



## TE KAUNIHERA O TE AWA KAIRANGI

12 August 2025

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

**Tuesday 19 August 2025 commencing at 2:00 pm**

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### Membership

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|              | Mayor C Barry (Chair) |
|              | Deputy Mayor T Lewis  |
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## TE KAUNIHERA O TE AWA KAIRANGI | COUNCIL

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| <b>Chair</b>          | Mayor Campbell Barry  |
| <b>Deputy Chair</b>   | Deputy Mayor Tui Lewis  |
| <b>Membership:</b>    | All Councillors (11)<br>Refer to Council's Standing Orders (SO 31.10 Provisions for Mana Whenua)  |
| <b>Meeting Cycle:</b> | Council meets on an eight-weekly basis (extraordinary meetings can be called following a resolution of Council, or on the requisition of the Chair or one-third of the total membership of Council) |
| <b>Quorum:</b>        | Half of the members   |

### **POWER TO (BEING A POWER THAT IS NOT CAPABLE OF BEING DELEGATED)<sup>1</sup>:**

- Make a rate.
- Make bylaws.
- Borrow money other than in accordance with the Long Term Plan (LTP).
- Purchase or dispose of assets other than those in accordance with the LTP.
- Purchase or dispose of Council land and property other than in accordance with the LTP.
- Adopt the LTP, Annual Plan and Annual Report.
- Adopt policies required to be adopted and consulted on under the Local Government Act 2002 in association with the LTP or developed for the purpose of the Local Governance Statement.
- Appoint the Chief Executive.
- Exercise any powers and duties conferred or imposed on the local authority by the Local Government Act 1974, the Public Works Act 1981, or the Resource Management Act 1991, that are unable to be delegated.
- Undertake all other actions which are by law not capable of being delegated.
- The power to adopt a Remuneration and Employment Policy for Council employees.

### **DECIDE ON:**

#### **Policy and Bylaw issues:**

- Adoption of all policies required by legislation.
- Adoption of strategies, and policies with a city-wide or strategic focus.
- Approval of draft bylaws before the consultation.
- Adoption of new or amended bylaws.

#### **District Plan:**

- Approval to call for submissions on any Proposed District Plan, Plan Changes and Variations.

<sup>1</sup> Work required before the making of any of these decisions may be delegated.

- Before public notification, approval of recommendations of District Plan Hearings Subcommittees on any Proposed Plan, Plan Changes (including private Plan Changes) and Variations.
- The withdrawal of Plan Changes in accordance with clause 8D, Part 1, Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991.
- Approval, to make operative, District Plan and Plan Changes (in accordance with clause 17, Part 1, Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991).
- Acceptance, adoption, or rejection of private Plan Changes.

**Representation, electoral and governance matters:**

- The method of voting for the triennial elections.
- Representation reviews.
- Council’s Code of Conduct for elected members.
- Hearing of and making decisions on breaches of Council’s Code of Conduct for elected members.
- Elected members’ remuneration.
- The outcome of any extraordinary vacancies on Council.
- Any other matters for which a local authority decision is required under the Local Electoral Act 2001.
- Appointment and discharge of members of committees when not appointed by the Mayor.
- Adoption of Terms of Reference for Council Committees, Subcommittees and Working Groups, and oversight of those delegations.
- Council’s delegations to officers, community boards and community funding panels.

**Delegations and employment of the Chief Executive:**

Appointment of the Chief Executive of Hutt City Council.

**Meetings and committees:**

- Standing Orders for Council and its committees.
- Council’s annual meeting schedule.

**Long Term and Annual Plans:**

- The adoption of the LTP and Annual Plans.
- Determination of rating levels and policies required as part of the LTP.
- Adoption of Consultation Documents proposed and final LTPs and proposed and final Annual Plans.

**Council Controlled Organisations:**

- The establishment and disposal of any Council Controlled Organisation or Council Controlled Trading Organisation.
- Approval of annual Statements of Intent and annual Statement of Expectation for Council Controlled Organisations and Council Controlled Trading Organisations.

**Community Engagement and Advocacy:**

- Receive reports from the Council's Advisory Groups.
- Regular reporting from strategic partners.

**Operational Matters:**

- Civil Defence Emergency Management matters requiring Council's input.
- Road closing and road stopping matters.
- Approval of overseas travel for elected members.
- All other matters for which final authority is not delegated.

**Appoint:**

- The non-elected members of the Standing Committees, including extraordinary vacancies of non- elected representatives.
- The Directors of Council Controlled Organisations and Council Controlled Trading Organisations.
- Council's nominee on any Trust.
- Council representatives on any outside organisations (where applicable and time permits, recommendations for the appointment may be sought from the appropriate Standing Committee and/or outside organisations).
- Council's Electoral Officer, Principal Rural Fire Officer and any other appointments required by statute.
- The recipients of the annual Civic Honours awards.

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Ordinary meeting to be held in the Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 30 Laings Road,  
Lower Hutt on  
Tuesday 19 August 2025 commencing at 2:00 pm.

