02 Decision-Making Framework
Tauranga City Council is here to look after the interests of you, the community, and the city. We exist to maintain and develop the city in alignment with our community outcomes:

This framework brings together all of the information and aspirations that the Council and the community have for their city, and helps to guide decisions that Council makes for the city both now and into the future.

The decision-making network is made up of:

1. Community Outcomes
   These statements express the desired future state of the city and were developed through the Tauranga City Council – City Vision process. Council is just one of a number of organisations that influence the ability to work toward these outcomes.
   The development of community outcomes is a requirement of the Local Government Act 2002.

2. Strategies and Plans
   This is the strategic direction in place to help guide what needs to be done in specific areas such as the City Centre, transportation and open space.
   There are often a number of organisations responsible for delivery depending on the strategy and the role of Council in delivery of this.

3. Activity Area Plans
   These plans are in place to help describe all the different services or activities provided by Council, and how each activity helps to deliver on the community outcomes, strategies and plans in place.

4. Council Commitments
   This describes the way that Council will work to contribute to the community outcomes.
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Community Outcomes
- Describe what Tauranga will look and feel like in the future

Strategies and Plans
- Describe what is being done to deliver on the community outcomes for the city

Activity Area Plans
- Describe all the different services or activities provided by Council

Council Commitments
- Plan for and provide affordable fit for purpose services
- Enhance the quality of life for current and future residents
- Work in partnership with the community and engage in meaningful consultation
- Provide leadership to the community that we represent
- Manage the balance between social, economic, cultural and environmental wellbeing of the community

Community Outcomes
- A talented and innovative city full of opportunity
- A city with heart and soul
- A city of great spaces, places and environments

Strategies and Plans (Examples)
- National and Regional Strategies
- SmartGrowth Strategy
- City Centre Strategy
- Age Friendly Strategy
- Sport and Active Living Strategy
- Aquatics Strategy
- Reserve Management Plans

Activity Area Plans (Examples)
- Transportation
- Stormwater
- Parks and Recreation
- City Centre
A major part of Council’s role is to make decisions on behalf of the community. Some decisions are bigger than others and cover a vast range of issues and topics, for example from deciding how much rates will be next year to deciding to fund a community initiative or deciding on providing a new wastewater system. Council must often consider different viewpoints and balance the sometimes competing views of the different sectors of our community. We often seek input from the community, to inform our decisions, through our consultation processes and public hearings. The feedback we receive is an important part of the decision-making process.

Council and its committees meet regularly to provide direction and make decisions.

Early in the 2016/17 year, we realised that as a Council we needed to find a new way of working in order to keep up with the pace of change that our city is experiencing. For this reason, we adopted a new committee structure in November 2016. The new structure is designed to help us deliver an internationally competitive city, and great outcomes for the people of Tauranga.

The new committee structure aims to focus our efforts on the four wellbeings (economic, social, cultural and environmental) along with transport and urban form. Each committee is tasked with progressing a specific strategic focus area: City Transformation, Transport, Environment, Community and Culture, Economic Development and Investment, and finally Audit, Finance, Risk and Monitoring. With an aspiration to spend 70% of time on forward-looking, strategic issues and 30% on monitoring, Council can focus on setting the future direction of our city.

Each of our new committees has identified a list of strategic priorities to work towards, to deliver a higher standard of living for all of us that live, learn, work and play in Tauranga.

We have started to prepare our Long Term Plan for the period 2018-2028 so that it is consistent with the new committee structure, ensuring our activities and services deliver on our strategic priorities. This will help us check that we’re investing in the right things to build a great city, and that we are addressing the big issues that could make or break our future. We will be asking for your views on this Long Term Plan in early 2018.