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POLICY/PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Thursday, 14 August 2025

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Chair: Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa

Deputy Chair: Cr Gill Duncan

Membership: Cr Richard Lambert
Cr Dave Wilson
Cr Greg Maughan
Cr Jeff Wong
Cr Paul Sharland
Cr Simon Loudon
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Notice is hereby given that a Policy/Planning Committee Meeting of the Rangitikei District Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Rangitikei District Council, 46 High Street, Marton on Thursday, 14 August 2025 at 1.00pm.

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1 Welcome / Prayer

2 Apologies

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4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Members are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

That, taking into account the explanation provided why the item is not on the meeting agenda and why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting, [enter item number](#) be dealt as a late item at this meeting.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The minutes from **Policy/Planning Committee Meeting held on 12 June 2025** are attached.

Attachments

1. **Policy/Planning Committee Meeting - 12 June 2025**

Recommendation

That the minutes of Policy/Planning Committee Meeting held on 12 June 2025 [**as amended/without amendment**] be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

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UNCONFIRMED: POLICY/PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Thursday, 12 June 2025
Time: 1.00pm
Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Present

Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa
Cr Gill Duncan
Cr Dave Wilson
Cr Jeff Wong
Cr Paul Sharland
Cr Richard Lambert
HWTM Andy Watson

In attendance

Mr Arno Benadie, Deputy Chief Executive
Ms Katrina Gray, Group Manager – Strategy, Community and Democracy
Ms Tiffany Gower, Strategy Manager
Mr Jarrod Calkin, Economic Wellbeing Lead
Mrs Janna Harris, Corporate Planner
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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1 Welcome / Prayer

The Chair opened the meeting at 12.59pm.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 25/PPL/029

That the apologies be received from Cr Loudon.

Cr P Hiroa/Cr G Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/PPL/030

That the apologies be received from Cr Maughan.

HWTM A Watson/Cr P Sharland. Carried

3 Public Forum

Adam Decker and Jody Clements - KPA Properties

Spoke about property development in Bulls and supported the growth of the Bulls community, specifically in BUL03 being rezoned too residential. This will allow KPA properties to build 130 new homes in Bulls which is an increase of almost 15% of homes, this includes the current resource consent with council. They have already completed a variety of feasibility studies for the area including the viability of homes on this land.

Cr Sharland asked about access, the response was that at this stage access is from Flower Street.

Cr Wilson asked if there was an opinion on BUL01 and BUL02, or if this was focus on the land owned. The response was that they are okay bits of land but would struggle to fill that land in a short period of time, noting the costs associated to develop with infrastructure as well.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 25/PPL/031

That the minutes of Policy/Planning Committee Meeting held on 10 April 2025 **without amendment** be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the

electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

HWTM A Watson/Cr D Wilson. Carried

7 Follow-up Actions

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Policy/Planning Committee Meetings

Item 1 – Mokai Bridge Bungy

The Mayor raised that the signage for the attraction has been covered but ideally the sign should be removed.

Resolved minute number 25/PPL/032

That the report 'Follow-up Action Items from Policy/Planning Committee Meetings' be received.

Cr G Duncan/Cr R Lambert. Carried

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report- June 2025

The Chair read her report.

Resolved minute number 25/PPL/033

That the Chair's Report- June 2025 be received.

Cr P Hiroa/Cr P Sharland. Carried

9 Reports for Decision

9.1 Proposed Plan Change 3 - Urban Growth - Direction on growth areas to propose to rezone

Ms Gower introduced the report highlighting that this is to provide direction around what growth areas should be continued to be pursued by officers.

Marton growth areas

Ms Gower responded that the growth areas that have been identified are an excess amount of land for the housing required in Marton.

There is potential to investigate this land but as assessments continue land may no longer be suitable for housing.

Bulls growth areas

Officers advised that there should be a flood assessment completed for BUL03 as part of the rezoning.

Officers commented that there is a significant land to be considered in the initial motion and therefore councillors revised this decision. It was noted that BUL01 may be better suited for commercial or industrial in the future.

Mangaweka growth areas

Officers commented that Mangaweka is an alternative to finding further land in Taihape and that the land area of MAN01 and MAN02 area more than the land required for urban growth.

Resolved minute number 25/PPL/034

That the report 'Proposed Plan Change 3 - Urban Growth - Direction on growth areas to propose to rezone' be received.

HWTM A Watson/Cr R Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/PPL/035

That the Committee identifies the following growth areas to continue to be assessed by officers, with the intention of proposing them to be rezoned to Residential as part of Proposed Plan Change 3 as being Part MAR01 and Part MAR02 and Part MAR03 and Part MAR04 and Part MAR07. Noting that if the finalisation of technical assessments raises any new issues that could influence the Committee's decision-making, then officers will bring this back for further consideration.

Cr D Wilson/HWTM A Watson. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/PPL/036

That the Committee identifies the following growth areas to continue to be assessed by officers, with the intention of proposing them to be rezoned to Residential as part of Proposed Plan Change 3 as being BUL01 and BUL02 and BUL03. Noting that if the finalisation of technical assessments raises any new issues that could influence the Committee's decision-making, then officers will bring this back for further consideration.

Cr P Sharland/Cr G Duncan. Withdrawn

Resolved minute number 25/PPL/037

That the Committee identifies the following growth areas to continue to be assessed by officers, with the intention of proposing them to be rezoned to Residential as part of Proposed Plan Change 3 as being Part BUL02 and BUL03. Noting that if the finalisation of technical assessments raises any new issues that could influence the Committee's decision-making, then officers will bring this back for further consideration.

HWTM A Watson/Cr P Sharland. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/PPL/038

That the Committee identifies the following growth areas to continue to be assessed by officers, with the intention of proposing them to be rezoned to Residential or Rural Lifestyle as part of Proposed Plan Change 3 as being MAN02.

Cr D Wilson/HWTM A Watson. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/PPL/039

That where the Committee has indicated a growth area is no longer to be assessed for inclusion in Proposed Plan Change 3, officers are to inform the landowners within the growth area of this decision.

HWTM A Watson/Cr D Wilson. Carried

10 Reports for Information

10.1 Rangitikei Tomorrow - Economic Strategy Draft

Officers advised that this is not a statutory document and would recommend that the strategy does not go out for community consultation.

The committee recommended stressing the significance of the agriculture sector in the district.

Resolved minute number 25/PPL/040

That the report 'Rangitikei Tomorrow – Economic Strategy Draft' report is received.

