

Notice is given that an ordinary meeting of the Strategy and Policy Committee will be held on:

**Date:** Thursday 18 April 2024  
**Time:** 9.30am  
**Meeting Room:** Tasman Council Chamber  
**Venue:** 189 Queen Street, Richmond  
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## Strategy and Policy Committee

### Komiti Rautaki me te Kaupapahere

## AGENDA

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## AGENDA

- 1 OPENING, WELCOME, KARAKIA
- 2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

### Recommendation

That apologies be accepted.

- 3 PUBLIC FORUM  
Nil
- 4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
- 5 LATE ITEMS
- 6 CONFIRMATION OF [MINUTES](#)

That the minutes of the Strategy and Policy Committee meeting held on Thursday, 7 March 2024, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

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Nil
- 9 CLOSING KARAKIA

## 7 REPORTS

### 7.1 CHAIR'S REPORT

**Information Only - No Decision Required**

<b>Report To:</b>	Strategy and Policy Committee
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	18 April 2024
<b>Report Author:</b>	Kit Maling, Chairperson Strategy and Policy Committee
<b>Report Authorisers:</b>	John Ridd, Group Manager - Service and Strategy
<b>Report Number:</b>	RSPC24-04-1

#### 1. Summary / Te Tuhinga Whakarāpoto

1.1 This is the Chair's monthly report to the Strategy and Policy Committee.

#### 2. Recommendation/s / Ngā Tūtohunga

**That the Strategy and Policy Committee**

**1. receives the Chair's Report RSPC24-04-1.**

#### 3. Welcome

3.1 Welcome everyone to today's Strategy and Policy Committee meeting.

3.2 Over the last couple of weeks, I've been attending public consultations on the Long Term Plan with different groups in Richmond and also Murchison. Although our rates increase is higher than what we have had in the past, when you look around the country, other councils are in a worse position. I think this is a reflection of the continuous spending that we've been doing on infrastructure.

#### 4. Plan Changes

4.1 If you look forward over the next six months, you will see a significant number of plan changes/statutory provisions that we will be involved in:

- Wakefield Plan Change;
- Mapua Masterplan;
- Richmond on the Rise;
- Rezoning for the Future Development Strategy;
- Freshwater Plans; and
- Coastal Hazard Plans.

4.2 As you can see, this will keep Councillors busy once we have finished the Long Term Plan.

## 5. Public access to our beautiful environment

- 5.1 I have recently been involved in a public access dispute to our coastline in another jurisdiction. Public access to our rivers and beaches is vitally important but it comes with responsibility.
- 5.2 We have beautiful beaches and rivers and remarkable native flora, fauna and birds but, at times, human behaviour damages all of the above. We have had a number of examples in Golden Bay with people racing quadbikes on our beaches and damaging the environment for our native birds. I am a keen fisherman and value this public access, but we all need to behave responsibly to ensure that we're not doing damage when we use this environment.
- 5.3 The bulk of our population does behave very responsibly but a small percentage does irreparable damage at times without even realising what they're doing, but others know very well that they're doing damage.
- 5.4 I would like to encourage all our residents to think before they act and to value our wonderful environment. Below is a photo of some thoughtless behaviour where people dumped concreted tarseal at a river near Richmond which, in a heavy rain event, would end up in the river or our estuary – not acceptable.



## 6. Attachments / Tuhinga tāpiri

Nil

## 7.2 ADOPTION OF THE RICHMOND SPATIAL PLAN (RICHMOND ON THE RISE)

**Decision Required**

<b>Report To:</b>	Strategy and Policy Committee
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	18 April 2024
<b>Report Author:</b>	Jeremy Butler, Team Leader - Urban and Rural Policy
<b>Report Authorisers:</b>	Barry Johnson, Environmental Policy Manager; John Ridd, Group Manager - Service and Strategy
<b>Report Number:</b>	RSPC24-04-2

### 1. Purpose of the Report / Te Take mō te Pūrongo

- 1.1 To present the final Richmond Spatial Plan documents to Councillors; and
- 1.2 To recommend that the Council adopt the Richmond Spatial Plan.

### 2. Summary / Te Tuhinga Whakarāpototo

- 2.1 The Richmond Spatial Plan (RSP) is a strategy that does two things:
  - 2.1.1 it creates a link between the Future Development Strategy (FDS) and the Tasman Resource Management Plan (TRMP) Plan Change process. It provides a strong basis for the upcoming Plan Change 81 (PC81); and
  - 2.1.2 it provides an “agenda” for the ongoing growth and development of Richmond in both the short and long term to take Richmond forwards.
- 2.2 Housing intensification is the centrepiece of the RSP. It provides a structure and a framework that will be implemented through PC81.
- 2.3 Overall, the RSP has had a very high level of buy-in from stakeholders and the public. Engagement has been constructive and has strongly shaped the final RSP.
- 2.4 Adopting the RSP will give it status and allow staff to progress and implement its actions with confidence. Any actions that require significant funding will need to go through the normal Long Term Plan (LTP) process in order to secure that funding.
- 2.5 Adopting the RSP has a medium level of significance. It is an important strategic document for the short and medium term future of Richmond. However, the RSP in itself will not implement the change. This will be done through subsequent processes.

