



## KOMITI AROTAKE MAHERE Ā-ROHE DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE

21 May 2025

Order Paper for the meeting to be held in the  
Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt,  
on:

**Thursday 29 May 2025 commencing at 1:00 pm**

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### Membership

	Cr B Dyer (Chair)
	Cr S Edwards (Deputy Chair)
Mayor C Barry	Cr J Briggs
Deputy Mayor T Lewis	Cr A Mitchell
Cr K Morgan	Cr N Shaw
Richard Te One, Mana Whenua Representative (Te Āti Awa, Taranaki)	

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<b>Chair:</b>	Cr Brady Dyer
<b>Deputy Chair:</b>	Cr Simon Edwards
<b>Membership:</b>	<p>Mayor Campbell Barry  Cr Josh Briggs  Deputy Mayor Tui Lewis  Cr Andy Mitchell  Cr Karen Morgan  Cr Naomi Shaw  Richard Te One, Mana Whenua Representative (Te Āti Awa, Taranaki)  <i>Up to two representatives nominated by Iwi and appointed by Council</i></p> <p>Note: Elected members should hold current certification under the Making Good Decisions Training Assessment and Certification Programme for RMA Decision-Makers. The Chair should in addition hold Chair certification</p> <p>Standing Order 31 outlining the provisions of Mana Whenua do not apply to this committee and Iwi appointees will have full voting rights as members of the Committee under Standing Orders</p>
<b>Quorum:</b>	Half of the members
<b>Meeting Cycle</b>	Meets on an eight-weekly basis or at the requisition of the Chair
<b>Reports to:</b>	Council

### AREAS OF FOCUS:

- Undertake a full review of the District Plan and development of a Proposed District Plan
- Urban design and spatial planning
- Resource Management Act reform
- Mana Whenua partnership

## **MANA WHENUA MEMBERSHIP:**

Mana Whenua membership will facilitate a collaborative approach to the District Plan review, and other District Plan matters that arise to ensure that appropriate relationships and processes are facilitated to:

- enable genuine partnership between Iwi and Hutt City Council at a governance level;
- promote shared decision-making in city planning; and
- ensure the perspectives and aspirations of iwi are effectively integrated into the District Plan Review.

Members are committed to ensuring Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai is able to develop in a prosperous manner, while also actively protecting significant natural, cultural, spiritual and built assets.

Members recognise the autonomy and right of Mana Whenua to exercise their respective authority in order to meet their responsibilities to their people.

## **SHARED VALUES:**

- Whanaungatanga – building a strong partnership with an inter-generational view of the sustainable prosperity and wellbeing of Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai.
- Manaakitanga – placing the care of our whānau and community at the centre.
- Kaitiakitanga – caring for and protecting our environment.
- Whakapono – working together in good faith with honesty and transparency.
- Kotahitanga – working together with Mana Whenua and the wider community to achieve agreed outcomes.
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## **DISTRICT PLAN DELEGATIONS:**

Undertake a full review of the City of Lower Hutt District Plan, including establishing a District Plan work programme and monitoring its implementation.

- Consideration of matters related to the preparation and ongoing monitoring of the City of Lower Hutt District Plan.
- Preparation of required Changes and Variations to the City of Lower Hutt District Plan for Council approval to call for submissions.
- Approval of the draft District Plan for consultation.
- Make recommendations to Council on the statutory notified proposed District Plan.
- Make recommendations to Council on private District Plan Change requests for Council to accept, adopt or reject.
- Approve Council submissions on Resource Management-related matters, as well as the ability to delegate this approval to the Chief Executive.

- The Chair of the committee, in conjunction with the Chief Executive, is authorised to appoint a District Plan Hearings Subcommittee of suitably qualified persons to conduct hearings on behalf of the committee.

**GENERAL:**

Any other matters delegated to the committee by Council in accordance with approved policies and bylaws.

**NOTE:**

Manatū mō te Taiao | Ministry for the Environment advocates that Councils offer specialist RMA training in areas of law that are difficult to grasp or where mistakes are commonly made. This is to complement the Good Decision Making RMA training that they run (which is an overview and basic summary of decision making, rather than an in-depth training in specific areas of the RMA). Therefore to facilitate this, the RMA training run for councillors that wish to become hearings commissioners is mandatory.

Reasons for the importance of the training:

1. Hearings commissioners are kept abreast of developments in the legislation.
2. Legal and technical errors that have been made previously are avoided (many of which have resulted in Environment Court action which is costly, time-consuming and often creates unrealistic expectations for the community).
3. The reputation of Council as good and fair decision-makers or judges (rather than legislators) is upheld.

## HUTT CITY COUNCIL

### KOMITI AROTAKE MAHERE Ā-ROHE DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE

Meeting to be held in the Council Chambers,  
2nd Floor, 30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt on  
Thursday 29 May 2025 commencing at 1:00 pm

#### ORDER PAPER

#### PUBLIC BUSINESS

#### **1. OPENING FORMALITIES - KARAKIA TŪTURU: TĒNEI AU**

Tēnei au	This
Tēnei au te hōkai nei o taku	This is the journey of sacred footsteps
tapuwae	Journeyed about the earth journeyed
Ko te hōkai nuku ko te hōkai	about the heavens
rangi	The journey of the ancestral god
Ko te hōkai a tō tupuna a Tāne-	Tānenuiarangi Who ascended into the
nui-a- rangi	heavens to Te Tihi-o- Manono
Ka pikitia ai ki ngā rangi tūhāhā	Where he found Io, the parentless source
ki te Tihi-o-Manono	From there he retrieved the baskets of
Ka rokohina atu rā ko Io-Matua-	knowledge Te kete-tuauri
Kore anake	Te kete-tuatea Te kete-aronui
Ka tikina mai ngā kete o te	These were distributed and implanted
wānanga	about the earth
Ko te kete-tuauri	From which came human life Growing
Ko te kete-tuatea	from dim light to full light
Ko te kete-aronui	There was life.
Ka tiritiria ka poupoua	
Ka puta mai iho ko te ira tāngata	
Ki te wheiao ki te ao mārama	
Tihei-mauri ora!	

#### **2. APOLOGIES**

Mayor Barry, Cr Mitchell and R Te One

#### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Generally, up to 30 minutes is set aside for public comment (three minutes per speaker on items appearing on the agenda). Speakers may be asked questions on the matters they raise.

#### **4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.

5. **RECOMMENDATION TO TE KAUNIHERA O TE AWA KAIRANGI COUNCIL - 29 MAY 2025**

**Sustainable Growth Strategy 2025-2055 for Adoption**

Report No. DPRC2025/2/138 by the Head of Urban Development

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**CHAIR'S RECOMMENDATION:**

"That the recommendations contained in the report be endorsed."

6. **INFORMATION ITEM**

**District Plan Review Committee Forward Programme 2025**

Memorandum dated 12 May 2025 by the Democracy Advisor

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**CHAIR'S RECOMMENDATION:**

"That the recommendation contained in the memorandum be endorsed."

7. **QUESTIONS**

With reference to section 32 of Standing Orders, before putting a question a member shall endeavour to obtain the information. Questions shall be concise and in writing and handed to the Chair prior to the commencement of the meeting.