Cr G Duncan/Cr P Sharland. Carried

The meeting adjourned at 2.55pm and returned at 3.08pm.

10.2 Economic Update

Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs

Officers advised of the changes to this programme including that the focus is changed to beneficiaries instead of NEETS. The Mayor noted that some councils have withdrawn from the programme due to these changes as they were unlikely to comply to the new standards.

Resolved minute number 25/PPL/041

That the report 'Economic Update' is received.

HWTM A Watson/Cr G Duncan. Carried

10.3 Regulatory Update

Impacts/Changes in Building Team environment

Officers highlighted that New Zealand is experiencing a downturn on new home builds; however, the district is experiencing a steady number of building consents. In 2024 the district had 31 new builds so far for 2025 13 have been issued, therefore looking to end the year on par.

Resolved minute number 25/PPL/042

That the Regulatory Update report be received.

Cr R Lambert/Cr P Sharland. Carried

10.4 Strategy/Plan Development and Review Update

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 25/PPL/043

That the report 'Strategy/Plan Development and Review Update' be received.

Cr J Wong/Cr P Sharland. Carried

10.5 Policy and Bylaw Work Programme Update

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 25/PPL/044

That the report 'Policy and Bylaw Work Programme Update' be received.

Cr R Lambert/Cr G Duncan. Carried

11 Discussion Items

11.1 Proposed Changes to National Direction under the Resource Management Act 1991

Ms Gower provided a tabled presentation on this item.

The committee acknowledged that there were several councillors that were not in attendance who might be interested in the working group. The Mayor will receive expressions of interest from councillors directly.

Resolved minute number 25/PPL/045

That the report 'Proposed Changes to National Direction under the Resource Management Act 1991' be received.

Cr G Duncan/Cr P Sharland. Carried

The meeting closed at 3.47pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Policy/Planning Committee held on 14 August 2025.

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Chairperson

ITEM 6.1 ATTACHMENT 1

Unconfirmed

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Policy/Planning Committee Meetings

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 On the list attached are items raised at previous Policy/Planning Committee meetings. Items indicate who is responsible for follow up, and a brief status comment.

2. Decision Making Process

- 2.1 Staff have assessed the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 in relation to this item and have concluded that, as this report is for information only, the decision-making provisions do not apply.

Attachments:

1. **Follow-up Actions Register** [↓](#)

Recommendation

That the report 'Follow-up Action Items from Policy/Planning Committee Meetings' be received.

Current Follow-up Actions

Item	From Meeting Date	Details	Person Assigned	Status Comments	Status
1	10-Apr-25	Do materials need to be removed from Mokai Bridge associated with the bungy jumping? Bylaw is going to be revoked.	Janna / GDP	The Roding team will remove the small signs and will remove the large sign if they have the ability to do so. The platform can remain and be used for bridge maintenance. The condition of the platform will need to be assessed.	Completed.
2	10-Apr-25	Disposal of Surplus Lands Policy - CE to provide detail on availability of staff to complete the review.	Jarrold	The Economic Lead has commenced the review, with internal reviews still being completed.	In progress

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8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report- August 2025

Author: Piki Te Ora Hiroa, Chair

The Chair may provide a verbal or tabled report at the meeting.

Recommendation

That the Chair's Report- August 2025 be received.

9 Reports for Decision

9.1 Overview of the "plan stop" and its implications for the review of the Rangitikei District Plan

Author: Tiffany Gower, Strategy Manager

Authoriser: Katrina Gray, Group Manager - Strategy, Community and Democracy

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 Officers are seeking direction from the Policy/Planning Committee (the Committee) on whether they will endorse officers to continue working on Proposed Plan Change 3 – Urban Growth (PPC3) subsequent to the Government’s “plan stop” or whether work on this plan change shall cease.

2. Context

Overview Proposed Plan Change 3:

- 2.1 As the Committee is aware, officers have been working on the preparation of PPC3. The purpose of this plan change is to provide for urban growth across the district over the next 30 years.
- 2.2 This plan change focuses on the Residential and Rural Lifestyle zones within the Rangitikei District Plan. PPC3 includes looking at how to better provide for intensification of urban development (where appropriate), amending provisions in the Residential and Rural Lifestyle zones that are not working and/or are not achieving their desired outcomes, and was to propose to rezone land to provide for urban greenfield growth where there is an identified need.
- 2.3 Officers had undertaken efficiency and effectiveness monitoring to inform this plan change. A range of technical assessments have either been completed for the growth areas or are well advanced.
- 2.4 Officers have commenced engagement with landowners within the growth areas being assessed. Informal engagement has been undertaken with Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa and Ngāti Parewahawaha and officers have reached out with offers to meet with representatives of Ngāti Hauiti. Engagement has also taken place with other key agencies including NZTA Waka Kotahi and Horizons Regional Council.

Reform of the planning system and the “plan stop”:

- 2.5 The Government is committed to repealing the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) and introducing a new planning system. The reform of the planning system is being done in three phases.
- 2.6 Phase One was the repeal of the Natural and Built Environment Act and Spatial Planning Act which were enacted by the previous Government.
- 2.7 Phase Two is well underway with the enactment of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024, advancing amendments to the RMA, and progression of National Direction packages 1-4.

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- 2.8 Phase Three will be the replacement of the RMA with a new two-Act framework consisting of the Planning Act and Natural Environment Act, which are currently still under development.
- 2.9 On 16 July 2025 the Government announced a “plan stop”. The purpose of the *plan stop* is to stop councils from progressing “unnecessary” plan and regional policy statement work. The intent is to “free up council resources so they can focus on preparing for the new system”.
- 2.10 The *plan stop* will:
- suspend the requirement for councils to undertake 10-year plan or policy statement reviews;
 - suspend the requirement for councils to implement the National Planning Standards; and
 - include an extension of the restriction on notifying freshwater planning instruments for a further two years to 31 December 2027.
- 2.11 The *plan stop* will prohibit the notification of new plan or regional policy statement reviews, changes, or variations. This includes proposed plans or regional policy statements that are already notified but have not reached the hearings stage.
- 2.12 There are some automatic exemptions to the plan stop (i.e. work can continue) and these have been identified as:
- streamlined planning processes and intensification streamlined planning processes
 - private plan changes;
 - changes to implement new national direction provisions where the national direction specifies that its implementation, or parts of its implementation, are to occur through a plan-making process before 31 December 2027;
 - plan changes and reviews which are directed by the Minister or called in as a proposal of national significance;
 - any plan changes to the Minister of Conservation's Regional Coastal Plan for the Kermadec and Subantarctic Islands;
 - proposed plans, or parts of proposed plans, related to natural hazards; and
 - proposed plans, or parts of proposed plans, where that proposal is required by, or gives effect to, an obligation in:
 - Treaty settlement legislation or Deeds;
 - The Ngā Rohe Moana o Ngā Hapū o Ngāti Porou Act 2019; and
 - The Marine and Coastal (Takutai Moana) Act 2011.
- 2.13 The Government has also signalled that there will be a process available to local authorities to apply to the Minister for the Environment (the Minister) for a *plan stop* exemption to continue necessary plan and policy statement work. They have signalled that guidance will be provided to support applications, which the Minister will have the discretion to approve or decline.