**ORDER PAPER**

**PUBLIC BUSINESS**

**1. OPENING FORMALITIES - KARAKIA TIMATANGA**

|                              |   |
|------------------------------|---|
| Whakataka te hau ki te uru   | <i>Cease the winds from the west</i>      |
| Whakataka te hau ki te tonga | <i>Cease the winds from the south</i>     |
| Kia mākinakina ki uta        | <i>Let the breeze blow over the land</i>  |
| Kia mātaratara ki tai        | <i>Let the breeze blow over the ocean</i> |
| E hī ake ana te atakura      | <i>Let the red-tipped dawn come with</i>  |
| He tio, he huka, he hau hū   | <i>a sharpened air.</i>                   |
| Tihei mauri ora.             | <i>A touch of frost, a promise of a</i>   |
|                              | <i>glorious day.</i>                      |

**2. APOLOGIES**

No apologies have been received.

**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. LOCAL WATER DONE WELL - ADOPTION OF WATER SERVICES  
DELIVERY PLAN AND ENDORSEMENT OF WATER SERVICES  
COUNCIL-CONTROLLED ORGANISATION FOUNDATION  
DOCUMENTS**

Report No. HCC2025/4/218 by the Strategic Advisor

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**MAYOR'S RECOMMENDATION:**

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

6. **PROPOSAL TO RENAME LOWER HUTT EVENTS CENTRE TO TŪTAKI**

Report No. IARCC2025/3/196 by the Events Lead

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**MAYOR'S RECOMMENDATION:**

“That the recommendations contained in the report 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 sacredness</i>            |
| Unuhia!                           | <i>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 continuing journey</i> |
| Te ngākau, te tinana, te wairua i | <i>Oh Rongo, raise these words up high</i>               |
| te ara takatū                     | <i>so that we be cleansed and be free,</i>               |
| Koia rā e Rongo whakairihia ake   | <i>Yes indeed, we are free!</i>                          |
| ki runga                          | <i>Good and peaceful</i>                                 |
| Kia wātea, kia wātea!             |  |
| Ae rā, kua wātea!                 |  |
| Hau, pai mārire.                  |  |

Kate Glanville  
**SENIOR DEMOCRACY ADVISOR**

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Report no: HCC2025/4/218

## Local Water Done Well - Adoption of Water Services Delivery Plan and Endorsement of WSCCO Foundation Documents

### Purpose of Report

1. This report seeks Council endorsement of the joint regional Water Services Delivery Plan (WSDP) required to be submitted to the Department of Internal Affairs by 3 September 2025.
2. The report also provides an update on the draft foundation documents for the new regional water services council-controlled organisation (WSCCO) and seeks endorsement of them.

### Recommendations

That Council:

- (1) formally adopts the joint Water Services Delivery Plan (WSDP) for the Wellington metropolitan area, as attached at Appendices 1 & 2 to this report, noting that the WSDP:
  - a. is based on the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) template and guidance, including for financial modelling;
  - b. has had input and development from a range of technical experts;
  - c. has been the subject of legal and technical reviews;
  - d. has been subject to independent financial and deliverability model peer review;
  - e. has used the best available information and includes detailed risk analysis; and
  - f. has been certified by the Chief Executive that it complies with the Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Act 2024 and that the information contained in the WSDP provided by Hutt City Council is true and accurate.
- (2) notes that following adoption by all five councils the joint Water Service Delivery Plan will be submitted to the Secretary for Local Government (via the Department for Internal Affairs) on behalf of all five councils by the legislated deadline of 3 September 2025;

- (3) notes the draft foundation documents presented with this report represent the collective direction to date and will continue to be developed further;
- (4) endorses the draft Constitution as attached as Appendix 5, noting that the draft Constitution will be approved by the Advisory Oversight Group (AOG) and then finalised for ratification by Council and partner organisations post local elections;
- (5) endorses the draft terms for the Partners Agreement as attached as Appendix 6, noting that the draft Agreement will be approved by the AOG and then finalised for ratification by Council and partner organisations post local elections;
- (6) endorses the principles for the development of the Statement of Expectations (SOE) as attached as Appendix 7, noting that the principles for the SOE will be finalised for ratification by Council and partner organisations post local elections with the SOE to then be finalised and approved by the Partners' Committee; and
- (7) endorses the principles for assisting the new water services council-controlled organisation to develop a Customer Charter as attached as Appendix 8, noting that these principles will be finalised for ratification by Council and partner organisations post local elections and will be incorporated into the final SOE as an outcome to be implemented by the Company.

For the reason that Council is required to adopt a Water Services Delivery Plan to submit to government by 3 September 2025.

## **Background**

3. At its meeting of 27 June 2025, Council agreed to jointly establish and co-own a new water services council-controlled organisation (WSCCO) for water, wastewater and stormwater services, together with Porirua, Upper Hutt and Wellington City Councils, and Greater Wellington Regional Council. This decision was made following a formal consultation process held from 20 March to 20 April 2025 in which the majority of submitters (69%) supported the establishment of the new WSCCO.
4. Following that decision and similar decisions by the other four partner Councils, a joint WSDP has been able to be completed and is now presented for adoption by each of the partner Councils as required by the Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Act 2024 (the Act). The joint WSDP and accompanying appendices are attached to this report at Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 respectively. A summary of the WSDP is attached as Appendix 3.