8. **CLOSING FORMALITIES - KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA**

Unuhia!	<i>Release us from the supreme</i>
Unuhia!	<i>sacredness of our tasks</i>
Unuhia i te uru-tapu-nui	<i>To be clear and free</i>
Kia wātea, kia māmā	<i>in heart, body and soul in our</i>
Te ngākau, te tinana, te	<i>continuing journey</i>
wairua i te ara takatū	<i>Oh Rongo, raise these words up</i>
Koia rā e Rongo	<i>high</i>
whakairihia ake ki runga	<i>so that we be cleansed and be</i>
Kia wātea, kia wātea!	<i>free,</i>
Ae rā, kua wātea!	<i>Yes indeed, we are free!</i>
Hau, pai mārire.	<i>Good and peaceful</i>

Jenny Young  
DEMOCRACY ADVISOR

**08 May 2025****Report no: DPRC2025/2/138**

## **Sustainable Growth Strategy 2025-2055 for Adoption**

### **Purpose of Report**

1. To seek approval of the Sustainable Growth Strategy 2025-2055 (Strategy) for adoption by Council.

### **Recommendations**

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- (1) notes the Engagement Analysis Report, attached as Appendix 1 to the report;
- (2) approves the adoption of the Sustainable Growth Strategy 2025-2055, attached as Appendix 2 to the report; and
- (3) revokes the 2012-32 Urban Growth Strategy and replaces it with the Sustainable Growth Strategy 2025-2055.

For the reason that the Strategy was well supported by the community, mana whenua, government agencies and other stakeholders during the external engagement.

### **Background**

2. A report on the Spatial Plan (now Sustainable Growth Strategy) was presented to the District Plan Review Committee (the Committee) on 29 February 2024.
3. The Committee agreed that the purpose of the Spatial Plan was to:
  - a. Provide strategic direction for Lower Hutt's urban development and growth over the next 30 years.
  - b. Bring together strategic planning for land use, transport, three-waters infrastructure, community facilities, parks and open spaces, climate adaptation and business and economy into a single document.
  - c. Identify an integrated plan of action to accommodate population growth.

- d. Identify improvements (transport, community facilities, parks and open spaces, etc) in existing neighbourhoods, whether they are expected to grow or not, to address deficits and align levels of service across our communities.
  - e. Update and replace the 2012-32 Urban Growth Strategy.
4. The preliminary content of the document was presented to the Committee on 4 July 2024. The Committee:
- a. Approved the general direction of the Strategy - summarised in eight “strategic moves”.
  - b. Instructed officers to prepare a document for community engagement.
  - c. Approved the engagement on the Strategy and Proposed District Plan to start at the same time.
  - d. Approved changing the name of the document from “Spatial Plan” to “Sustainable Growth Strategy 2025-2055”.
5. On 14 November 2024, the Committee approved the Draft Sustainable Growth Strategy for community engagement.

### **Discussion**

6. A full summary of our engagement activities and the feedback received is presented in the Engagement Analysis Report, attached as Appendix 1 to the report.
7. Engagement on the Draft Strategy has included:
- a. Community engagement.
  - b. Engagement with government agencies and other organisations (further to their initial input in May 2024).
  - c. Mana Whenua engagement (continued from earlier stages).
8. Community engagement ran for eight weeks from 5 February to 4 April 2025. It involved a range of activities including presentations to all Community Boards, an online survey, copies of the full document and summary document available in all neighbourhood hubs, downloadable documents on our website, print advertising and social media advertising.
9. Engagement with government agencies and other organisations has included:
- a. NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi
  - b. Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities
  - c. Ministry of Housing and Urban Development
  - d. Ministry of Education



- e. Health NZ Te Whatu Ora
  - f. Mana Whenua partners
  - g. Greater Wellington Regional Council & Metlink
  - h. Wellington Water Ltd
10. Mana Whenua have been engaged throughout the development of the Strategy. The Strategy was tabled regularly at the Council's Kāhui Mana Whenua hui during its development. Hui and individual kōrero were held in July / August 2024 and again in early 2025. During the community engagement period, Ngāti Toa and Te Āti Awa provided written feedback, acknowledging Council incorporation of their earlier input. The written feedback focused on:
- a. Strengthening recognition of mana whenua history and sites of significance through tangible commitments.
  - b. Ensuring Mana Whenua are partners in the adaptation planning process.
  - c. Prioritising environmental restoration and cultural recognition.
  - d. Embedding natural and Māori-led solutions in the city's response to climate change.
  - e. Strengthening partnership approaches in delivering affordable housing.
  - f. More prominence should be given to Waiwhetū by identifying this rohe on the draft Strategy maps, reflecting the area's cultural significance, and its community facilities, including Waiwhetū Marae, the heart of the Waiwhetū papakāinga.
  - g. Recognition that Mana Whenua provide expertise and kaitiaki guidance, which is weighted beyond technical input.
11. The feedback received from the community, stakeholders and Mana Whenua is generally supportive of the Strategy. Consequently, no changes are proposed to the general direction of the Strategy.
12. Minor amendments were made throughout the document to reflect the detailed feedback received.
13. In response to comments on sea level rise projections, we have amended the text of the Strategy and the map for Strategic Move 4 "Whāngaihia te hunga noho takutai | Foster prepared coastal and low-lying communities" to more closely align with the Proposed District Plan "medium and high coastal inundation hazard" and "medium and high flood hazard" overlays.

14. To close the engagement loop, on 9 May 2025, officers wrote to every submitter who provided contact details to thank them for their feedback and explain the next steps towards the adoption of the Strategy. Officers also updated the Strategy page on our website with key themes from the engagement and next steps.
15. Should the Strategy be adopted by Council, officers will update the website further and issue a press release.

### **Climate Change Impact and Considerations**

16. The matters addressed in this report have been considered in accordance with the process set out in Council's Climate Change Considerations Guide.
17. Climate change is a fundamental consideration of the Strategy. The direction for future urban growth is directly influenced by hazards, many of which are worsened by climate change, such as erosion, slips, surface flooding and coastal inundation.
18. Of note is the Strategy's proposed action to develop a climate "Adaptation Plan" and to start planning with communities most at risk from climate change.
19. Other initiatives relevant to climate change and carbon reduction include encouraging intensification along the central and northern Valley Floor where public transport by rail and bus is most accessible and where the flat topography supports walking and cycling.

### **Legal Considerations**

20. There are no legal implications. The Strategy is not a statutory document.

### **Financial Considerations**

21. There are no financial implications.
22. Initiatives proposed in the Strategy that are not funded in the 2024-34 Long Term Plan can be considered during the next Long Term Plan process.

### **Other Considerations**

23. The revocation of the 2012-2032 Urban Growth Strategy and its replacement with the new Strategy is not anticipated to have any impact on the Proposed District Plan process.