- 2.14 Here is a link to the fact sheet on the *plan stop* which the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) released when the Government announced the *plan stop*: [Plan Stop Fact Sheet.pdf](#)
- 2.15 At the time of writing this report no further information has been made available by MfE, however, the Government has published their business statement for the next sitting week (being 12-14 August 2025). It indicates that the Resource Management (Consenting and Other System Changes) Amendment Bill will go through Committee of the Whole House and its third reading. This Bill includes the *plan stop* and as such officers expect that more information about the *plan stop* (and anything else introduced via the Amendment Paper) will be available on 11 August 2025. Officers can provide a verbal update to the Policy/Planning Committee on 14 August.

3. Discussion and Options

- 3.1 The *plan stop* does have implications for the Council's planned sectional review of the Rangitikei District Plan. This review has commenced with the preparation of PPC3, and with the intention to move through the review of other sections of the District Plan based on Council's priorities.
- 3.2 It is officers' recommendation at this time that the full sectional review of the Rangitikei District Plan does not proceed. Officers note that this should not prevent efficiency and effectiveness monitoring of the Rangitikei District Plan being undertaken as this will still provide useful information that can be utilised in the new planning system.
- 3.3 Officers also seek specific direction from the Committee on PPC3. Work on PPC3 has temporarily ceased while officers await direction from the Committee. The direction sought is whether the Committee would like to endorse that officers continue work on PPC3 with a view to apply for an exemption from the Minister or whether the Committee would like work on PPC3 to permanently cease and these options are explored below.

Option A: Continue work on PPC3 and apply for an exemption from the Minister

- 3.4 Under this option officers would recommence work on PPC3 with a view to apply for an exemption from the Minister when this becomes available for us to do so.
- 3.5 Substantial time and resource has been invested in PPC3. Officers are on track to present this proposed plan change to the new Council later this year for adoption for public notification. Notification would occur in mid-to-late January 2026 with a view to progress the plan change to the point of a hearing being held in August 2026.
- 3.6 The primary purpose of this plan change is to provide for urban growth (i.e. provide greater opportunity for intensification within our main towns and rezoning land to provide additional capacity for greenfield development where there is an identified need).
- 3.7 In late 2023, Council adopted "Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond", its Spatial Strategy and Community Plan. Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond identified towns and settlements throughout the district that currently have a shortfall of residentially zoned land to sufficiently accommodate projected urban growth in the medium to longer term (meaning 10+ years).
- 3.8 PPC3 would propose to rezone land on the urban edge of Marton and Bulls (as the towns experiencing the greatest amount of urban growth) from Rural to Residential to address

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the identified shortfall. Officers were also considering options for how to provide for greenfield-type development around Mangaweka.

- 3.9 While there is uncertainty around the exemption application process (including timeframe and criteria), this plan change aligns well with the Government's priorities to enable housing growth and urban development. Officers could also refine the scope of the plan change to remove parts of the plan change that are not so well aligned with the Government's priorities (e.g. drafting has included amending provisions in the General Residential and Rural Lifestyle zones that are considered outdated).
- 3.10 If work on this plan change continues this will require officer time as well as budgeted expenditure to finalise assessments including the draft Integrated Transport Assessment and the Three Waters Capacity Assessment. Officers also recommend a more detailed flood assessment is undertaken for the BUL03 growth area to better understand whether this growth area is appropriate to be proposed to be rezoned Residential. The cost of this assessment is currently not known as officers will need to seek quotes.
- 3.11 Prior to the *plan stop* officers had also been exploring obtaining external support with the preparation of the section 32 report and finalising the plan change documents. The Strategy Team is operating under capacity, and this support was intended to be temporary and to ensure the proposed plan change is ready for notification by the end of this year. If work on this plan change continues then it is recommended that this external support is obtained, and the cost of this support would be covered within existing budgets.
- 3.12 There is a risk that the Government could decline an exemption for this plan change. The Committee should consider this risk in relation to the officer time and other expenditure required to progress the plan change.

Option B: Permanently cease work on PPC3

- 3.13 This option would mean that officers would not continue to work on PPC3. As outlined above, towns that have an identified shortfall in available land to accommodate urban growth in the medium to longer term, which was to be addressed through the plan change, would continue to have this shortfall until such a time as the new planning system is in place (assuming under the new system the land is rezoned by the body responsible at this time).
- 3.14 Currently there is uncertainty around what role Rangitikei District Council will have under the new planning system in preparing the "combined District Plan" which will be developed for the region under the new planning system. However, the assessments and work done to-date on PPC3 will be retained by Council and it is possible that these could be utilised once the new system is in place.
- 3.15 Under this option the Strategy Team's work on the Rangitikei District Plan would be limited to ePlan maintenance, efficiency and effectiveness monitoring, providing policy advice and guidance on the current District Plan provisions, and working with Council and other local authorities in the region to understand and implement the new planning system once it is in place.
- 3.16 If this is the Committee's preferred option, then it is recommended that landowners within the growth areas being assessed as part of PPC3 are informed of this decision as well as mana whenua and key stakeholders.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 There is budget for PPC3 in the Annual Plan 2025/26 and Council has received funding from the Better Off Fund for the acceleration of this plan change. Officers have not received correspondence from the DIA around the status of this funding following the plan stop announcement.
- 4.2 If work continues on PPC3 this can be done within the existing budget.