5. The WSDP is a one-off document which sets out the Councils' joint plans for a new approach to delivering water, wastewater and reticulated stormwater services. It has had input from a range of technical experts including Wellington Water Limited (WWL), which has provided an assessment of the current scope and state of the water networks.
6. The investment requirements outlined in the WSDP have been built up from each Council's Long Term Plan (LTP) and represent an overall forecasted uplift of approximately 65% in capital investment for the region over the next 10 years. For the longer 30-year term the WSDP forecasts that around \$25B will be required to be invested in water services networks across the Wellington region to address ageing infrastructure due to historical underinvestment, expected growth and to meet new regulatory standards.
7. The Chief Executive (CE) has certified that the WSDP complies with the Act and the information contained within the plan, in respect of Hutt City Council, is true and accurate.
8. There has been an ongoing assurance approach to the development of the WSDP to enable the CE to certify the document. This has included thorough legal and technical reviews and checks, regular alignment meetings with the Department of Internal Affairs on various aspects of the WSDP as it has been developed and peer reviews of the financial and deliverability models.
9. The partner Council's Chief Executives sought a further independent review of the WSDP by consultants Martin Jenkins. That review concluded that the WSDP was a comprehensive and well written document that should provide a useful platform for shareholding councils and the new water services CCO to implement.
10. The WSDP identifies limitations, risks and assumptions. The Martin Jenkins review and advice states that *"there is nothing unusual about these limitations and caveats, and the template and guidance provided by DIA anticipates the sorts of risks, limitations and assumptions that have been noted. The inclusion of these limitations, risks and assumptions should give you greater confidence in signing off the plan."*

#### **Foundation Documents for the new Water Services CCO**

11. Work on preparing the draft foundation documents for the new WSCCO has been progressing through Minter Ellison Rudd Watts, the lawyers providing the specialist input and advice. An overview of the foundation documents is attached as Appendix 4
12. Attached as appendices 5-8 to this report are the following specific foundation documents in draft form.
  - a. Constitution
  - b. Partners' Agreement Draft Principles and Terms Sheet
  - c. Statement of Expectations Principles
  - d. Customer Charter Principles

13. These foundation documents represent the collective direction and feedback from partner Councils to date but will not be finalised later this calendar year following local elections.
14. Council is being asked to endorse these as draft documents and provide any further feedback for consideration.

### **Discussion**

15. Council is required by legislation to provide a certified (by the CE) and Council adopted WSDP to the government by 3 September 2025. The attached document and appendices have been prepared based on decisions by partner Councils to establish a joint WSCCO as per the Act.
16. Council can be confident that this WSDP has been thoroughly prepared and reviewed on best available information and meets the requirements of the Act, while noting that the Plan identifies limitations, risks and assumptions of the type commonly encountered by local authorities in preparing asset management plans in relation to water services infrastructure.

### **Options**

17. Should Council decide not to adopt the WSDP then it would result in it being in breach of the legislation and place other partner Councils in a difficult position as the agreed joint approach and the WSDP would need to be revisited. There would be insufficient time to achieve this within the regulatory deadline.

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

18. There are no specific climate change matters to consider in this decision. However, in a general sense the greater borrowing capacity of the new water CCO should give it more flexibility to invest in network improvements to mitigate adverse effects of climate change. (e.g. improved stormwater capacity).

### **Consultation**

19. Council has consulted on the water services delivery model as required by legislation and reported the outcome to Council at its meeting of 27 June 2025. The majority (69%) of respondents supported the establishment of the proposed joint WSCCO. No other consultation is required or necessary.

### **Legal Considerations**

20. In developing the WSDP, partner councils have considered and met the statutory requirements under the Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Act 2024. Section 2.3 of the WSDP outlines in Table 1 the Act's various legislative requirements with the corresponding section of the Plan that satisfy that requirement.
21. The WSDP has been certified by the Chief Executive that it complies with the Act and the information contained in the Plan pertaining to Hutt City Council is true and accurate.

**Financial Considerations**

22. The WSDP includes anticipated \$6.82B capital investment over 10 years and about \$25B over 30 years (uninflated, in today's dollars). This requires significant long-term borrowing, higher development contributions growth related funding and over time, increased costs for water users.
23. Alongside this investment level, the WSDP also considers an alternative lower investment scenario of around 80% of the plan, reflecting risks of constraints of investment deliverability and other uncertainties.
24. The WSDP forecasts that the average residential household water services charges will increase from around \$2,100 per connection per annum today
  - to about \$5,700 (\$4,800 in today's dollars) based on target financial strategy of this WSDP by 2034,
  - Or about \$4,800 (\$4,100 in today's dollars) based on the lower end financial investment scenario by 2034.
25. These forecast cost increases are estimated to be approximately one-third less than estimated costs under a continuation of the status quo and no change to the operating model.
26. Following the adoption of the WSDP and its subsequent implementation, with the proposed establishment of the new asset owning WSCCO from 1 July 2026, Council will need to undertake a Long-Term Plan Amendment so that the water services activities can be removed from the plan, along with associated financial aspects.
27. The removal of water services assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses will have a significant impact on the LTP. There will be a need for a full review of the Financial Strategy, together with the Revenue and Financing Policy. It is likely that public consultation will take place as part of the LTP amendment as there will be a range of trade-offs and choices to be worked through off the back of the impact of water services changes. Rates revenue settings into the future and rates affordability will be a key consideration that will need to be addressed. Officers are working towards delivering advice to the new incoming Council in relation to this.