### **Appendices**

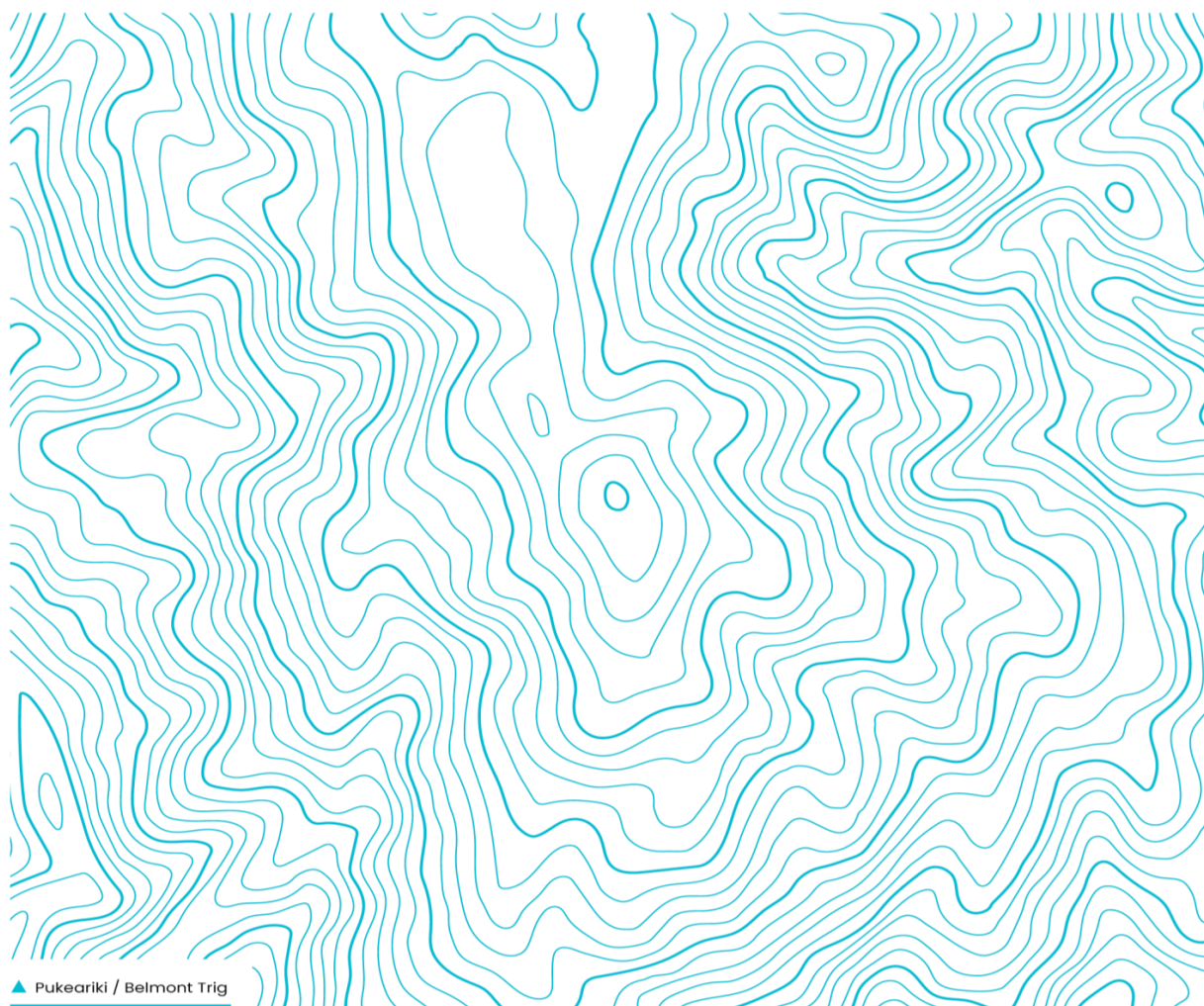
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# **Sustainable Growth Strategy 2025–2055 – Engagement Analysis Report**

21 May 2025



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## 1. Background

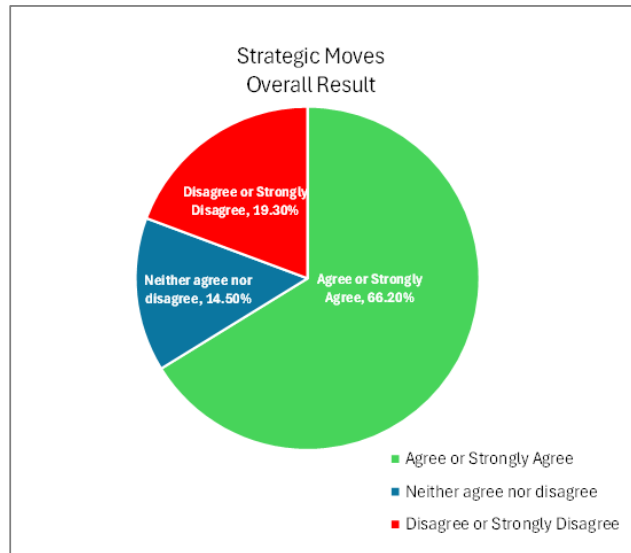
1. Development of the draft Sustainable Growth Strategy 2025–2055 (the draft Strategy) began in early 2024. The process has included various workshops and discussions with internal and external stakeholders including Council teams, Mana Whenua partners, central government agencies, Metlink and Greater Wellington Regional Council.
2. The following timeline shows the high-level process for the development of the Strategy:
  - **February 2024** – Purpose, scope and work programme for the Strategy approved
  - **July 2024** – Preliminary Strategy content approved
  - **December 2024** – Draft Strategy approved for engagement
  - **5 February to 4 April 2025** – Community engagement
  - **23 April 2025** – Councillors briefed on engagement feedback
  - **28 May 2025** – Seeking adoption of Strategy
3. This report focuses on the community engagement phase and feedback from key stakeholders, which have informed the finalisation of the draft Strategy.
4. The engagement was done in two ways:
  - Community engagement
  - Targeted engagement with key stakeholders/agencies
5. Following the engagement phase, feedback received from the community, key stakeholders and Mana Whenua was analysed, key themes identified, and several amendments were made to the Strategy.
6. To close the engagement loop, on 9 May 2025, we wrote to every submitter who provided contact details to thank them for their feedback and explain the next steps towards the adoption of the Strategy. See Appendix 1 for the message to all respondents. We also updated the Strategy page on our website with key themes from the engagement, and next steps.

## 2. Community engagement

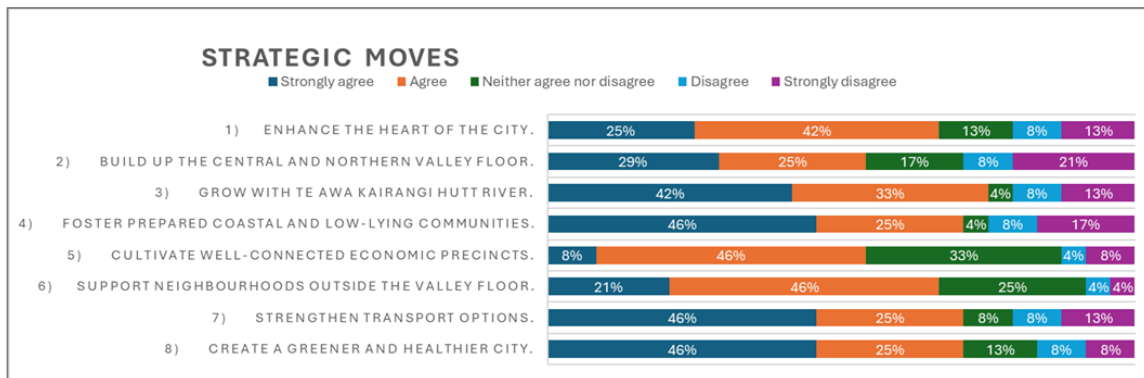
7. Community engagement on the draft Strategy began on 5 February and closed on 4 April 2025.
8. The usual four weeks engagement period was extended to eight weeks to match the Proposed District Plan engagement. Given the close relationship between growth planning (the Growth Strategy) and land use planning (the District Plan), we engaged the community on both documents in a coordinated manner (although the engagement on the Proposed District Plan was extended for a further four weeks).
9. Community engagement activities included:
  - Presentations to all Community Boards, which are open to the public
  - Online survey
  - "Haveyoursay" email
  - Hardcopies of the full draft Strategy, summary version and brochures in all neighbourhood hubs
  - Website with downloadable documents (downloaded 201 times) and Frequently Asked Questions (viewed 33 times)
  - Print advertising in Hutt News, Wainuiomata News and Eastbourne Herald

- Social media advertising on Facebook (17,000 views), LinkedIn (2,600 impressions) and Instagram (389 views).

## 2.1 Online survey

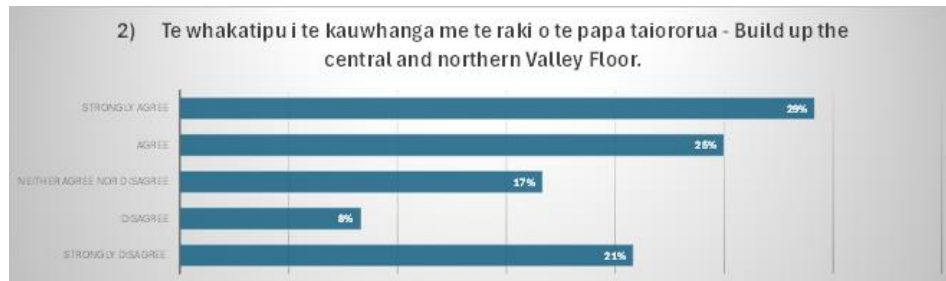


10. The online survey had 57 visitors and 24 respondents. The diagram below illustrates that two third of the responses agreed or strongly agreed with the eight strategic moves of the draft Strategy. 14.5% of the responses had a neutral position while about one fifth disagreed or strongly disagreed.
11. The graph below shows response rate for each Strategic Move question.

