

## Section 3 Activities

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Planning for the future includes the development of this Long Term Plan and other strategic plans, policies and bylaws to support the health, safety and general wellbeing of our communities.

### What we provide

#### Policy and Planning

- Bylaws
- Policies
- Strategies
- S17A reviews
- Advocacy

#### Environmental Planning

- District Plan
- Structure Plans
- Growth Strategies
- Monitoring

### Why we provide this activity

#### Our community outcome

- Leaders are effective, informed and inclusive.
- We have authentic Te Tiriti based relationships with Tangata Whenua.

# Planning for the Future

Our District is constantly changing and continues to experience rapid population growth and a consequent increase in housing, plus shifts in social and ethnic make-up. We inform our future planning through monitoring our demographic changes, development trends, the state of our environment and customer satisfaction.

**Planning for the future includes resource management planning and local government policy and planning. More particularly these activities help us to:**

- Understand the characteristics of our District, the trends that are occurring and the pressures it is facing.
- Work with our communities to understand their aspirations for the future and ensure they have a voice in matters that affect their lives.
- Identify and respond to the resource management issues facing our District, including improvements in urban design quality and revitalisation of our town centres, maintaining rural production and amenity and protection of the environment.
- Develop policies and bylaws to support the health, safety and general wellbeing of our communities.
- Advocate for our communities, residents and District.

Council maintains and develops strategic plans, policies and bylaws to support the health, safety and general wellbeing of communities. This involves responding to legislative changes, updating and developing new strategies, monitoring the impact of growth and development in our District, undertaking community engagement and working with key stakeholders and other agencies to plan for our future.

## SmartGrowth - an overview

SmartGrowth is the growth management strategy for the western Bay of Plenty sub-region, comprising both the Western Bay of Plenty District and Tauranga City.

This area has experienced population growth since the 1950s. SmartGrowth is a collaboration between Western Bay of Plenty District Council, Tauranga City Council, Bay of Plenty Regional Council, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency and Tangata Whenua. We work in partnership with Central Government, businesses, education groups, industry and the community.

The SmartGrowth strategy was developed in 2004 to outline a plan for sustainable urban and rural growth management. Fundamental to this management plan was the protection of versatile (productive) soils. SmartGrowth identifies future land supply needs and sequences its release and development according to demand and the ability for it to be serviced by appropriate infrastructure and equitable funding. This is important as our District has a large land area and several distinct urban centres, so providing infrastructure is more expensive compared to a compact, single settlement like a city.

The SmartGrowth strategy is anchored through the Regional Policy Statement (RPS) and the Long Term Plans and District Plans of the partner councils, and is an effective channel for securing Central Government funding to progress the Western Bay of Plenty sub-region.

Council will continue to work with Tangata Whenua to develop and implement strategic plans for our two Partnership Forums, Te Kāhui Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana and Te Ihu o te Waka o Te Arawa.

These plans provide a framework for identifying issues of significance to Māori in line with the aspirations Tangata Whenua have and the clear statutory obligations Council has to Māori. The plans also outline an annual work programme to drive actions that address those issues of significance.



## How we will achieve our community outcomes

Goal	Our approach
<p><b>Develop, monitor, review and advocate policy and plans that support the achievement of our vision for the District, our community outcomes and the direction provided by SmartGrowth.</b></p>	<p><b>Our people and communities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undertake our planning collaboratively to ensure people have a voice in matters that affect their lives.</li> <li>• Make it easier for people to understand our processes and how to participate in them (for example Annual Plan, Long Term Plan and District Plan processes).</li> <li>• Recognise, plan and advocate for the needs of diverse groups within our communities, to support people from different cultures, older people, younger people and people with disabilities to meet their social needs, maximise their potential for development and enhance their wellbeing.</li> <li>• Build the capacity of Tangata Whenua to support the development of comprehensive Iwi and Hapū Management Plans.</li> <li>• Improve capability and capacity to engage with and respond to Tangata Whenua.</li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b>Resource management planning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure an operative District Plan is in place and kept up to date.</li> <li>• Manage growth by implementing the SmartGrowth Strategy based on the following principles:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Residential growth centres to accommodate most additional population growth and provide for a range of urban living opportunities.</li> <li>• Employment growth centres to provide for employment opportunities of local and regional significance.</li> <li>• Rural development opportunities that protect the productive land resource while also allowing for rural lifestyles.</li> <li>• Transport corridors linking the region internally and externally.</li> <li>• Ideally, costs of development are to be met by the developer and not by the community.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b>Strategic planning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure a Long Term Plan is in place and review it every three years.</li> <li>• Develop and review our strategies.</li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b>Community planning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with communities to develop and monitor Community Development Plans (environmental, social, economic, cultural and infrastructural) for each of our District's communities.</li> <li>• Promote improvements in design and urban design quality in our District.</li> <li>• Support crime prevention through environmental design plans.</li> <li>• Plan to support town centre revitalisation.</li> <li>• Understand the social infrastructure requirements of our communities to support individuals, families, groups and communities to meet their social needs, maximise their potential for development and enhance their wellbeing.</li> </ul>