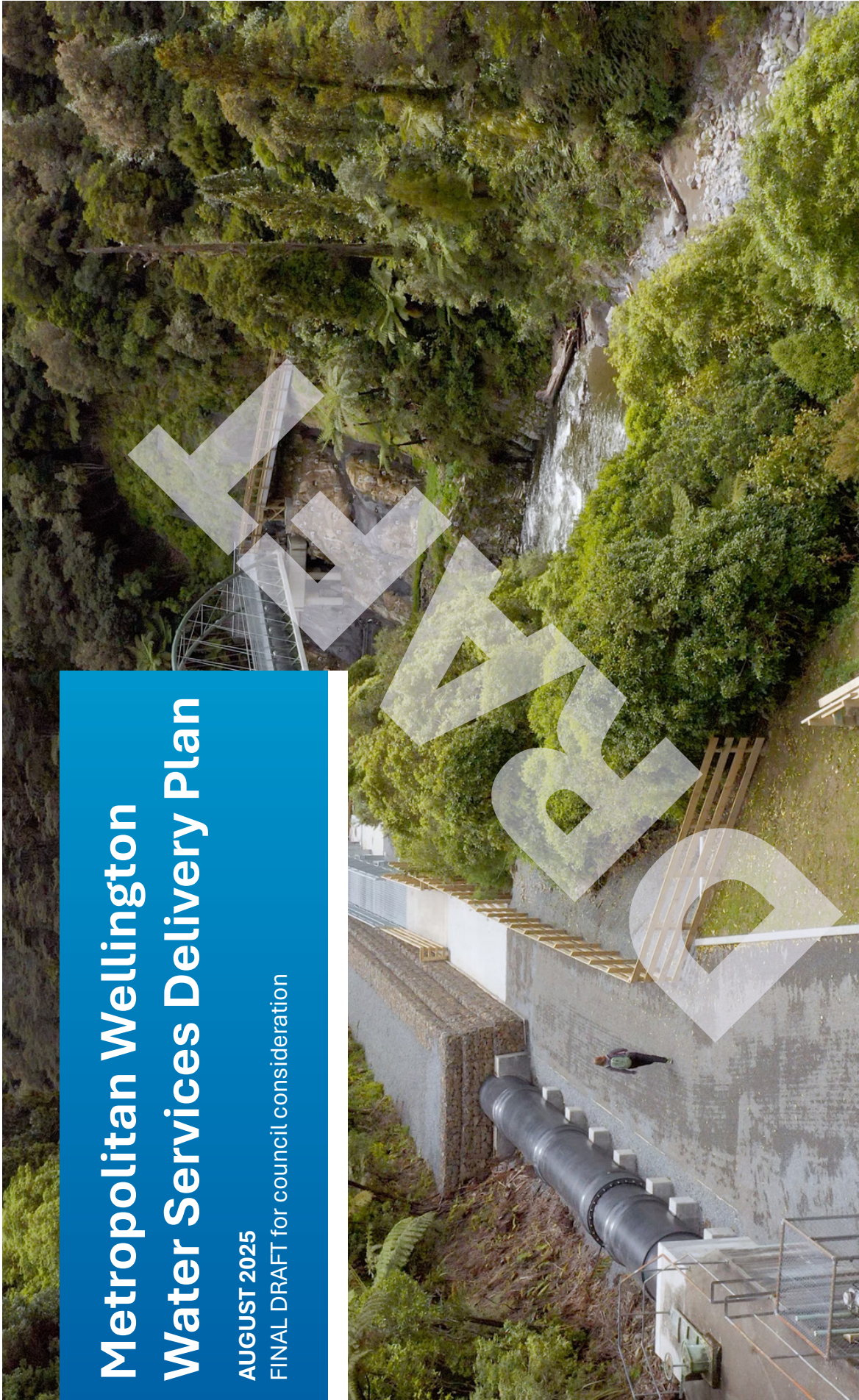
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Chief Executive



**Metropolitan Wellington  
Water Services Delivery Plan**

**AUGUST 2025**  
FINAL DRAFT for council consideration



### Disclaimer

This draft Water Services Delivery Plan (WSDP) has been prepared for five councils – Hutt City, Porirua City, Upper Hutt City, Wellington City and Greater Wellington Regional, in line with the provisions of the Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Act 2024.

This version dated 12 August 2025 is a final draft WSDP for adoption by the five councils.

Under the Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Act 2024, councils are required to submit water service delivery plans to the Secretary for Local Government by 3 September 2025.

The analysis set out in this report in relation to the current state of the water services network has been based on best available information as at July 2025.

This draft has been written on the assumption that the Local Government (Water Services) Act 2025 will be enacted prior to this plan being submitted.

Where possible, the sources, assumptions and limitations have been noted.