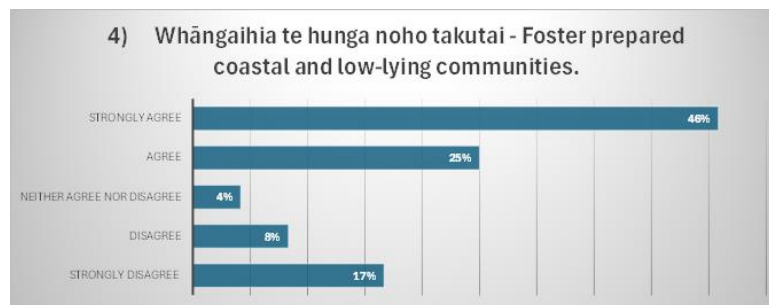


12. While the majority of the responses agreed with the Strategic Moves, two Strategic Moves had less support:

- a. Strategic Move 2: Build up central and northern Valley Floor had 29% respondents disagreeing versus 54% agreeing and 17% neutral.



- b. Strategic Move 4: Foster prepared coastal and low-lying communities had a quarter (25%) respondents disagreeing versus 71% agreeing and 4% neutral.



13. It should be noted that the disagreement numbers include some anonymous respondents disagreeing with all the strategic moves, with comments seeking Council not increasing rates, which is not directly relevant to the Growth Strategy.

### Themes from the open-field question

14. An open field question in the survey provided the opportunity for more detailed feedback. The feedback themes from the open field are listed below, and minor amendments have been made:

- Desire for more walking and cycling infrastructure. (4 comments)
- Sea level rise and climate change, including suggestion to align the Growth Strategy with the Proposed District Plan coastal inundation and natural hazards layers (3 comments)
- Provision of shared amenity spaces and 'third spaces' like libraries, cafes and community houses so people can socialise. (2 comments)
- Issues around greenfield growth in Wainuiomata due to poor resilience, public transport and water infrastructure capacity. (2 comments)
- Lack of medical facility improvements/expansion. (2 comments)
- Desire for better connectivity between Petone, Lower Hutt CBD and Waterloo Station. (1 comment)
- Desire for more mixed-use development. (1 comment)
- Desire for renewable energy for new builds i.e. no gas appliances. (1 comment)
- Desire to incorporate native plants in developments. (1 comment)

- Desire for safe and well-designed housing. (1 comment)
- Need for more employment to support population growth. (1 comment)
- Subdivision of 2-hectares or more properties in the Western Hills. (1 comment)
- Every suburb needs to be self-sufficient. (1 comment)
- Support new homes in whole of Lower Hutt rather than concentrating all new builds into the northern Valley Floor. (1 comment)
- Consideration of practicalities like car parking, where rubbish bins can safely be kept and bus shelters. (1 comment)
- Desire for longer hours at libraries and pools. (1 comment)
- Opposition to Petone to Grenada Road. (1 comment)
- Pest trees in the Western Hills and vegetation removal for Winstone Quarry. (1 comment)
- Lack of off-street parking for new housing. (1 comment)
- Desire for mention of historic heritage. (1 comment)

### **“Haveyoursay” email feedback**

15. The “haveyoursay” email was provided on the website for any queries. It also served as an option for the community to provide detailed feedback. Seven respondents submitted using this method, one of which was a key stakeholder, and therefore their comments were analysed as part of the key stakeholder (agency) feedback.
16. The six respondents that provided detailed feedback through the “haveyoursay” email were:
  - Hutt Cycle Network
  - Petone Historical Society
  - Love Wainuiomata Committee
  - Two residents
  - An ecologist

### **Themes from “haveyoursay” email submissions**

17. Overall, all respondents were supportive of the general direction of the draft Strategy. The main feedback from the “haveyoursay” email submissions are listed below, and minor amendments have been made to reflect these (see Appendix 2):
  - Desire to make Lower Hutt pest-free.
  - Desire to protect green spaces and for more investment on recreational spaces.
  - Need to recognise climate change seriously by planning and mapping out the relocation of people and the business community from coastal and low-lying areas.



- Recognising that health services cannot cope with dramatic increase in elderly population.
- Need to rapidly transition to a low carbon transport.
- Need for better coordination between the proposed District Plan and the draft Strategy language e.g., recognising 'heritage', and quality, safe and well-designed housing.
- Focus on 'resilient communities', alongside resilient infrastructure.
- Desire for more innovative stormwater solutions.
- Need for more immediate cycleways.
- Desire for sustainable growth in Wainuiomata:
  - Improve public transport routes and frequency.
  - Address the need for an alternative access road.
  - Invest in footpaths, roads, and active transport options.
  - Ensure healthcare, education, and community facilities keep pace with growth.
  - Promote local business development to reduce economic leakage.

### 3. Key stakeholder engagement

18. In December 2024, when Council approved the draft Strategy for community engagement, all key stakeholders who had contributed to the Strategy during the drafting phase were given a further opportunity to comment. These included:

- Central government agencies
  - NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi
  - Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities
  - Ministry of Housing and Urban Development
  - Ministry of Education
  - Health NZ Te Whatu Ora
- Greater Wellington Regional Council & Metlink
- Wellington Water Ltd
- Mana Whenua partners

19. Early notification meant these agencies had more time to review the draft Strategy and contribute further to help finalise it. Nine of these agencies submitted thorough feedback.

#### 3.1 Agencies Feedback

20. At a high level, all agencies expressed support and agreement with the direction of the Strategy. Several minor amendments to the text and maps were suggested, including updates and corrections (See Appendix 2). Some feedback from our key stakeholders include:

- General acknowledgement of the collaborative approach to developing the Strategy.
- The Strategy is clear about the key focus areas for residential growth.
- General support for all strategic moves and actions, particularly focusing development in areas with improved water and transport infrastructure.
- Support for the strategic intentions for urban development that aligns with the region's Future Development Strategy and agency positions of urban development in the area e.g. NZTA's Wellington Strategic Spatial View.
- Need for the Growth Strategy to provide high-level direction for climate change adaptation to guide investment in Lower Hutt.

- More detail is required during the adaptation planning work to understand and address natural hazards.
- The residual risk from flood events after the GWRC stopbank upgrades (1:440 years) is not clear.
- Need to clarify the sea level rise projections used in the Strategy.
- Need for more reference to employment and business opportunities.
- Need to emphasis the role of the Cross Valley Link and Petone to Grenada Link Roads of National Significance in supporting the planned future growth and outcomes sought in this Strategy.

### 3.2 Mana Whenua Feedback

21. Mana Whenua contributions have been essential and valuable to the development of the Strategy.
22. The Strategy was tabled regularly at the Council's Kāhui Mana Whenua throughout its development. Focused wānanga were held between July and August 2024 and further feedback was sought in February 2025. Hui and individual kōrero were held in early 2025 with Te Runanga o Toa Rangatira (Ngāti Toa) and Te Rūnanganui o Te Āti Awa ki te Upoko o Te Ika a Māui
23. Overall, Mana Whenua have been supportive of the direction of the Strategy and have actively contributed to drafting the 'Cultural Identity' section of the analysis.
24. During the community engagement period, Ngāti Toa and Te Āti Awa provided written feedback, acknowledging Council incorporating their earlier input. The written feedback focused on:
  - Strengthening recognition of mana whenua history and sites of significance through tangible commitments.
  - Ensuring Mana Whenua are partners in the adaptation planning process.
  - Prioritising environmental restoration and cultural recognition within the city's growth framework.
  - Embedding natural and Māori-led solutions in the city's response to climate change.
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  - More prominence be given to Waiwhetū by identifying this rohe on the draft Strategy maps, reflecting the area's cultural significance, and its community facilities, including Waiwhetū Marae, the heart of the Waiwhetū papakāinga.
  - Recognition that Mana Whenua provide expertise and kaitiaki guidance, which is weighted beyond technical input.