5. Impact on Strategic Risks

- 5.1 There are a number of strategic risks associated with PPC3 including:
 - Trust and confidence is tarnished;
 - Insufficient capability and capacity to fulfil agreed commitments; and
 - Changes to government legislation are transformational.
- 5.2 It is possible that different members of the community will not support either Council continuing with PPC3 or equally Council permanently ceasing work on the plan change. Some community members may want to see Council following the Government's direction to stop plan change work and shift our focus towards implementing the new system. Other members of the community have an interest in PPC3 continuing to provide the additional development opportunities. Whichever option the Committee decides to pursue, it is recommended that this is clearly communicated to our community, and this will help mitigate trust and confidence in Council being tarnished.
- 5.3 With regards to capacity and capability, the Strategy Team has limited resource and must prioritise how that resource is utilised to ensure that key projects are delivered and Council meets its statutory obligations. If Council continues work on PPC3 then the Strategy Team will utilise external support as required to ensure that this project is progressed.
- 5.4 There is transformation reform underway with the Local Government (System Improvements) Amendment Bill and the signalled repeal of the RMA and move to a new planning system. Officers are actively monitoring and responding to changes as they come through. However, some changes such as the *plan stop* are relatively rapid and require us to be agile as we work through implications for Council and the district.

6. Strategic Alignment

- 6.1 PPC3 has implications for Environmental, Social, Economic, and Cultural Wellbeing. The well-beings are invariably considered as part of the plan change process through technical reports (e.g. ecological assessments and archaeological assessments) and through consultation with affected landowners, key stakeholders, and the wider public. If work on the plan change is not continued and the shortfall of rezoned urban land is not addressed in a timely manner under the new planning system then this could have implications for the Social, Economic and possibly Cultural Wellbeing of the district.
- 6.2 A trusted partner with iwi. Officers have presented to and provided updates to Te Rōpū Ahi Kā for PPC3. Officers have met with Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa and Ngāti Parewahawaha and reached out to Ngāti Hauiti for a meeting, as the iwi/hapu with growth areas within their rohe. If PPC3 continues and Council is successful in obtaining an exemption then the plan change will follow the Schedule 1 process outlined in the Resource Management Act 1991, which stipulates special consultation with relevant iwi.

6.3 PPC3 strongly aligns with Council's Strategic Priority of Facilitating Growth.

7. Mana Whenua Implications

7.1 If work on PPC3 progresses, then officers will continue to engage with mana whenua. This will be in accordance with the requirements of Schedule 1 of the RMA and in line with Council's commitment to be a trusted partner with iwi.

7.2 If work on PPC3 is ceased, then officers will update mana whenua when they update landowners and key stakeholders.

8. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

8.1 If PPC3 progresses then climate change impacts will continue to be considered as part of the development of the plan change. If work on the plan change ceases then there will be no relevant climate change impacts or considerations.

9. Statutory Implications

9.1 The *plan stop* will be enacted as part of the Resource Management (Consenting and Other System Changes) Amendment Bill. To be able to formally progress PPC3 Council will require an exemption from the Minister. The exemption timeframe and process are unclear at the time of this report being written.

10. Decision Making Process

10.1 Officers are seeking direction from the Committee on whether or not to continue work on PPC3.

10.2 If work is to continue then Council will need to apply to the Minister for an exemption to formally continue the plan change. If successful then the plan change will follow a Schedule 1 process.

Recommendation 1

That this report "Overview of the "plan stop" and its implications for the review of the Rangitikei District Plan" be received.

Recommendation 2

That the Policy/Planning Committee confirm that the full sectional review of the Rangitikei District Plan does not proceed.

Recommendation 3

That the Policy/Planning Committee endorses that work on Proposed Plan Change 3 – Urban Growth continues and that officers apply to the Minister for the Environment for an exemption to the plan stop when this becomes available.

OR

That the Policy/Planning Committee directs officers to cease work on Proposed Plan Change 3 – Urban Growth and that landowners within the growth areas being assessed as part of plan change are informed of this decision as well as mana whenua and key stakeholders.

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10 Reports for Information

10.1 Economic Update

Author: Jarrod Calkin, Economic Lead

Authoriser: Katrina Gray, Group Manager - Strategy, Community and Democracy

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide Policy/Planning Committee with an economic update for the district and the key actions Officers are taking to support business and the district.

2. Local insights and Update

- 2.1 The June quarterly indicators are due for release towards the end of August. The [March Quarterly Update](#) is attached and much of the data is as shared at the previous Policy/Planning Committee.
- 2.2 As this is the last Policy/Planning Committee meeting for the triennium, we have reviewed the data over the last 3 years to show trends and movements of key economic indicators:

2.3 GDP

	March 2022	March 2025	Growth
Rangitikei	\$860m	\$895m	4.07%
Manawatu – Whanganui	\$15.3b	\$15.6b	1.74%
New Zealand	\$399b	\$414b	3.67%

2.4 Consumer Spending

	March 2022	March 2025	Growth
Rangitikei	\$159m	\$175m	10.06%
Manawatu – Whanganui	\$3,166m	\$3,525m	11.34%
New Zealand	\$67,562m	\$77,307m	14.42%

2.5 Housing values and affordability

	March 2022	March 2025	Current affordability
Rangitikei	\$435,800	\$367,500	3.1 x
Manawatu – Whanganui	\$617,160	\$490,600	4.3 x
New Zealand	\$998,200	\$881,300	6.5 x

2.6 Unemployment rate

	March 2022	March 2025	Change
Rangitīkei	2.8%	4.0%	+1.2%
Manawatu – Whanganui	3.2%	4.5%	+1.3%
New Zealand	3.4%	4.9%	+1.5%

2.7 Employment numbers

	March 2022	March 2025	Growth
Rangitīkei	7150	7266	1.62%
Manawatu – Whanganui	110,960	113,095	1.92%
New Zealand	2,261,588	2,235,277	4.27%

3. Business Rangitīkei

- 3.1 Business After 5 events continue to be well supported across the district.
- 3.2 A request from Business Rangitīkei has gone out to their members for expressions of interest to host a BA5 event in 2026. If 2025 is anything to go by, these will be taken up very quickly and a waitlist created for any business who misses out.

4. Mayors Taskforce for Jobs

- 4.1 We have transitioned into the new funding year with the revision to the programme taking effect on 1 July 2025.
- 4.2 Council Officers have been involved in set up meetings between James Towers Consultants Limited and MSD staff. This meeting was an opportunity to document the 'ways of working' between each party and gain commitment via an Operational Agreement.
- 4.3 At this meeting it was made very clear by MSD staff that the relationship between the two parties is strong and a key reason for the success in Rangitīkei.
- 4.4 An end of year report will be shared by representatives from James Towers Consultants Limited at the August Council meeting.