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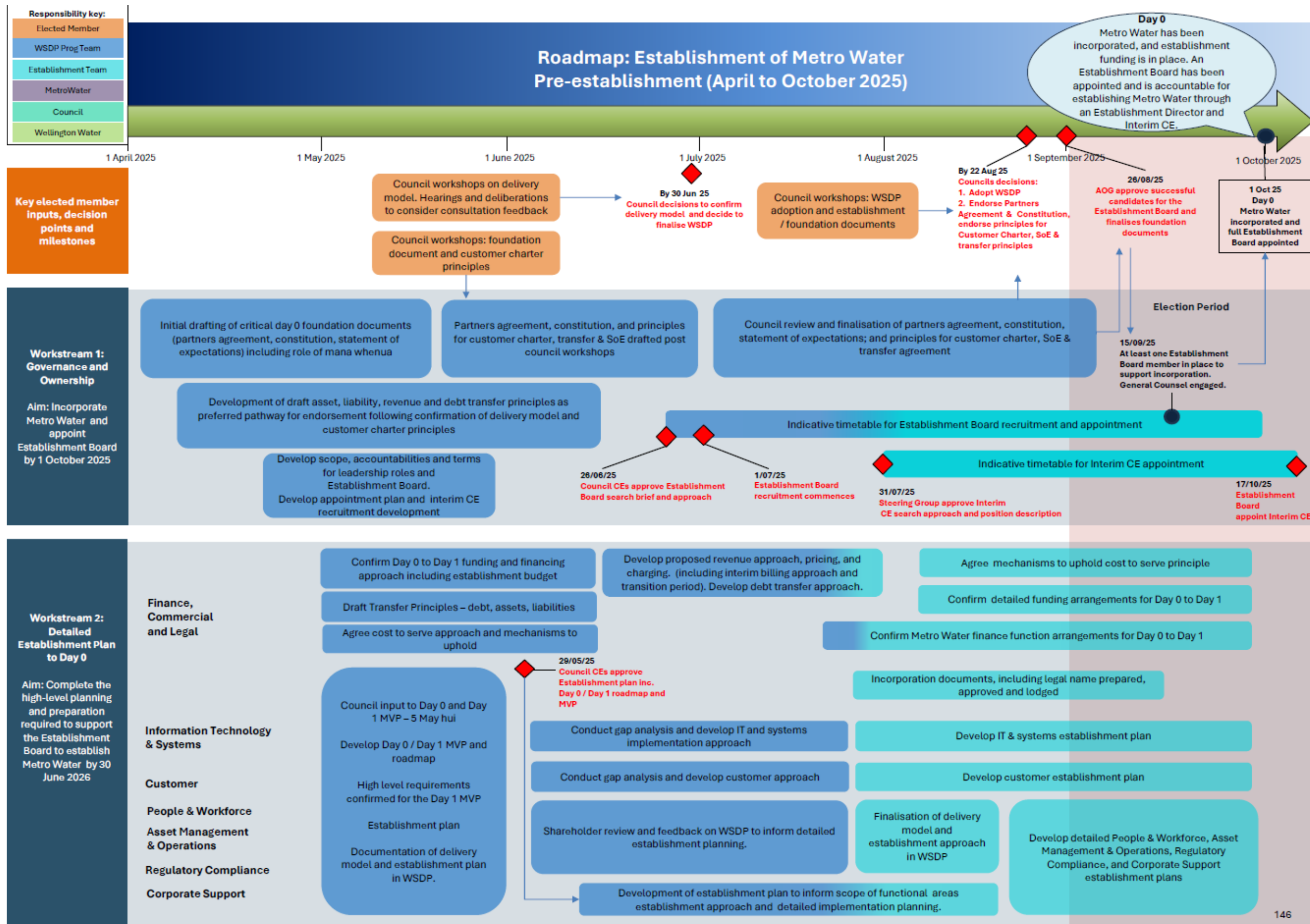












**Workstream 2: Detailed Establishment Plan to Day 0**

Aim: Complete the high-level planning and preparation required to support the Establishment Board to establish Metro Water by 30 June 2026

Finance, Commercial and Legal

Information Technology & Systems

Customer

Confirm Day 0 to Day 1 funding and financing approach including establishment budget

Develop proposed revenue approach, pricing, and charging. (including interim billing approach and transition period). Develop debt transfer approach.

Agree mechanisms to uphold cost to serve principle

Draft Transfer Principles – debt, assets, liabilities

Agree cost to serve approach and mechanisms to uphold

Confirm detailed funding arrangements for Day 0 to Day 1

Council input to Day 0 and Day 1 MVP – 5 May hui

Develop Day 0 / Day 1 MVP and roadmap

Confirm Metro Water finance function arrangements for Day 0 to Day 1

High level requirements confirmed for the Day 1 MVP

Establishment plan

Incorporation documents, including legal name prepared, approved and lodged

Documentation of delivery model and establishment plan in WSDP.