## 4. Clarification on two key themes

### 4.1 Sea level rise projections

25. The feedback about the sea level rise projections in the Strategy not aligning with the Proposed District Plan and NIWA projections requires a subtle change in the map for Strategic Move 4.
26. The draft Strategy noted a 1m – 1.2m sea level rise by 2100 based on Greater Wellington Climate Change Mapping. Further research shows NIWA using several sea level rise projections for Lower Hutt that range between 1.55m–1.94m by 2130. Since then, the Proposed District Plan has used various sources (including NIWA) for its coastal inundation scenarios (medium and high), which is more consistent with NIWA's projections.
27. In line with the Proposed District Plan and the NIWA projections, we have updated the Strategy with the following changes:

Page number/instruction	Proposed change
P. 83  For consistency with the proposed District Plan, under Sea Level rise, first column, change the first sentence to:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recognising that sea level rise is projected at a range between 1.55 –1.94m by 2130.</li> <li>Add a footnote to 2130:   <a href="#">“NIWA Report 2023: Coastal inundation and sea level rise assessment for the Hutt City District 2023.”</a> Also refer to Lower Hutt’s District Plan section on Coastal Environment: <a href="#">District plan   Hutt City Council</a>”</li> </ul>
P. 9, 27 and 31  Amend Strategic Move 4 map to align with proposed District Plan Medium and High Coastal Inundation Hazard Overlay and Medium and High Flood Hazard Overlay.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amended Strategic Move 4 map with the effect of extending the area of this move slightly over Waiwhetū and Woburn.</li> <li>Consequential changes to Strategic Move 2 map to avoid overlap with Strategic Move 4.</li> </ul>

### 4.2 Inconsistencies between the Proposed District Plan and the Growth Strategy

28. Some respondents noted inconsistencies between the direction proposed in the Strategy and the Proposed District Plan. For example, quoting one submission “The Strategy suggests the council is not planning for significant residential growth outside the Valley Floor, although areas such as Wainuiomata were significantly upzoned in the 2023 changes to the District Plan and have experienced strong housing growth. Similarly, extensive areas of the “coastal and low-lying communities” identified in the Strategy have been zoned to allow for high-density development, yet the Strategy suggests these areas are not a focus for growth”.
29. The Growth Strategy is a non-statutory document that guides growth planning in the long term. It considers all risks and opportunities for where growth should be mostly focused, leveraging existing and planned infrastructure. It supports growth to continue outside the Valley Floor but at a lower rate.

30. The Operative and Proposed District Plans both include upzonings that were mandated by the government under the Medium Density Residential Standards (MDRS) of the Resource Management Act and the National Policy Statement on Urban Development (NPS-UD). These mandated density requirements still apply to most of Lower Hutt's residential areas. When the government changes the legislation requiring these densities, the Council can consider reviewing the District Plan to better align with the Strategy, subject to demonstrating that sufficient housing capacity exists within the district.

## 5. Proposed changes

31. Based on community, stakeholders and Mana Whenua feedback, we made several minor amendments throughout the Strategy (see Appendix 1).
32. Based on the feedback relating to sea level rise projections, we aligned the map for Strategic Move 4 “Whāngaihia te hunga noho takutai | Foster prepared coastal and low-lying communities” with the Proposed District Plan “medium and high coastal inundation hazard” and “medium and high flood hazard” overlays.
33. This will have the effect of extending the area of this move slightly over Waiwhetū and Woburn. See the map below.



## Appendix 1: ‘Closing the loop’ message to all respondents

Kia ora,

Thank you for providing feedback on our draft Sustainable Growth Strategy 2025–2055.

We heard from a wide range of stakeholders including residents, Mana Whenua, local special interest groups and government agencies, who were generally in support of the Strategy.

Based on the feedback we’ve received we’re making several minor changes to the Sustainable Growth Strategy.

You can find more information about what we heard during engagement at [haveyoursay.huttcity.govt.nz/sustainable-growth-strategy-2025-2055](https://haveyoursay.huttcity.govt.nz/sustainable-growth-strategy-2025-2055)

### What’s next?

We’re making final changes to the Sustainable Growth Strategy 2025–2055 based on your feedback.

The final Strategy will go to Council in late May 2025 for approval and, if approved, will then be available to [view on our website](#) (both the full and summary documents) from early June 2025.

Ngā mihi,  
Sustainable Growth Strategy Team

## Appendix 2: Schedule of amendments

Feedback from the community engagement, stakeholders and Mana Whenua has resulted in the following amendments to the draft Strategy. Other minor amendments made included grammatical corrections.

Page number	Recommended amendment
<b>Cover page</b>	Replace 'February 2025   Draft for Engagement' with 'Adopted 29 May 2025'
<b>3</b>	Update contents page with sub-heading change under 1: Horopaki Whānui   Strategic Context to Horopaki   Context
<b>8</b>	Under Cultural Recognition, add 'aspirations' to the first bullet. So, it reads 'Recognition of Mana Whenua history, identity and aspirations'.
<b>9</b>	Update summary map based on changes made to Strategic Move 2 and 4 maps.
<b>10</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Add a para under Purpose: The role of this Growth Strategy, as a valuable long-term planning tool, is to provide consideration and context around strategic growth issues.</li> <li>b) Simplify language – remove 'whanui' and 'strategic' from the sub-heading</li> </ul>
<b>11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Include 'District Plan' under other local plans.</li> <li>b) Add two-way arrow between SGS and LTP.</li> <li>c) Add vice versa at the end of text in the LTP box.</li> </ul>
<b>13</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) First para – update all the stats to align with recent census data:</li> <li>b) Change 66.5% to 66.3%</li> <li>c) Change 65 to 64</li> <li>d) Delete the sentence starting with Almost. Replace that with 'In 2024, the proportion of people 65 years and older was 14.6% in the city. This proportion was lower than in New Zealand (16.5%). The proportion of young people (0-14) was 19.0% and this was higher than in New Zealand (18.5%).'</li> <li>e) Add the following footnote to third para where 'industrial activity' is mentioned: 'Regional Industrial Land Study – WRLC shows that Lower Hutt is signalled as significant in terms of the region's industrial land, although at risk of climate change impacts'.</li> <li>f) Fourth para: remove names and use 'various research institutions, innovation and business accelerators'</li> <li>g) First para, footnote next to 64 (end of first sentence): <a href="#">Regional Economic Profile   Lower Hutt City   Age composition</a></li> <li>h) First para, last sentence, footnote next to Māori: <a href="#">Regional Economic Profile   Lower Hutt City   Census   ethnicity   Māori</a></li> <li>i) Industrial Land Study: <a href="#">Regional Industrial Land Study – WRLC</a></li> </ul>