5. Rangitīkei Tomorrow – Economic Strategy

- 5.1 Council Officers have sought feedback from this Committee, Te Rōpū Ahi Kā komiti and representatives from Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa since the last Committee meeting.
- 5.2 Feedback has been collated and lead to minor changes to the wording in some sections of the strategy, however the overall strategy has not changed, and overall feedback has been positive.
- 5.3 A final copy of the draft strategy has been attached to this report.

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- 5.4 As we are in the final months of this triennium, Council can either choose to adopt the strategy, defer to the new sitting Council or endorse the strategy with final adoption to be completed by the new sitting Council.
- 5.5 It is Council Officers recommendation that the Committee endorses the strategy and recommends to Council to endorse with final adoption to be completed by the new Council.

6. Town Centre Better Off FundingBulls

- 6.1 The wayfinding map has been printed and now sitting at Council offices ready to be installed. This work will be done in the coming weeks by Council Officers.

Taihape

- 6.2 The final draft of the Taihape wayfinding map has been circulated to the working group and elected members in the Northern Ward. Feedback has been collated is with the Council Officers to make final tweaks before sending out ready for printing and installation.
- 6.3 The Council roading team is looking into additional wayfinding signage to improve visibility for the Hautapu River Parks Walk. More information will follow on this.
- 6.4 The shelter being constructed at the gumboot throwing lane is close to completion. A mention should go to those students from Taihape area School who have been assisting with the construction and will be putting on the final touches with a couple of picnic tables.
- 6.5 The investigation work into Disc Golf at Memorial Park is ongoing. This work is being done in collaboration with the various user groups to ensure any activity proposed does not interfere with the existing activities.

7. Marton Town Centre Streetscape Upgrade

- 7.1 A workshop was held with Council on 5 June 2025 to take Elected Members through the draft plan and to seek feedback.
- 7.2 The final draft and appendix information has now been prepared and will be shared prior to a Council workshop on 7 August to discuss the next steps.

8. Financial Implications

- 8.1 This report is for information purposes and there are no financial implications relating to this item.

9. Impact on Strategic Risks

- 9.1 There are no impacts on strategic risks relating to this report.

10. Strategic Alignment

- 10.1 Economic Wellbeing is a Community Outcome and Town Centre Revitalisation is a Strategic Priority within Council's Strategic Framework giving this item strong strategic alignment, while noting the report is an update and no decisions are required through this report.

11. Mana Whenua Implications

11.1 There are no mana whenua implications relating to this report.

12. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

12.1 There are no climate change impacts and considerations relating to this report.

13. Statutory Implications

13.1 There are no statutory implications relating to this report.

14. Decision Making Process

14.1 This item is for update purposes only and no decisions are required because of this report.

Attachments:

1. Rangitikei Tomorrow Draft (under separate cover)

Recommendation 1

That the report 'Economic Update' is received.

Recommendation 2

That the Policy/Planning Committee endorses 'Rangitikei Tomorrow – Economic Strategy' and recommends Council adopts / endorses (select one) the strategy and action plan.

10.2 Policy and Bylaw Work Programme Update**Author:** Janna Harris, Corporate Planner**Authoriser:** Tiffany Gower, Strategy Manager**1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 To provide the Policy/Planning Committee with an update in Council's policy and bylaw work programme.

2. Bylaw Work Programme

- 2.1 The Bylaw Register attached provides an update on the status of all bylaws (Attachment 1).
- 2.2 The Committee was presented with a "Findings Report" and completed the review of the Water Related Services Bylaw 2020 at the April Policy/Planning Committee Meeting. The Committee directed Officers to draft amendments to the bylaw based on the amendments recommended by Officers in the Findings Report. Officers are working on amending the bylaw in line with the Findings Report. The draft bylaw will be presented to the Committee at a future meeting. The bylaw must be consulted on and then adopted by Council by 30 April 2027 to meet statutory timeframes.
- 2.3 Officers are in the early stages of reviewing the Control of Dogs Bylaw. At this stage, Officers are seeking information on how the current bylaw is working in practice including consulting with the Animal Control and Parks Teams. At a future Committee meeting Officers will present a Findings Report to enable the Committee to complete the review of this bylaw. This must occur by 17 March 2026 to meet statutory timeframes. After the review is complete, amendments will need to be drafted and consulted on prior to 17 March 2028 to meet statutory timeframes. The Dog Control and Ownership Responsibility Policy will be reviewed alongside this bylaw as required by the Dog Control Act 1996.

3. Policy Work Programme

- 3.1 The Policy Register attached provides an update on the status of all policies (Attachment 2).
- 3.2 Officers are in the process of reviewing the following policies, the Committee will be provided an update on these policies when the review process gets to the appropriate point:
 - Disposal of Surplus Lands and Buildings Policy;
 - Social Media Policy;
 - Media Policy;
 - LGOIMA Requests Policy;
 - Dog Control and Ownership Responsibility Policy; and
 - Delegations to Positions Policy.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report. The policy and bylaw work programmes are undertaken within existing budgets.

5. Impact on Strategic Risks

- 5.1 There are no strategic risks associated with this report. As policies and bylaws are reviewed and presented to the Committee any strategic risks associated with each one will be outlined to the Committee.

6. Strategic Alignment

- 6.1 The development and review of all policies and bylaws are undertaken with the intention of improving the wellbeing of the district, including providing safe and pleasant spaces for the community.

7. Mana Whenua Implications

- 7.1 There are no mana whenua implications associated with this report.

8. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

- 8.1 There are no climate change impacts associated with this report.

9. Statutory Implications

- 9.1 There are no statutory implications associated with this report, this report is for information purposes only. The statutory timeframes for the review of bylaws are monitored by Officers to ensure that Council meets them.

10. Decision Making Process

- 10.1 There are no decision-making processes associated with this report, this report is for information purposes only.

Attachments:

1. **Bylaw Register** [↓](#)
2. **Policy Register** [↓](#)

Recommendation

That the report 'Policy and Bylaw Work Programme Update' be received.