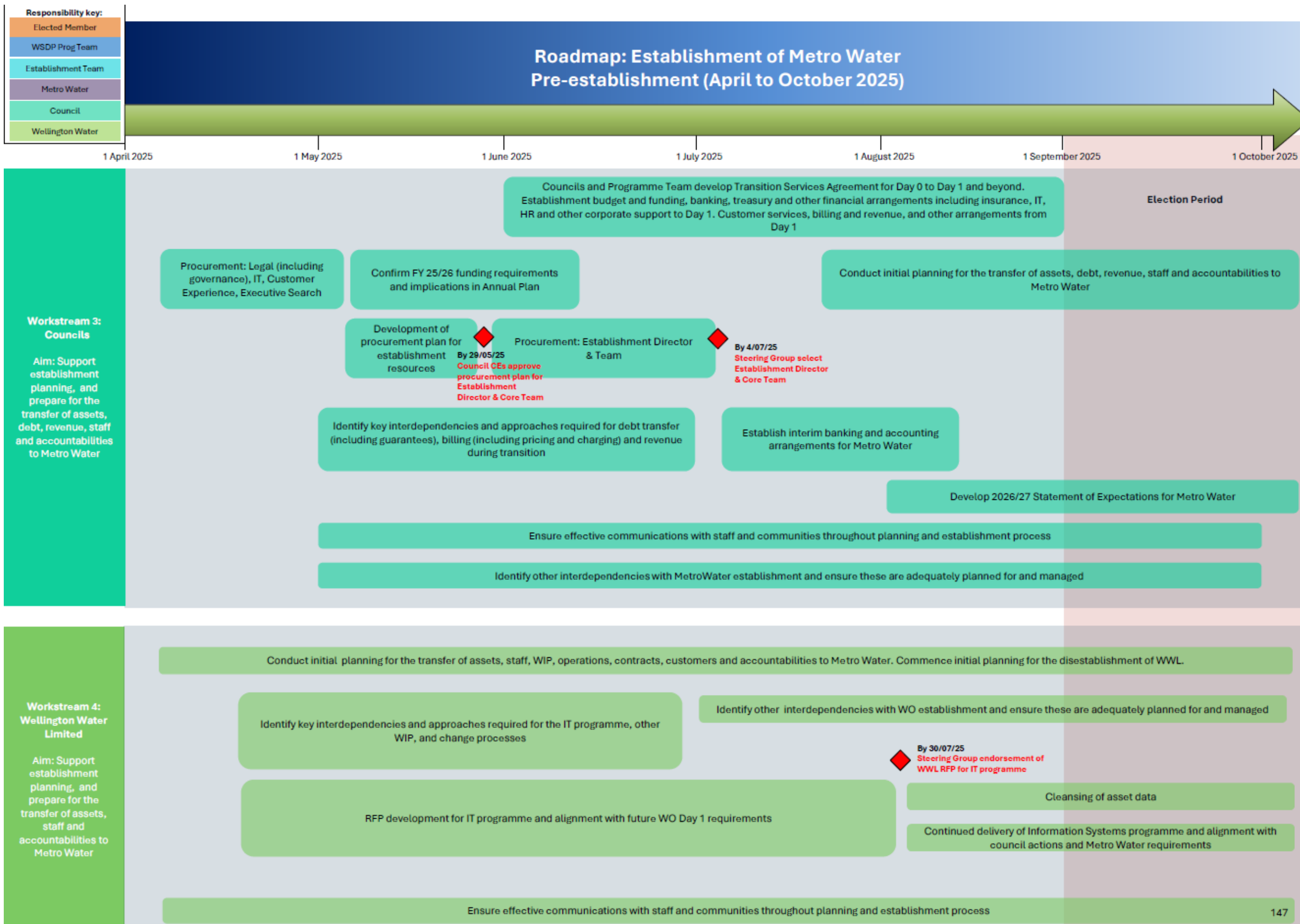
Shareholder review and feedback on WSDP to inform detailed establishment planning.

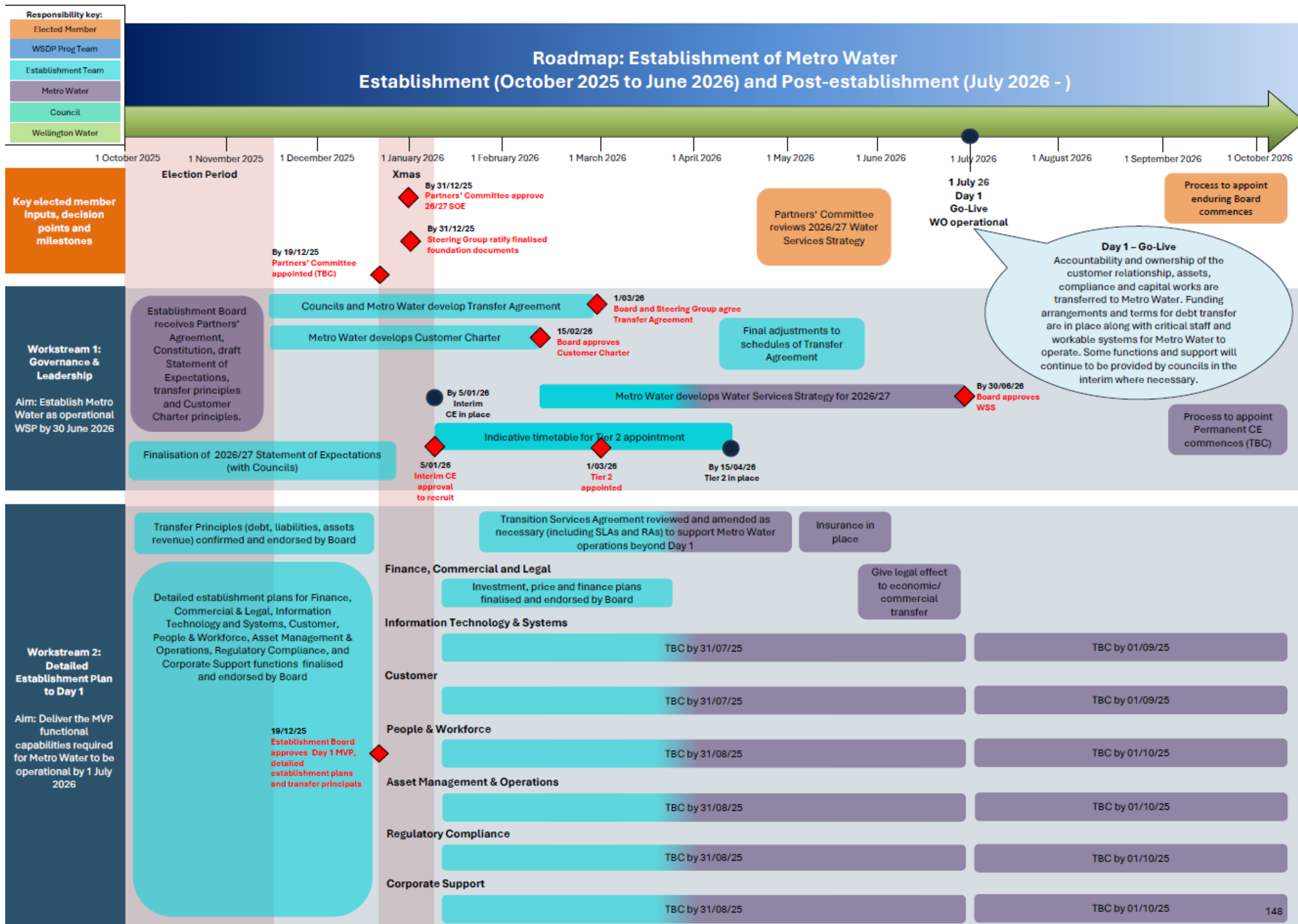
Finalisation of delivery model and establishment approach in WSDP