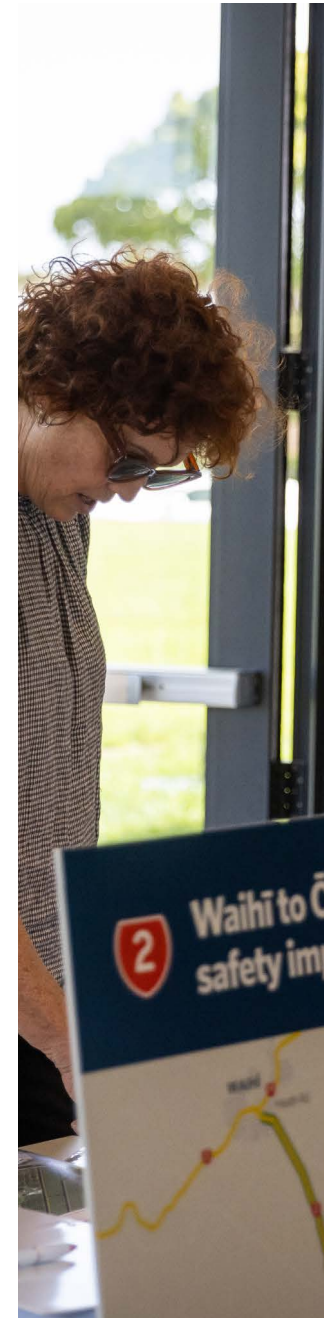
Photo by Glenn Larsen of family time at Waihi Beach.

## How we will achieve our community outcomes (continued)

Goal	Our approach
<p><b>Develop, monitor, review and advocate policy and plans that support the achievement of our vision for the District, our community outcomes and the direction provided by SmartGrowth.</b></p>	<p><b>Infrastructure planning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undertake investigations and feasibility studies to provide information for decision making on infrastructure projects.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Policy and bylaw development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop policies and bylaws to support the health, safety and general wellbeing of communities.</li> <li>Review our bylaws and policies in accordance with legislative requirements.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Monitoring and review</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitor, review and report progress towards community outcomes.</li> <li>Monitor trends and changes in legislation to determine the impact on our activities.</li> <li>Monitor the state of the environment and effectiveness of our District Plan.</li> <li>Monitor the impacts of growth and development on our District in accordance with District and sub-regional monitoring frameworks.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Collaboration and advocacy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with key stakeholders and other agencies to take a collaborative approach to planning for the future.</li> <li>Influence legislation and national policy.</li> <li>Advocate for our communities, residents and District.</li> </ul>

### Where the money comes from

Please refer to 'Policies, Summaries and Statements' for the Revenue and Financing Policy for the Planning for the Future Activity.