Bylaw Register					
Document	Requirement/Enabling Legislation	Last reviewed	Review due	Responsible	Comment / Update
Control of Dogs Bylaw	Dog Control Act 1996	26/05/2016	17/03/2026	Regulatory	Review has commenced.
	Local Government Act 2002			Democracy & Planning	
Traffic and Parking Bylaw	Land Transport Act 1998	15/03/2023	15/03/2028	Regulatory	Not due for review.
				Democracy & Planning	
Liquor Control Bylaw	Local Government Act 2002	30/11/2018	13/09/2028	Regulatory	Not due for review.
				Democracy & Planning	
Animal Control Bylaw	Local Government Act 2002	31/01/2019	12/07/2028	Regulatory	Not due for review.
				Democracy & Planning	
Stock Droving and Grazing Bylaw	Land Transport Act 1998	26/09/2019	22/08/2029	Assets & Infrastructure	Not due for review.
	Local Government Act 2002			Regulatory	
Water Related Services Bylaw	Local Government Act 2002	30/04/2020	30/04/2025	Assets and Infrastructure,	Review complete, Officers working to draft changes to the bylaw
	Food Act 2014			Democracy and Planning	
Food Business Grading Bylaw	Local Government Act 2002	28/10/2021	28/10/2026	Regulatory	Review to begin mid 2026.
				Democracy & Planning	
Signs and Public Places Bylaw	Local Government Act 2002	29/08/2024	29/08/2029	Regulatory	Not due for review.
				Democracy & Planning	

Policy Register						
Document	Requirement/Enabling Legislation	Last reviewed	Review due	Priority	Responsible	Comment / Update
TAB Venues Policy	Racing Industry Act 2020	30/04/2025	30/04/2028	Low	Regulatory Democracy & Planning	Not due for review.
Gambling Venue (Class 4) Policy	Gambling Act 2003	30/04/2025	30/04/2028	Low	Regulatory Democracy & Planning	Not due for review.
Operating Unmanned Aerial Systems (Drones) on Council Owned and Administrated Land Policy	Civil Aviation Authority Part 101	27/07/2024	No requirement	Low	Regulatory Democracy & Planning	Not due for review.
Disposal of Surplus Lands and Buildings		26/02/2015	N/A	High	Assets & Infrastructure	Review has commenced.
Social Media Policy		1/08/2021	No requirement	Medium	Democracy & Planning	Review has commenced.
Treasury Management Policy	Local Government Act 2002 S102, 104, 105	30/09/2023	No requirement	Medium	Corporate Services	Review date set September 2026.
Statement on Development of Māori Capacity to Contribute to Decision Making	Local Government Act 2002 S81, Sch10 clause 8	27/06/2024	No requirement	Medium	Democracy & Planning	Not due for Review.
Significance and Engagment Policy	Local Government Act 2002 S76AA	16/05/2024	No requirement	Low	Democracy & Planning Assets & Infrastructure	Not due for review.
Development Contributions Policy	Local Government Act 2002 S102, 106	16/05/2024	16/05/2027	Low	Corporate Services	Not due for review.
Revenue and Finance Policy	Local Government Act 2002 S102, 103	16/05/2024	No requirement	Low	Corporate Services	Not due for review.
Community Housing Policy		29/08/2024	29/08/2027	Medium	Community Services	Not due for review.
Procurement Policy		29/08/2024	No requirement	Medium	Corporate Services	Review to commence in near future.
Smokfree and Vapefree Policy		29/08/2024	No requirement	Medium	Democracy & Planning Community Services	Not due for review.
LGOIMA Requests Policy		1/05/2023	No requirement	Low	Democracy & Planning	Review to commence in near future.
Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings Policy	Building Act 2004 S131	5/06/2025	5/06/2030	Low	Regulatory Democracy & Planning	Not due for review.
Delegations to Positions Policy		24/05/2023	24/11/2025	Low	Corporate Services	Review has commenced.
Local Governance Statement	Local Government Act 2002	31/03/2023	31/03/2026	Low	Democracy & Planning	Not due for review.
Dog Control and Ownership Responsibility Policy	Dog Control Act 1996 S10	26/05/2016	17/03/2026	Low	Regulatory Democracy & Planning	Review has commenced.
Rates Postponement Policy	Local Government Act 2002 S102	25/06/2020	25/06/2026	Low	Corporate Services	Not due for review.
Local Easter Sunday Trading Policy	Shop Trading Hours Act 1990 P2 S5a	16/12/2021	16/12/2026	Low	Regulatory	Not due for review.
Rates Remission Policy	Local Government Act 2002 S102, 109	9/06/2022	9/06/2028	Low	Corporate Services	Not due for review.
Rates Remission Policy for Māori Freehold Land	Local Government Act 2002 S102, 108	9/06/2022	9/06/2028	Low	Corporate Services	Not due for review.
Standing Orders	Local Government Act 2002 Sch7 27	23/11/2023	No requirement	Low	Democracy & Planning	Review to follow 2025 triennial election.
Code of Conduct	Local Government Act Sch7 15	23/11/2022	No requirement	Low	Democracy & Planning	Review to follow 2025 triennial election.
MOU: Tūtohunga		17/12/2019	No requirement	Low	Democracy & Planning	No review planned.
External Grant Applications		11/05/2017	No requirement	Low	Community Services	No review planned.
Rural Water Supply Policy		1/12/2017	No requirement	Low	Assets & Infrastructure	No review planned.
Reducing or Waiving Fees for Use of Council Facilities		1/10/2015	No requirement	Low	Community Services Democracy & Planning	No review planned.
Reducing or Waiving Fees for internal consenting costs		1/10/2015	No requirement	Low	Regulatory Democracy & Planning	No review planned.
Partnership between the Local Authority and the Private Sector		14/11/2014	No requirement	Low	Community Services	No review planned.
Appointment of Directors	Local Government Act 2002 s57	21/07/2008	No requirement	Low	Democracy & Planning	No review planned.
Road Naming Policy		N/A	N/A	Low	Regulatory Democracy & Planning	Development timeframe dependent on staff capacity
Media Policy		20/09/2022	N/A	Medium	Regulatory Democracy & Planning	Review has commenced.

10.3 Strategy/Plan Development and Review Update**Author:** Tiffany Gower, Strategy Manager**Authoriser:** Katrina Gray, Group Manager - Strategy, Community and Democracy**1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 To provide the Policy/Planning Committee with an overview of Council's strategies and plans (including updates on those that are currently under review).