Page number	Recommended amendment
	<p>j) Whaitua Implementation Programme: <a href="#">Te Whaitua te Whanganui-a-Tara Implementation Programme</a></p> <p>k) Te Mahere Wai o Te Kahui Taiao <a href="#">te_mahere_wai_20211028_v32_DIGI_FINAL.pdf</a></p>
16	<p>a) Transport, under Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Second last bullet – add ‘and rail’ after ‘road’</li> <li>Add another bullet ‘Support Metlink and KiwiRail to implement their rail improvement programme’</li> </ul> <p>b) For Transport, under challenges, add ‘Parking demand is reaching capacity’. And under opportunities, add ‘Parking Management strategies to address future growth’.</p> <p>c) Water Infrastructure, under Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Merge first two bullets into one: ‘It’s not affordable to upgrade water infrastructure everywhere to support growth’.</li> <li>Add a new bullet: ‘Ageing water infrastructure impacts water quality, e.g. overflow of wastewater discharges impacts the health of our rivers and streams’.</li> </ul> <p>d) Water Infrastructure, under Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First bullet, delete ‘to residents of the city’</li> <li>Change third bullet to: Consider water network resilience through climate adaptation planning’</li> <li>Add a new bullet: ‘Consider wider use of water-sensitive urban design’</li> </ul>
17	<p>a) Climate change and natural hazards, under Opportunities, second bullet, add ‘including identifying areas of natural hazards, risks and prioritisation’</p> <p>b) Open space, rec and environment, under Opportunities, fourth bullet, replace ‘enhancement’ with ‘regeneration’</p>
21	<p>Cultural recognition</p> <p>Amend the first bullet to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recognition of Mana Whenua history, identity and aspirations</li> </ul>
23	<p>a) Add a secondary tick to ‘compact urban footprint’ for strategic move 3 – Grow with Te Awa Kairangi Hutt River</p> <p>b) Add a secondary tick to ‘Mana Whenua as Kaitiaki’ for strategic move 5 – Cultivating well-connected economic precincts.</p> <p>c) Add ‘aspirations’ to the first outcome under ‘cultural recognition’</p>
24	<p>Under ‘how will the city benefit’ first bullet, after the word options, add ‘within walking distance of the Melling and Waterloo stations’.</p>
25	<p>Change/reduce the Hutt Central blob to match the summary map.</p>
26	<p>a) Right column second para, first line – after to, add ‘mitigate natural hazards’</p> <p>b) Under ‘how will the city benefit’ 4th bullet, add ‘public transport’ after everyday services.</p>

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27	Adjust the map to align with updated strategic move 4 map.
30	Third para, add 'affordable' before decisions.
31	Amend strategic move 4 map to align with District Plan climate change and natural hazard mapping (see P.83 changes)
32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Replace 'Crown entities such as GNS Science and Callaghan Innovation' with 'well established research institutes and business accelerators'</li> <li>b) Add a concluding para: 'Cultivating economic precincts give options for people to work close to where they live and the transport benefits of that'.</li> </ul>
34	Add in first para, after the worded 'Floor' – 'due to constraints in three-water, public transport and risks such as slips,'
36	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Opening sentence: Add 'quality': "Provide a variety of 'quality' transport options..."</li> <li>b) First para, add a comma after city, then add this text 'with residential growth and density around public transport nodes'. So, it'll read as below: 'A well-connected city, with residential growth and density around public transport nodes, can help boost economic and productivity growth'</li> <li>c) Right column, add this short para on top: "The public transport network contributes to a healthy environment, connected communities, a strong economy, and a resilient future".</li> <li>d) Start last para with 'To support growth...'</li> </ul>
39	Add QE2 Covenants to the map to show permanently protected private green space as well as public green space.
41	Delete 'legibility' in Action 4.
43	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Action 2 - Change the Action description to: 'Kāinga Ora is a major landowner in Naenae, Taitā and Avalon. Given the scale of the portfolio and condition of the housing stock, Kāinga Ora is in the process of considering options to renew and upgrade their portfolio across Hutt City, starting with Naenae and Taitā. There is an opportunity to work closely with Kāinga Ora to support their future development across the suburbs'</li> <li>b) Action 4 – change status to planned (funded)</li> </ul>
44	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Action 7: add the word 'quality' (for housing) in action and action description. And add Mana Whenua under Other agency</li> <li>b) Action 8: Delete '(funded)' from the status</li> <li>c) Action 10, under action description, replace 'partnership approaches' with 'community use approaches'</li> </ul>



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45	Action 2: after waterways, add 'including Te Mahere Wai o te Kahui Taiao', with a new footnote
46	Action 3: After the first sentence of action description, add: 'This project needs to deliver on 26 hectares of offset riparian planting works and Te Awa Kairangi and Waiwhetū awa are prime candidates to enable this'
47	Action 2: Add 'Mana Whenua' under Other Agency
49	Action 4 – reword to 'Work with the Hutt Valley Chamber of Commerce on aligning the vision with the City Strategy direction'
50	Action 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Action – change 'partnership delivery model' to 'community use approaches'</li> <li>Action description – change 'partnered' to 'collaborated' and change 'delivery models to operate other facilities in partnership' to 'community use approaches to maximise use of existing facilities'.</li> </ul>
50	Action 3 – replace 'partnership delivery model' to 'community use approaches' and align the action description accordingly.
51	a) Action 4: Change this to 'Support Metlink to develop.... (delete 'and implement')  b) Add a new action: Action 5. Work with Metlink to implement a Bus Priority Action Plan. Description: Implement a Bus Priority Action Plan (i.e., lanes and signals) Status: unfunded. Council: HCC Other Agency: Metlink
52	Action 6 Add a bullet: 'Investigate improving the connection between Te Ara Tupua and Tupua Horo Nuku'
53	a) Action 7, second bullet – remove 'Explore on-demand transport options'  b) Action 7, second bullet – start with 'Continue to explore'  c) Action 9, under description – delete the word 'paved'
54	a) Action 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Change action to 'develop' instead of 'implement'</li> <li>Change funded to partly funded.</li> <li>Under action description, add 'flood protection' to the list.</li> <li>Add GWRC and Mana Whenua under Other Agency</li> </ul> b) Action 7 – change status to planned (funded) and add Wellington Water under Other Agency
56	a) Action 16

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add 'and connections' after improvements</li> <li>• Add HCC</li> </ul> <p>b) Action 18 – change status to partially funded, and add HCC</p>
59	<p>a) Update first three para with updated census data</p> <p>b) First para under current state, for number of homes, footnote next to 2023: <a href="#">Lower Hutt City, Place and ethnic group summaries   Stats NZ</a></p> <p>c) Footnote for third para under current state, footnote next to housing: As of March 2005: <a href="#">Key Stats by TLA – Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga – Ministry of Housing and Urban Development</a></p>
60	<p>a) Top para, second line – remove the word 'thriving'</p> <p>b) Add 'quality' for housing in challenges and opportunities.</p>
63	Remove the last sentence: 'Images on pages .....
66	<p>Make these changes on the map:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wainuiomata and Gracefield are not represented as having 'infrequent' services, given that services run as often as every 10 minutes at peak and every 30 minutes during the day.</li> <li>• Korokoro, Tirohanga and Harbour View be represented as having infrequent services (as is currently shown).</li> <li>• Kelson, Maungaraki and Normandale not be represented as having 'infrequent' services given that services operate every 20 minutes at peak and half hourly during the day.</li> </ul>
70	For climate change, add this to the bullet under opportunities: 'Including acknowledging that sea level rise will also increasingly impede drainage storm water outfalls'
71	<p>For Innovative stormwater solutions, under key challenges, add a new bullet: 'Recognising that innovative stormwater solutions will be needed with increased housing density on the central and northern valley floor'.</p> <p>For Partnership to enable..., add a new bullet: 'Recognising that ageing water infrastructure impacts water quality, e.g. overflow of wastewater discharges impacts the health of our rivers and streams'.</p>
72	<p>a) Under Current State</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• second para, add this after the last sentence: 'A more diverse and competitive business landscape is essential to ensuring these areas remain thriving and self-sufficient communities'</li> <li>• Then add a new para here: 'Areas like Waiwhetū has opportunity to further develop and grow as an area supporting economic development and workforce training for Mana Whenua and the broader community, providing pathways to employment in a kaupapa Māori environment'.</li> <li>• Existing third and fourth para – align with updated data.</li> </ul>