## What are we planning to do

Project ID	Name	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034
151102	Reserve Management Plans - Te Puke/Maketu	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,260	-	-	-
151103	Reserve Management Plans - Katikati/Waihi Beach	-	-	-	1,175	-	-	-	-	-	-
151105	Reserve Management Plans - Kaimai	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,342
151107	Policy & Planning - Reserve Concept Plans	8,000	8,920	9,160	9,400	9,632	9,856	10,080	10,296	10,520	10,736
175602	Policy & Planning - Management of LTP review	-	111,500	114,500	-	120,400	123,200	-	128,700	131,500	-
175910	Policy & Planning - Policy Development and Review	10,330	11,518	11,828	12,138	12,437	12,727	13,016	13,295	13,584	13,863
287702	Solid Waste/Joint WMMP Action Plan Review	-	-	-	1,175	1,204	-	-	-	1,315	1,342
288702	Strategy Review	-	23,036	-	-	24,875	-	-	26,589	-	-
293002	Policy & Planning - Bylaw Review and Development	5,165	5,759	5,914	6,069	6,219	6,363	6,508	6,647	6,792	6,931
296301	Monitoring Reports - Annual Residents Survey	51,650	57,590	59,139	60,689	62,187	63,633	65,079	66,474	67,920	69,314
252208	Planning - SmartGrowth Implementation coordination share	160,000	178,400	183,200	188,000	192,640	197,120	201,600	205,920	210,400	214,720
346401	Natural Hazards Collaborative Planning	75,000	83,625	85,875	88,125	90,300	-	-	-	-	-
354101	Spatial Planning	150,000	167,250	171,750	176,250	180,600	184,800	189,000	193,050	197,250	201,300
354901	Eastern Centre (Te Kainga) Business Case Development	100,000	111,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LTP25/34-12	Resource Management Reform	100,000	111,500	114,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LTP25/34-13	Plan Changes / Structure Planning	100,000	111,500	114,500	117,500	120,400	123,200	126,000	128,700	131,500	134,200



## How we will track progress

What we do	How we track progress	Result	Target				
		2023	2025	2026	2027	2028-30	2031-34
Develop, monitor, review and advocate policy and plans that support the achievement of our vision for the District, our community outcomes and the direction provided by SmartGrowth.  The District Plan is updated to meet the needs of our District.  Council processes comply with the statutory requirements.	Plans, strategies, and District Plan changes are developed or reviewed in accordance with Council-approved programme.	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
	Structure Plans are developed and reviewed to ensure there is greenfield land to accommodate growth as required by the National Policy Statement on Urban Development.	>10 years supply	>10 years supply	>10 years supply	>10 years supply	>10 years supply	>10 years supply

# Significant effects of providing this activity

Wellbeing	Positive	Negative	How are we addressing these effects
 <p><b>Social</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engaging communities in planning and policy development processes enables them to have a voice in matters that affect their lives.</li> <li>Community safety is enhanced by plans that adopt Crime Prevention through Environmental Design principles.</li> <li>Community planning processes assist in defining community identity, encourage community leaders to emerge and provide a framework for realising community aspirations.</li> <li>Engagement processes enable community members to hear and appreciate views different from their own.</li> <li>Ensuring appropriate and timely social infrastructure is available to meet new communities' social needs, maximize their potential for development and enhance their wellbeing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communities may not have the capacity for engagement on all plans and policies.</li> <li>Policies and plans can be of advantage to some individuals or groups at the expense of others.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Using innovative approaches for connecting with communities to enhance planning and policy development.</li> <li>Ensuring equal opportunities exist for different stakeholder groups to make submissions and access information.</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Cultural</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identifying and protecting cultural heritage sites.</li> <li>Community development approaches recognise the diversity of their cultural and ethnic make-up.</li> <li>Better understanding of the cultural traditions and heritage of people living within our District.</li> <li>Engaging Tangata Whenua in planning and policy development enables their input into matters that affect their lives.</li> <li>Supporting Hapū Management Plans assists iwi and hapū in improving resource management, as well as progressing their social and economic development.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None identified</li> </ul>	

## Significant effects of providing this activity (continued)

Wellbeing	Positive	Negative	How are we addressing these effects
 <p><b>Environmental</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protection of significant landscape features and sites of ecological significance. Improvements in the quality of the natural environment (for example waterways, air, native flora and fauna).</li> <li>• Protecting versatile soils.</li> <li>• Protecting amenity values.</li> <li>• Enhanced understanding of how well our natural environment can adapt to change and absorb the impact of human activities.</li> <li>• Minimising adverse environmental effects of our decision making protects and improves the environment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environment Court appeal processes are costly for all parties.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensuring robust pre-engagement processes are undertaken to minimise the risk of appeal or challenge.</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Economic</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land use and transport planning are more integrated.</li> <li>• Areas for business growth are identified and planned for to provide a range of quality employment opportunities.</li> <li>• Sensitivity issues that arise from incompatible activities being side-by-side are avoided.</li> <li>• Well-planned town centres and a quality-built environment present an attractive investment proposition.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some policy decisions take time to consult upon and may take months (or even years) to develop.</li> <li>• Environment Court appeal processes are costly for all parties.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensuring robust pre-engagement processes are undertaken to minimise the risk of appeal or challenge.</li> </ul>