### 3. Recommendation/s / Ngā Tūtohunga

**That the Strategy and Policy Committee**

1. **receives the Adoption of the Richmond Spatial Plan (Richmond on the Rise) report RSPC24-04-2; and**
2. **adopts the Richmond Spatial Plan as a Tasman District Council strategy.**

#### 4. Background / Horopaki

- 4.1 The Nelson Tasman Future Development Strategies (FDS) that were adopted in 2019 and 2022 identified Richmond as a key growth location. Public opinion, the National Policy Statement for Urban Development (NPS-UD), and the recently promulgated National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land (NPS-HPL) support and encourage growing “up not out”.
- 4.2 The 2022 FDS identifies intensification as critical to meeting our growth targets and ensuring there is an adequate supply of land to meet housing demand. The FDS also recognises the need for neighbourhood planning as a logical next step. The Richmond Spatial Plan is a form of neighbourhood planning. The FDS identifies where growth can occur, including intensification areas. Neighbourhood plans describe what growth might look like. That vision for growth can then be implemented through the Resource Management Plan.
- 4.3 The non-statutory spatial planning process was also a valuable opportunity to introduce the community to the idea of taking a significant step up in terms of intensification.
- 4.4 A cross-council project was started to pull together the key moves for both the town centre, and for the wider urban area. This project was originally named the Richmond Spatial and Intensification Plan, but latterly was shortened to the Richmond Spatial Plan (RSP). Publicly the project was known as Richmond on the Rise.

#### 5. Analysis and Advice / Tātāritanga me ngā tohutohu

##### What is the RSP?

- 5.1 The RSP is a strategy that does two things:
  - 5.1.1 it creates a link between the FDS and the TRMP Plan Change process; and
  - 5.1.2 it provides an “agenda” for the ongoing growth and development of Richmond in both the short (1-5 years) and long term (5+ years). This means identifying key projects and actions that will take Richmond forwards.
- 5.2 Intensification is the centrepiece of the RSP. The RSP was developed to identify how the intensification areas in the FDS will meet housing demands for the predicted growth of 2,700 people in the next 10 years, and 6,300 people in 30 years. However, the RSP is also about the integrated planning strategies and projects that will be needed to accommodate growth, such as for parks and transport.
- 5.3 There were also some other key conversations that were needed. How can Richmond continue to grow, increase its vibrancy and its accessibility? Where does the town centre need to focus on activation? What should be the role of the Council’s landholdings in the town centre? How should the identity of Richmond be developed?

##### Process

- 5.4 The process of developing the RSP is set out in the attached documents.
- 5.5 The development of the plan is set out in Section 4.2 of the document and includes:
  - 5.5.1 Preparation and research
  - 5.5.2 First round of engagement
  - 5.5.3 Working out options

5.5.4 Initial testing of options

5.5.5 Developing and testing the draft plan

5.5.6 Confirming the final plan.

- 5.6 A significant contribution was made by the core working group. This group was compiled from people and industries who would be actively involved in making change happen. A big thank you to the busy people who made their time available for the future of Richmond.
- 5.7 Overall, the RSP has had a very high level of buy-in from stakeholders and the public. There was a high level of comfort from contributors with the level of change proposed and feedback was that staff have focussed on the right things. Community engagement has been constructive and has strongly shaped the final RSP.
- 5.8 There are always changes and improvements that can be made. The purpose of a plan such as the RSP is to set a high level plan for the future and then refine the detail on a project-by-project basis. In other words, this enables the RSP to be nimble.

### **Actions**

- 5.9 In the short term the RSP provides some very key concrete recommendations, such as:
- 5.9.1 a plan change to enable intensification (currently being progressed as PC81);
  - 5.9.2 improving some key active transport connections;
  - 5.9.3 incorporation of the Māori design framework;
  - 5.9.4 infrastructure planning;
  - 5.9.5 investigation of options to upgrade Sundial Square in conjunction with landowners (esp. Tinline);
  - 5.9.6 town centre investigation looking for strategic opportunities to use Council land; and
  - 5.9.7 different utilisation of public parking areas.
- 5.10 In the longer term there are both specific and more aspirational outcomes that can be considered.
- 5.11 It is important to note that the RSP is a cross-Council document that provides guidance for multiple functions across the Council when considering the future of Richmond.
- 5.12 The projects set out in the RSP are subject to further consideration and funding choices through the Long Term Plan process. Projects will need to be progressed by the appropriate staff at the appropriate time. Formally adopting the RSP provides clear guidance and direction to Council staff that the RSP and its Action Plan should guide decision making and prioritisation of projects.