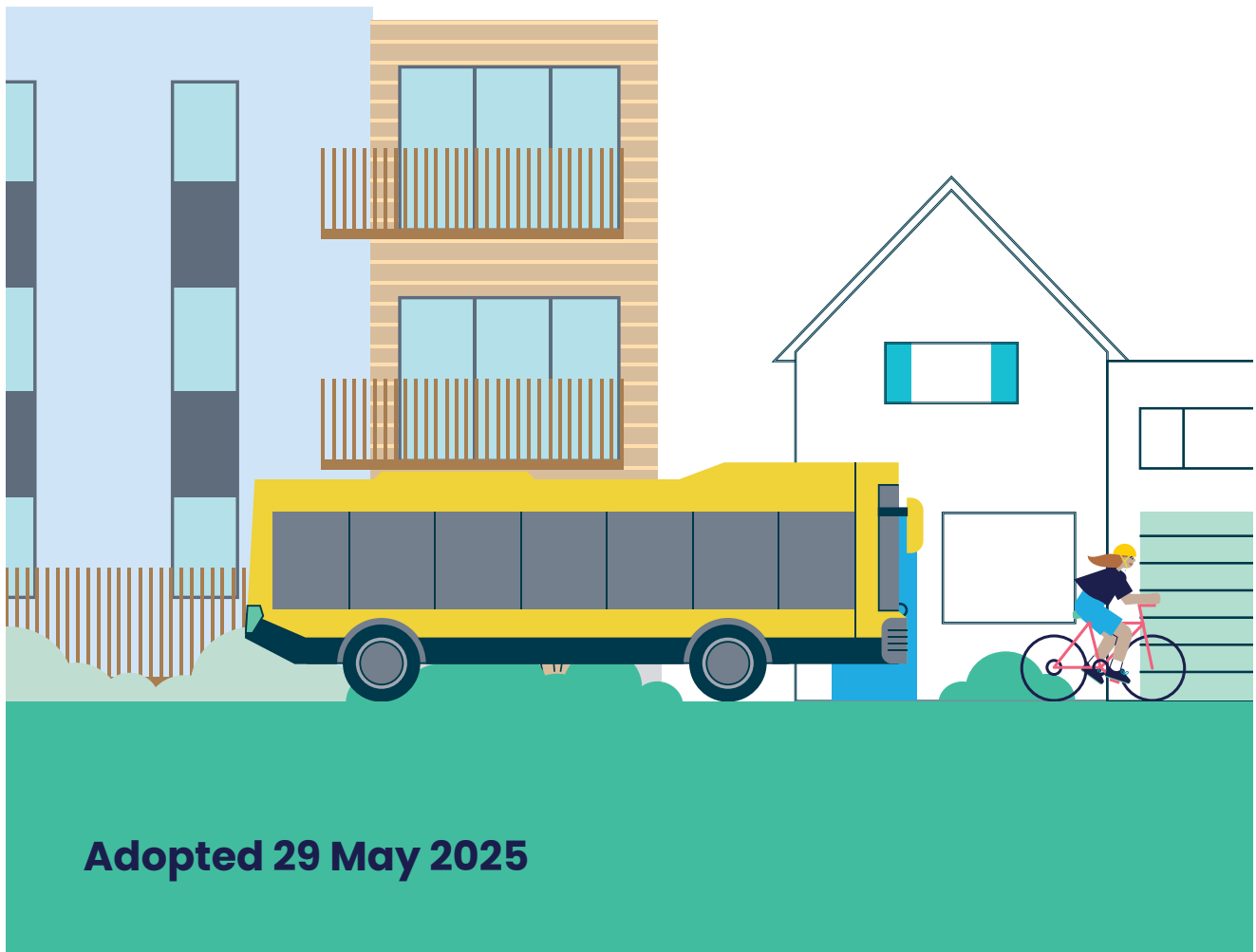
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b) Right column midway, change 'institutions such as Callaghan and GNS' to 'research institutes and business accelerators'</li> <li>c) Third para under current state, footnote next to 2024: <a href="#">Regional Economic Profile   Lower Hutt City   Business units</a></li> <li>d) Fourth para, footnote next to GDP: <a href="#">Regional Economic Profile   Lower Hutt City   Economic growth</a></li> </ul>
73	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Align last para with updated data.</li> <li>b) Top para "Annual average unemployment rate in Lower Hutt was 3.5% in the year to March 2024, lower than the national average of 4.0%" Footnote: <a href="#">Regional Economic Profile   Lower Hutt City   Unemployment</a></li> <li>c) Right column para on tourism, footnote next to 2024: <a href="#">Regional Economic Profile   Lower Hutt City   Tourism expenditure</a></li> </ul>
75	Under Opportunities, first row, change to 'business, community, and infrastructure resilience'.
79	Add this new para after the first para: 'The Waiwhetū stream and estuary are significant for Mana Whenua as a source of mahinga kai and the Waiwhetū Pā and Owhiti Pā are two important pā on the awa. The estuary has indigenous biodiversity values and is one of very few inanga spawning sites in Wellington Harbour. The catchment is also highly valued by the local community and has had considerable investment in restoration in recent years'
82	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Under Natural Hazards, replace first sentence with 'Lower Hutt has a major active fault line (the Wellington fault) running through it and a number of others close by.'</li> <li>b) Add 'vertical land movement' to the list in the second para.</li> </ul>
83	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) For consistency with the DP, under Sea Level rise, first column, change the first sentence to: 'Recognising that sea level rise is projected at a range between 1.55 –1.94m by 2130'</li> <li>b) Then add a footnote to 2130: NIWA Report 2023: <a href="#">Coastal inundation and sea level rise assessment for the Hutt City District 2023</a>. Also refer to Lower Hutt's District Plan section on Coastal Environment: <a href="#">District plan   Hutt City Council</a></li> <li>c) Add a new bullet: 'Recognising vertical land movement and in particular subsidence as exacerbating current trends of sea level rise for Lower Hutt'</li> </ul>



**Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai**  
Lower Hutt

# **Rautaki Whakatipu**

## Sustainable Growth Strategy 2025–2055





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# He kupu nā Te Koromatua

## From the Mayor

Kia ora koutou,

Across Aotearoa New Zealand, cities are grappling with rapid population growth, housing shortages, ageing infrastructure and the impacts of our changing climate. Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt is no exception.

As a dynamic and diverse city, Lower Hutt is preparing to welcome 40,000 more residents over the next 30 years. This growth presents both exciting opportunities and significant challenges. Our challenge is to ensure that this expansion is equitable, sustainable and preserves what makes our city special.

Our Sustainable Growth Strategy sets out an ambitious roadmap to transform Lower Hutt into a thriving, resilient and inclusive city. We are committed to creating more homes, jobs and services to support our growing population, but not at the expense of our environment, quality of life or sense of community.

Balancing these needs requires careful planning and innovative solutions, while integrating Māori perspectives and knowledge into our planning. We will enhance the heart of our city, develop our central and northern Valley Floor, and grow alongside the Hutt River to create a vibrant urban centre.

At the same time, we will focus on building resilient coastal and low-lying communities and strengthening our business areas to withstand future challenges.

Our plan also prioritises equitable growth beyond the Valley Floor, with enhanced transport options and support for all neighbourhoods. Central to this vision is a commitment to a greener, healthier city – one where our tamariki and mokopuna can thrive, inspired by our innovation and deeply connected to our natural environment.

We honour and respect Mana Whenua, their rights and their stories through our partnership and as reflected in our Tākai Here ensuring that their voices and values guide us.

Together, we are embarking on a journey towards a brighter future for Lower Hutt – our shared future that is sustainable, resilient and filled with opportunity for generations to come.

Campbell Barry

**Te Koromatua**  
Mayor

# Tākai Here – Mana Whenua

## Partnership with Mana Whenua

***Manaaki whenua, manaaki tangata, haere whakamua.***

*If we take care of the land and take care of the people,  
we will take care of the future.*

Hutt City Council, Mana Whenua and hapori Māori (Māori communities) have strong and trusting relationships, working collectively to support and enhance the wellbeing of everyone living and working in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt. This Sustainable Growth Strategy outlines many of the ways we seek to do this.

