cultures within our community.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Provide support for community events through an in-house events team.</li> <li>▶ Provide financial support to qualifying events through Council's District Promotion Fund.</li> <li>▶ Implement the Anchor Institutions Framework.</li> <li>▶ Provide quality community facilities and services such as destination playgrounds, swimming pools, reserves and libraries to provide for the community's learning and leisure needs.</li> </ul>
<b>Nurturing and respecting our unique culture and heritage</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ In partnership with Tangata Whenua, we increase our community awareness, understanding and appreciation of the district's history and significant sites.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Showcasing the district's unique heritage by providing and supporting heritage offerings throughout the district.</li> <li>▶ Tell stories of our unique history through the Te Ara Wai Journeys website and corresponding promotional signage.</li> <li>▶ Provide financial support to qualifying applications through Council's Heritage Fund.</li> <li>▶ Management of archaeological and public art collection.</li> <li>▶ Restoration of ecological sites in partnership with mana whenua.</li> <li>▶ Fulfilling our partnership agreements through Treaty settlement mechanisms.</li> </ul>
<b>Responding to climate change</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ We advance our knowledge to ensure decision-making is based on robust evidence and up-to-date information.</li> <li>▶ We work together to inform, educate, build resilience and develop new skills and ways of working.</li> <li>▶ We take action to reduce emissions causing climate change (mitigation).</li> <li>▶ We take action to manage the risks of climate change impacts (adaptation).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Development of Climate Change Strategy and implementation plan.</li> <li>▶ Emergency preparedness through readiness and resilience planning across communities.</li> <li>▶ Understand the impacts, risks, and vulnerabilities of climate change in the district.</li> <li>▶ Ensuring capacity in debt headroom to fund emergency events.</li> <li>▶ Working closely with Waikato CDEM Group and Waikato Regional Council climate action group.</li> </ul>

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<b>Caring for and valuing our environment now and in the future</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ We recognise our responsibilities to control the effects of land use on the environment, including natural hazards and indigenous biodiversity.</li> <li>▶ We work in partnership to support initiatives that promote the protection of the natural environment and sustainable living.</li> <li>▶ We plan and invest in our green spaces to enhance our environmental outcomes and achieve positive health and social well-being outcomes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Continue to provide a kerbside recycling service to all urban and rural properties and construct a resource recovery centre to support minimising waste to landfill.</li> <li>▶ Provide financial assistance to community groups through the Community Waste Minimisation Fund.</li> <li>▶ Continue to minimise environmental issues resulting from stormwater discharges through projects such as the Karāpiro Stream restoration.</li> <li>▶ Complete the upgrades of the Cambridge and Te Awamutu wastewater treatment plants.</li> <li>▶ Further enhancement of key ecological spaces including Sanctuary Mountain, Pukemako and Mt Pirongia.</li> <li>▶ Give effect to Te Ture Whaimana o Waikato, the Vision and Strategy for the Waikato River.</li> <li>▶ Review the Environment Strategy and implementation plan.</li> </ul>
<b>Effectively planning and providing for growing communities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ We plan ahead to ensure that Waipā continues to be the best place to live, work, play and invest.</li> <li>▶ We demonstrate our value to our community through our investment and funding approach, people, services and activities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Continue to maintain our roading and footpath network.</li> <li>▶ Continue to progress Cambridge Connections.</li> <li>▶ Expand the current public transport offering.</li> <li>▶ Implementation of Ahu Ake, Waipa Community Spatial Plan.</li> <li>▶ Implementation of the Anchor Institutions Framework.</li> <li>▶ Review of the Waipa 2050 Growth Strategy.</li> <li>▶ Review of Te Awamutu and Kihikihi Town Concept Plan.</li> <li>▶ Development of village concept plan for Ohaupo and Karāpiro.</li> <li>▶ Development of amenity and neighbourhood reserves.</li> <li>▶ Implementation of the Economic Wellbeing Strategy.</li> <li>▶ Facilitate Māori housing, including papakāinga.</li> <li>▶ Complete the Alpha Street Water Treatment Plan.</li> </ul>