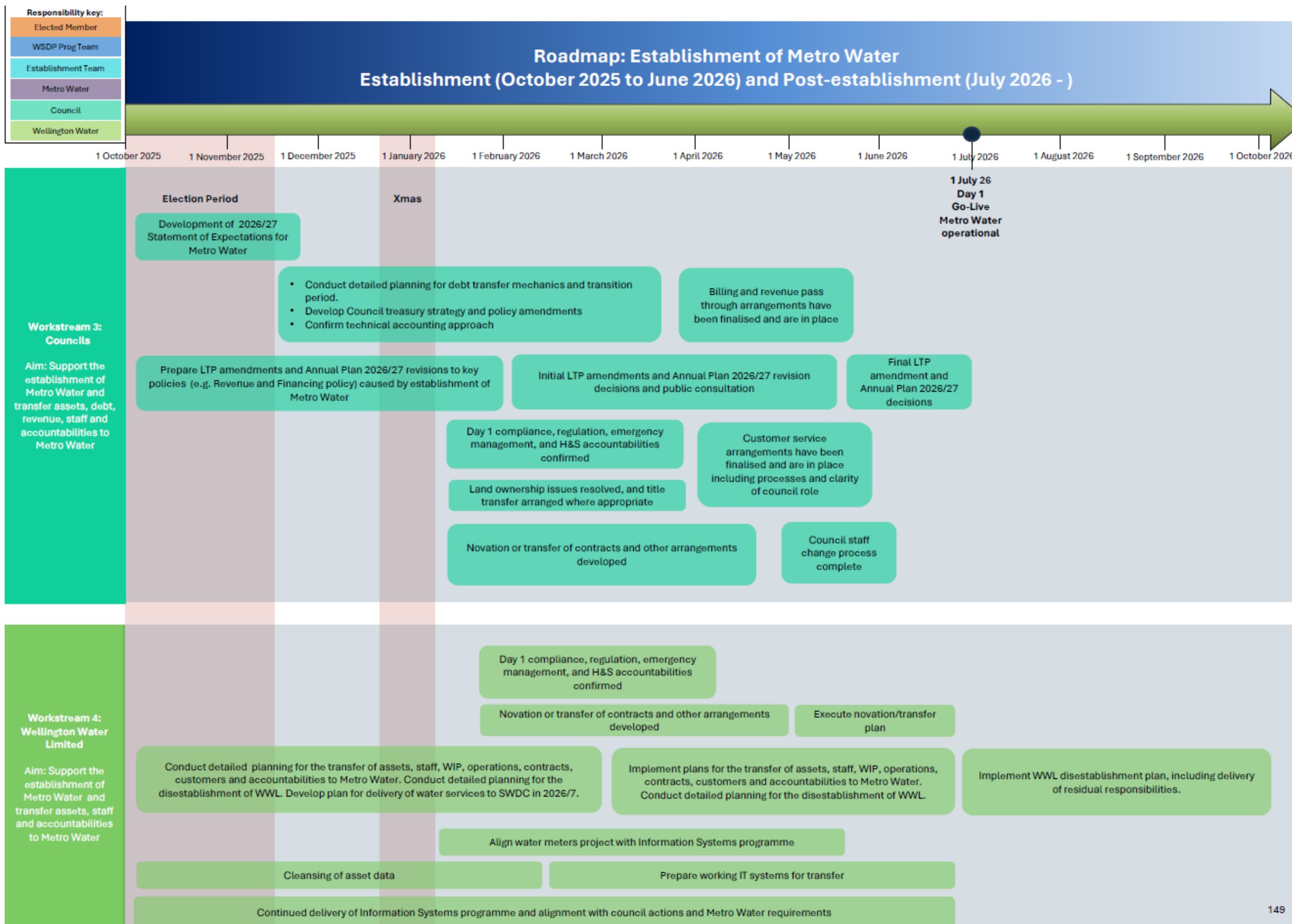
Development of establishment plan to inform scope of functional areas establishment approach and detailed implementation planning.