Central to Council's work with Mana Whenua are the Tākai Here. Through these partnership agreements, we work together to create a more inclusive and sustainable future for all our people. We all acknowledge there is much work to do to address the inequities across our tāone (town) so that all people in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt thrive.

The ambition to thrive outlined in Te Herenga Kairangi (Council's Māori Strategy) holds the interest of Mana Whenua and Māori at heart. The expression of kaitiakitanga, kotahitanga and manaakitanga throughout Te Herenga Kairangi is supported by Mana Whenua and demonstrates the various ways Council is committed to keeping Te Tiriti o Waitangi and its legislative obligations at the heart of its work programme serving as the foundation for this Sustainable Growth Strategy.

More information about Mana Whenua partnerships can be found at:  
[hutt.city/mana-whenua](https://hutt.city/mana-whenua)





# Whakarāpopototanga

## Executive summary

With our population expected to grow by 40,000 people over the next 30 years, we must plan for how we will adapt to change and accommodate these new residents. The Sustainable Growth Strategy (the Strategy) considers the whole of Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt with a focus

on urban areas affected by growth and change. It includes an overview of our current state and projected population to set the scene for the next 30 years. The Strategy identifies challenges and opportunities and outlines how we respond to growth in the following chapters:

### Chapter 1

## He whakatakinga Introduction

Introduces the purpose and strategic context of the Strategy.



### Chapter 2

## Tō tātou tāone i nāianeī rangi Our city today

Provides an overview of Lower Hutt and considers challenges and opportunities we face in relation to urban growth.

These include:

- Improving housing affordability and choice.
- Optimising the use of our transport network.
- Upgrading our ageing water infrastructure to enable growth.
- Supporting our businesses to grow locally.
- Celebrating our cultural identity.
- Adapting to the effects of our changing climate and to natural hazards.
- Increasing biodiversity and access to natural spaces, including rivers and the coast.
- Providing community facilities in a financially sustainable manner.

### Chapter 3

## Te anamata o tō tātou tāone Our city in 30 Years

Outlines how we respond to growth and change.

We will be guided by four principles in alignment with the Council's Long-Term Plan:

- Liveable city and vibrant neighbourhoods.
- Supporting and enhancing the environment.
- Being a future-fit city.
- Cultural recognition.<sup>1</sup>

A collaborative approach between local and central government, private sector stakeholders, Mana Whenua and the community is required to address the current and future challenges facing the city and to achieve our desired outcomes. The Strategy sets out eight 'strategic moves' to inform a coordinated response:

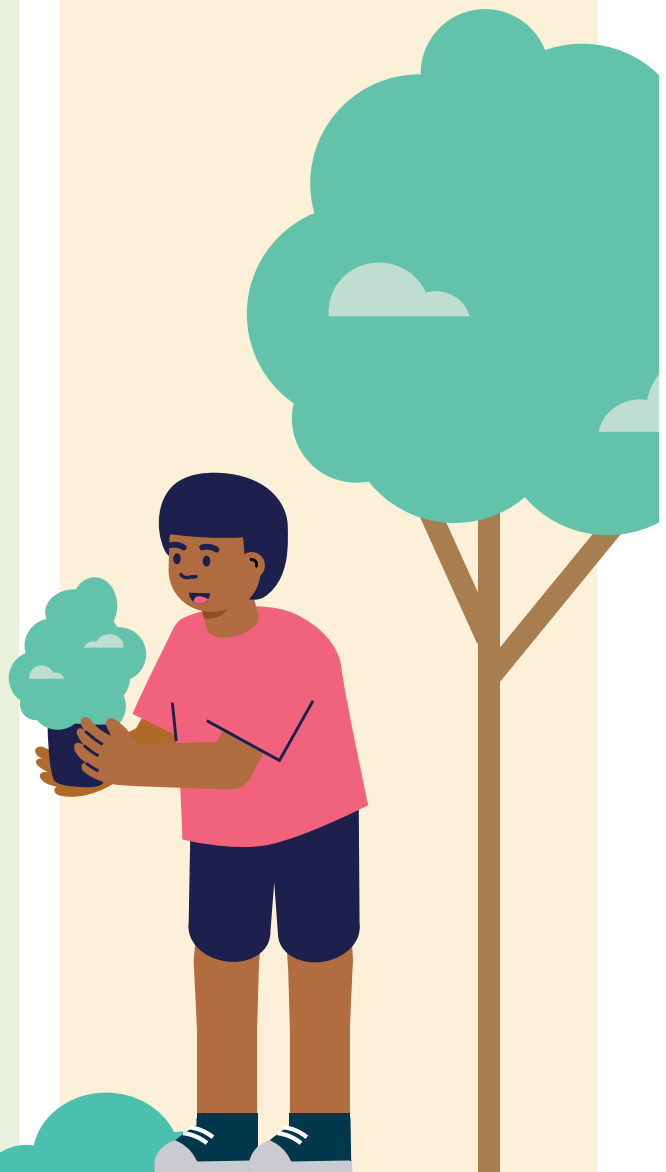
- Enhance the heart of the city.
- Build up the central and northern Valley Floor.
- Grow with Te Awa Kairangi Hutt River.
- Foster prepared coastal and low-lying communities.
- Cultivate well-connected economic precincts.
- Support neighbourhoods outside the Valley Floor.
- Strengthen transport options.
- Create a greener and healthier city.

<sup>1</sup> This principle is not specified in the Long-Term Plan but is a key part of other Council strategies

### Chapter 4

## Ngā tukanga Action Plan

Presents a list of actions to give effect to our 'strategic moves' and achieve our outcomes.



# Rautaki Whakatipu – Tirohanga Whāiti

## Sustainable Growth Strategy at a glance



### Long Term Plan

#### Purpose

**A connected, resilient and inclusive city  
where everyone thrives**

#### Principles

**Livable city  
and vibrant  
neighbourhoods**

**Supporting and  
enhancing the  
environment**

**Being a  
future-fit city**

**Cultural  
recognition**

#### Outcomes

- Urban growth in suitable areas
- Thriving local centres
- Affordable housing
- Transport options

- Compact urban footprint
- Mana Whenua as kaitiaki
- Healthy natural systems
- Resilient environment

- Zero-carbon city
- Targeted infrastructure upgrades
- Diverse business environment

- Recognition of Mana Whenua history, identity and aspirations
- Distinct neighbourhoods

### Sustainable Growth Strategy

#### Strategic Moves



**Enhance  
the heart  
of the city**



**Build up the central  
and northern  
Valley Floor**



**Grow with  
Te Awa Kairangi  
Hutt River**



**Foster prepared  
coastal and low-lying  
communities**



**Cultivate  
well-connected  
economic precincts**



**Support  
neighbourhoods  
outside the Valley Floor**



**Strengthen  
transport  
options**



**Create a  
greener and  
healthier city**

#### Actions



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**TO:** Chair and Members



District Plan Review Committee

**FROM:** Vanessa Gilmour, Democracy Advisor

**DATE:** 21 May 2025

**SUBJECT:** DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE FORWARD  
PROGRAMME 2025

### **Purpose of Memorandum**

1. To provide the Committee with a Forward Programme of work planned for 2025.

### **Recommendation**

That the Committee receives and notes the Forward Programme for the District Plan Review Committee for 2025, attached as Appendix 1 to the memorandum.

### **Background**

2. The Terms of Reference for the Committee require the Committee to undertake a full review of the District Plan and development of a Proposed District Plan.
3. The Committee's programme of work for 2025 is attached as Appendix 1 to the report.
4. The Forward Programme for 2025 provides a planning tool for members and officers to coordinate work programmes for the year.

### **Forward Programme**

5. The Forward Programme is subject to change on a regular basis. The timeframes in the Forward Programme attached as Appendix 1 to the memorandum have been revised since the last District Plan Review Committee meeting. Further details of the revised timeframe and rationale for the changes are provided in Appendix 1 to the memorandum.

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