2. Strategic Framework

- 2.1 Council's Strategic Framework (Kowhai) was reviewed as part of the development of the 2024-34 Long Term Plan. It sets out Council's vision, community outcomes, priorities, strategies, and plans.
- 2.2 The Government has recently released the Local Government (System Improvements) Amendment Bill for consultation (submissions close 27 August). This Bill includes a range of proposed amendments intended to refocus local government on doing the 'basics'.
- 2.3 The amendments include changing the purpose of local government, changes to measuring and publishing councils performance, prioritising core services, strengthening transparency and accountability, and some other minor changes.
- 2.4 Officers are working through what the Local Government (System Improvements) Amendment Bill means for Rangitikei District Council. Council's Strategic Framework will need to be reviewed to ensure better alignment and this needs to be done in advance of the next Long Term Plan (2027-2037).

3. Strategy/Plan Review

- 3.1 A list of Council's strategies and plans is attached (Attachment 1).
- 3.2 Notable updates for August 2025 include:
 - Economic Wellbeing Strategy (in progress). This Strategy has been drafted as "Rangitikei Tomorrow" and was presented to Te Rōpū Ahi Kā and the Policy/Planning Committee in June 2025. Officers met with representatives from Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa. Feedback has been collated and lead to minor changes to the wording in some sections of the Strategy. The Strategy is being presented separately to the Committee today for endorsement.
 - Annual Plan 2026/27 (work commencing). Officers have started project planning for the Annual Plan 2026/27.
 - Proposed Plan Change 3 – Urban Growth (in progress). The Government's "plan stop" has meant that work on this plan change has halted. Officers are seeking direction from the Policy/Planning Committee (via a separate report) on whether to continue work on this plan change with the intention of seeking an exemption from the Government when this avenue becomes available in the next few months.

4. Options Considered

- 4.1 There are no options associated with this report.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 There are no direct financial implications. Any strategies/plans are developed within budget.

6. Impact on Strategic Risks

- 6.1 There is no direct impact on Council's strategic risks associated with this report.

7. Strategic Alignment

- 7.1 Council's strategies and plans are key components of Council's Strategic Framework. A review of the strategies and plans layer of the Strategic Framework is planned as a key task once resourcing allows.

8. Mana Whenua Implications

- 8.1 There are no direct mana whenua implications associated with this report. Strategy/plan development occurs with engagement with Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Komiti and directly with iwi and hapū where relevant.

9. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

- 9.1 There are no relevant climate change considerations.

10. Statutory Implications

- 10.1 There are no direct statutory implications.

11. Decision Making Process

- 11.1 There are no decisions required associated with this report.

Attachments:

1. **Strategy Register - August 2025** [↓](#)

Recommendation

That the report 'Strategy/Plan Development and Review Update' be received.