Develop detailed People & Workforce, Asset Management & Operations, Regulatory Compliance, and Corporate Support establishment plans

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16 June 2025

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Report no: IARCC2025/3/196

## Proposal to rename Lower Hutt Events Centre to Tūtaki

### Purpose of Report

1. To seek Council approval, as required under the lease agreement, for USAR Commercial Assets Limited to rename the Lower Hutt Events Centre to Tūtaki.

### Recommendations

That Council:

- (1) receives and notes the information;
- (2) approves the proposal to rename the Lower Hutt Events Centre to Tūtaki;
- (3) notes that Mana Whenua are supportive of the proposal and have nominated a lead artist to guide the re-branding process;
- (4) notes that all signage, collateral and branding will be updated to reflect the new name, with costs met by USAR Commercial Assets Limited and within existing Council budgets; and
- (5) notes that approval of the renaming proposal relinquishes Council's ability to pursue naming rights sponsorship revenue under the lease agreement.

For the reason, officers see this as a positive step towards activating our city as a destination and enhancing cultural recognition, aligning with the priority areas outlined in Te Herenga Kairangi (Council's Rautaki Māori), which is supported by Mana Whenua.

### Background

2. USAR Commercial Assets Limited has approached Council officers to express interest in renaming the Lower Hutt Events Centre and its internal spaces to better reflect the identity of Te Awa Kairangi Ki Tai Lower Hutt.
3. The Lower Hutt Events Centre was developed by Council and completed in July 2018. Since February 2019, the Events Centre has been leased and operated by USAR Commercial Assets Limited. The café within the Events Centre was named Tūtaki from when it opened in 2019.
4. Under the lease, any name change requires approval from Council as the landlord, which this report now seeks.

5. The current lease agreement between Council and USAR Commercial Assets Limited includes provision for naming rights to be sold. However, this option was explored in 2018 and not progressed due to limited market interest and resource constraints.

### **Discussion**

6. The proposed renaming of the Lower Hutt Events Centre to Tūtaki - meaning "to meet" or "to encounter" - reflects both the purpose and identity of the venue as a place of connection, inclusion and partnership.
7. The name was originally developed in consultation with Mana Whenua, who have expressed support for the re-naming proposal, recognising its cultural appropriateness and alignment with the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and Council's obligations under section 81 of the Local Government Act to foster Māori participation in decision-making.
8. Officers will facilitate continued engagement with Mana Whenua, particularly Te Āti Awa, to ensure appropriate naming protocols continue to be followed to create Te reo Māori for names of meeting spaces and for services on offer in the venue. This will create a more cohesive and culturally enriched visitor experience, embedding Te reo Māori into the heart of the facility.
9. Implementing the name change will include updated signage, banners, branded collateral and a communications plan to engage the wider community, event organisers and support a smooth transition.
10. The renaming proposal provides an opportunity to increase awareness and reputation of the centre and Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt as a compelling destination as well as showcasing related local businesses.
11. The new name aligns with other new venues across New Zealand such as Te Pae in Christchurch and Tākina in Wellington and allows for differentiation in a competitive market.
12. If the renaming proposal is approved, Council would forgo any potential revenue from a naming-rights sponsorship. The existing lease agreement allows Council to seek a sponsor for naming the events centre. Although this was explored before the centre opened, it was not pursued. Since 2019, the commercial sponsorship landscape has changed, and generating revenue from such an opportunity in a challenging market is untested. It will need dedicated additional resources to actively pursue it and is not guaranteed.
13. The positive benefits of the proposed name outweigh the potential opportunity cost of commercial sponsorship and allows the venue to express narratives of the entire city that may be limited with a commercial sponsor.

14. USAR Commercial Assets Limited will be responsible for:
- administrative and compliance obligations, including updating the business name with New Zealand Companies Office and update signage consents;
  - design and production of brand collateral; and
  - operational and facility updates.
15. Council officers will support ongoing engagement with Mana Whenua including cultural capability training for event centre staff and marketing and promotion activities to support the change and promote Lower Hutt as an event destination.
16. Council's ongoing obligations as a landlord include capital renewals, asset maintenance, venue accreditation and trademarks, if required.

### **Options**

17. Council can either:
- (a) refuse the proposed renaming; or
  - (b) approve the proposed renaming of the Events Centre to Tūtaki, including the renaming of internal function spaces.
18. Officers recommend Option b.

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

19. The matters addressed in this report have been considered in accordance with the process set out in Council's Climate Change Considerations Guide.

### **Consultation**

20. Te Tira Māori led engagement with mana whenua, who have expressed their support for the proposal. Officers will continue to work alongside Te Āti Awa to ensure implementation of the renaming respects Te Ao Māori values and protocols.

### **Legal Considerations**

21. The lease agreement between Council and USAR Commercial Assets Limited requires Council approval for any proposed name change. This paper seeks that approval.

### **Financial Considerations**

22. Costs to Council will include trademark registration and will be met within existing budgets.
23. All costs associated with the renaming, including signage, collateral, and branding updates, will be met by USAR Commercial Assets Limited and within existing Council budgets in accordance with the lease agreement.

24. The potential financial opportunity cost of forgoing naming rights revenue has not been quantified. Any additional revenue would need to be offset with additional resourcing to pursue it.

### **Appendices**

There are no appendices for this report.

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