Strategy / Plan Register					
	Summary	Status	Legislation	Responsible Department	Comment / Update
Strategies					
Strategic Framework	Sets out the purpose, vision, community outcomes and strategic priorities	Adopted as part of the LTP 2024-34	Non-statutory	Strategy, Community & Democracy	Work to update the Strategic Framework will commence following the local government election, inline with the Local Government (System Improvements) Amendment Bill. Updated Strategic Framework will underpin the 2027 - 2037 LTP.
Waste Strategy	Provides a medium to long term direction and vision of what we want to achieve in this activity over the next 30 years.	In development	Non-statutory	Assets, Infrastructure & Projects	Phase 1 of this work is complete - a roadmap of how RDC will set direction based on industry best practice and potential central government goals.
Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond - Community Spatial Plan	Provides the blueprint for how we want the Rangitikei district to develop over the next 30 years.	Adopted September 2023	Non-statutory	Strategy, Community & Democracy	Complete.
Parks, Open Spaces and Sporting Facilities Strategy	To provide a framework to underpin Council decision-making on investment in parks and reserves.	Complete	Non-statutory	Assets, Infrastructure & Projects	Complete.
Climate Impact Strategy and Action Plan	Set's out Council's direction and actions in responding to climate impacts.	Adopted February 2024	Non-statutory	Strategy, Community & Democracy	Complete.
Housing Strategy 2021 - 31	Provides a 10-year Council strategy to consider housing needs and potential solutions in eight sectors in the District.	Adopted as supporting information to the 2021-31 LTP	Non-statutory	Strategy, Community & Democracy	Council have given direction that Officer focus should be limited to the business case for 22 Tui Street, Taihape. The need for this strategy should be reviewed alongside a review of the strategies/plans section of the strategic framework.
Economic Development Strategy 2021 - 31	Provides a 10 year Council strategy for economic development which outlines 10 priorities and 4 enablers.	Adopted as supporting information to the 2021-31 LTP	Non-statutory	Strategy, Community & Democracy	Development in progress. Feedback on the Draft Economic Development Strategy was received from the Policy/Planning Committee in June and mana whenua have been invited to provide feedback. Feedback has been collated and the Strategy is being presented to Policy/Planning Committee for endorsement in August.
Enforcement (Regulatory) Strategy and Prosecution Policy	Sets out the principles and processes which Council uses to achieve regulatory compliance in a fair and consistent way.	Adopted 26 April 2018	Non-statutory	Regulatory	Review planned for 2025.
Heritage Strategy	Provides a long term vision to guide Council's management of heritage resources throughout the Rangitikei District	Adopted 31 March 2016	Non-statutory	Strategy, Community & Democracy	Review unable to be commenced due to internal resourcing.
Property Strategy	Development of a strategy that identifies which properties Council should retain or dispose.	Complete	Non-statutory	Assets, Infrastructure & Projects	Complete.
Plans					
Long Term Plan 2024-34	Set's out the activities Council plans to undertake and how it will be funded for 2024-34.	Adopted 27 June 2024	Local Government Act 2002	Strategy, Community & Democracy	Adopted 27 June 2024.
Annual Plan 2026/27	Set's out the activities Council plans to undertake and how it will be funded for 2025/26. Updated year from the LTP.	To be adopted end of June 2026	Local Government Act 2002	Strategy, Community & Democracy	Project planning in underway for the Annual Plan 2026/27. Some initial work will be commenced by officers over the coming months, with work properly getting underway once the new Council is in place.
Roading Activity Management Plan	Comprehensive plan on how Council's roading assets should be maintained and renewed.	Complete	Non-statutory	Assets & Infrastructure	Reviewed and updated for the 2024 LTP.
3 Waters Activity Management Plan	Comprehensive plan on how Council's 3 Waters assets should be maintained and renewed.	Complete	Non-statutory	Assets, Infrastructure & Projects	Reviewed and updated for the 2024 LTP.
Social Infrastructure Asset Management Plan	Comprehensive plan on how Council's Social Infrastructure assets should be maintained and renewed.	Complete	Non-statutory	Assets, Infrastructure & Projects	Reviewed and updated for the 2024 LTP.
Destination Management Plan	Provides the plan for growing the visitor economy.	Adopted March 2022	Non-statutory	Strategy, Community & Democracy	Complete.
Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2025-31	Sets out how Council intends to promote efficient and effective waste management and minimisation within its district.	Adopted 5 June 2025	Required under the Waste Minimisation Act 2008	Assets, Infrastructure & Projects	Complete.
Urban Tree Plan	Provides guidelines for tree management throughout the District.	Adopted in 2017	Non-statutory	Assets, Infrastructure & Projects	No review scheduled.
Turakina Town Centre Plan	Sets out a plan for the Turakina Town Centre.	February 2016	Non-statutory	Strategy, Community & Democracy	Key aspects incorporated into the Community Spatial Plan. However, plan retains value as a stand alone document.
Mangaweka Town Centre Plan	Sets out a plan for the Mangaweka Town Centre.	February 2016	Non-statutory	Strategy, Community & Democracy	Key aspects incorporated into the Community Spatial Plan. However, plan retains value as a stand alone document.
Marton Town Centre Plan	Sets out a framework for the future management of the Marton Town Centre.	December 2014	Non-statutory	Strategy, Community & Democracy	Key aspects incorporated into the Community Spatial Plan. However, plan retains value as a stand alone document. Parts of the Town Centre Plan will be implemented through use of Better Off funding for town centre revitalisation.
Hunterville Town Centre Plan	Sets out a plan for the Hunterville Town Centre.	August 2014	Non-statutory	Strategy, Community & Democracy	Key aspects incorporated into the Community Spatial Plan. However, plan retains value as a stand alone document.
Bulls Town Centre Plan	Sets out a framework for the future management of the Bulls Town Centre.	June 2014	Non-statutory	Strategy, Community & Democracy	Key aspects incorporated into the Community Spatial Plan. However, plan retains value as a stand alone document. Parts of the Town Centre Plan will be implemented through use of Better Off funding for town centre revitalisation.
Taihape Town Centre Plan	Sets out a framework for the future management of the Taihape Town Centre.	January 2014	Non-statutory	Strategy, Community & Democracy	Key aspects incorporated into the Community Spatial Plan. However, plan retains value as a stand alone document. Parts of the Town Centre Plan will be implemented through use of Better Off funding for town centre revitalisation.
Marton Streetscape Upgrade Plan	Sets out the upgrade for the Marton Town Centre.	Not yet commenced	Non-statutory	Strategy, Community & Democracy	In progress. Draft of the Marton Streetscape Upgrade Plan has been complete and this will be workshopped with Council on 7 August 2025. At this stage the intention is to consult on this draft plan as part of the Annual Plan 2026/27 consultation.
Rangitikei District Plan	Sets out the objectives, policies and rules for land use in the District.	Operative - October 2013	Resource Management Act 1991	Strategy, Community & Democracy	Plan Change 3 Urban Growth - In progress. The acceleration of this phase has been funded through the Better Off fund. The Government's "plan stop" has halted all work on the District Plan Review. Officers are seeking direction from the Policy/Planning Committee on 14 August about whether to continue work on Proposed Plan Change 3 with the intention of seeking an exemption from the Government.
Recreational Parks and Reserves Management Plan - Part One	Sets out the management objectives and policies for recreational reserves Council administers under the Reserves Act 1977.	Adopted 1 May 2014	Reserves Act 1977	Assets, Infrastructure & Projects	Subject to "continuous review" under the Reserves Act. Not scheduled for specific review.
Marton Park Management Plan (Part Two)	A management plan for Marton Park.	Adopted 3 November 2016	Reserves Act 1977	Assets, Infrastructure & Projects	Not scheduled for review.
Bulls Domain Management Plan (Part Two)	A management plan for the Bulls Domain.	Adopted 1 May 2014	Reserves Act 1977	Assets, Infrastructure & Projects	Work is underway on assessing the Bulls reserve/recreation land and the development of a Master Plan for the Bulls Domain will be included in this work. Mana whenua engagement has commenced and stakeholder engagement took place 3-5 June 2025.
Centennial Park Management Plan (Part Two)	A management plan for Centennial Park.	Adopted 1 May 2014	Reserves Act 1977	Assets, Infrastructure & Projects	Not scheduled for review.
Taihape Memorial Park Management Plan (Part Two)	A management plan for Memorial Park.	Adopted 25 March 2010	Reserves Act 1977	Assets, Infrastructure & Projects	Not scheduled for review.
Wilson Park Management Plan (Part Two)	A management plan for Wilson Park.	Adopted 30 July 2009	Reserves Act 1977	Assets, Infrastructure & Projects	Not scheduled for review.

Dudding Lake Management Plan (Part Two)	A management plan for Dudding Lake.	Adopted 26 November 2009	Reserves Act 1977	Assets, Infrastructure & Projects	Not scheduled for review.
Bulls Old Courthouse and Goal Management Plan (Part Two)	Historic reserve management plan for the Old Courthouse and Goal	Adopted 25 March 2010	Reserves Act 1977	Assets, Infrastructure & Projects	Not scheduled for review.
Historic Reserves Management Plan	Sets out the management objectives and policies for historic reserves Council administers under the Reserves Act 1977.	Adopted 25 March 2010	Reserves Act 1977	Assets, Infrastructure & Projects	Not scheduled for review.
Taihape Domain Master Plan	An integrated masterplan for the development, use and upgrade of Taihape Domain.	Endorsed 25 July 2023	Non-statutory	Assets, Infrastructure & Projects	Completed in 2023.
Welcoming Communities Plan	A community-owned plan to be more open and accepting and build our cultural diversity and inclusion.	Complete	Non-statutory	Strategy, Community & Democracy	Welcoming Communities program is no longer being Government funded or delivered by Immigration New Zealand beyond June 2024 due to the new government priorities. The final phase has been implemented of the Welcoming Community website and can be accessed via the RDC main website. The ongoing principles continue to be delivered from our Community Hubs, with staff keeping up to date and will continue to add website information for newly arrived individuals and families to our district.
Bulls Parks Plan	A master plan for the parks in Bulls.	In progress	Non-statutory	Assets, Infrastructure & Projects	Consultant procured and background work commenced. Mana whenua engagement has begun and stakeholder engagement took place 3-5 June 2025.

11 Meeting Closed.