<h2><b>6. Options / Kōwhiringa</b></h2>
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- 6.1 The options are outlined in the following table:



Option		Advantage	Disadvantage
1.	Adopt the RSP	<p>Gives the RSP formal status and enables staff to commence work on outcomes.</p> <p>No further resources to be spent on developing the RSP.</p> <p>Adopted RSP will provide evidence to government agencies of direction-of-travel and may support attention and funding to achieve outcomes.</p>	Some areas of the documents remain “unpolished”
2.	Decline to adopt the RSP in order to make further changes	Further changes or additions may be possible before adoption.	<p>Additional resources required</p> <p>Delay in adopting the RSP may delay implementation (particularly PC81).</p>
3.	Decline to adopt the RSP		<p>No confirmed direction is available to staff.</p> <p>No confirmed direction-of-travel for other agencies.</p>

6.2 Option 1 is recommended.

## 7. Legal / Ngā ture

- 7.1 The RSP is the next step toward implementing the Future Development Strategy (FDS) for Richmond. While the FDS is a legally required document, the RSP is a non-statutory document. It is a strategy that the Council has the choice to write and adopt. It is essentially a Neighbourhood Scale Plan which is one of the outcomes identified in the FDS. The FDS provides for *where* growth and intensification will occur, the RSP helps describe *what* the growth and intensification might look like.
- 7.2 From a legal perspective the key recommendations will be taken forward through a change to the Tasman Resource Management Plan. That process is currently underway and will involve the requirements to follow the processes prescribed in the Resource Management Act.

## 8. Iwi Engagement / Whakawhitiwhiti ā-Hapori Māori

- 8.1 Iwi have all been invited to take part in the RSP process. Two hui were held and iwi that did engage all stated that they were happy with the objectives of the RSP. Other workstreams are also progressing, particularly the Māori Design Framework which will further implement Māori interests in the urban space.

**9. Significance and Engagement / Hiranga me te Whakawhitiwhiti ā-Hapori Whānui**

- 9.1 Overall, the adoption of the RSP would have a medium level of significance. It is an important strategic document for the short and medium term future of Richmond. It is a very important document that will contribute to shaping the Richmond urban environment.
- 9.2 However, the RSP in itself will not implement the change. This will be done through following processes such as the upcoming PC81 (implementing the FDS).
- 9.3 Therefore, it is considered that the significance is medium.

	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Level of Significance</b>	<b>Explanation of Assessment</b>
1.	Is there a high level of public interest, or is decision likely to be controversial?	Medium	Relates to the people of Richmond. RSP programme had strong interest, and primarily support.
2.	Are there impacts on the social, economic, environmental or cultural aspects of well-being of the community in the present or future?	Medium	The RSP itself doesn't change the rules, but does provide a programme of change for the Council to work towards.
3.	Is there a significant impact arising from duration of the effects from the decision?	Medium	As above, the RSP is the first step, but other processes to follow will have long term consequences.
4.	Does the decision relate to a strategic asset? (refer Significance and Engagement Policy for list of strategic assets)	Low	Although the RSP does mention and relate to strategic assets (particularly land), it does not commit the Council to any particular action.
5.	Does the decision create a substantial change in the level of service provided by Council?	Low	The RSP does not, in itself, change the level of service provided, but adopting the RSP will have some implications over time for the level of service.
6.	Does the proposal, activity or decision substantially affect debt, rates or Council finances in any one year or more of the LTP?	Low / Medium	The RSP does include some changes and improvements to the Richmond environment. While adopting the RSP does not compel the Council to implement these changes, it does provide a general commitment to do so.
7.	Does the decision involve the sale of a substantial proportion or controlling interest in a CCO or CCTO?	Low	The RSP does have implications for the NRSBU

	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Level of Significance</b>	<b>Explanation of Assessment</b>
8.	Does the proposal or decision involve entry into a private sector partnership or contract to carry out the deliver on any Council group of activities?	Low	N/A
9.	Does the proposal or decision involve Council exiting from or entering into a group of activities?	Medium	While not binding, adopting the RSP does commit Council in principle to a range of actions.
10.	Does the proposal require particular consideration of the obligations of Te Mana O Te Wai (TMOTW) relating to freshwater and Affordable Waters services?	Low / Medium	Adopting the RSP will not, in itself, have implications for water quality and TMOTW considerations. But with intensification and other interventions identified, TMOTW will need to be considered.

#### **10. Communication / Whakawhitiwhiti Kōrero**

- 10.1 Extensive community consultation has taken place, including placing a flyer in all Richmond letterboxes, drop-in sessions, a two day town centre information display, online engagement and webinars. More details are included in the documents.
- 10.2 If the RSP is adopted, it is proposed that that the documents be made available and that this be advertised through the normal channels. Communication materials will also focus on the next steps (e.g. PC81).

#### **11. Financial or Budgetary Implications / Ngā Ritenga ā-Pūtea**

- 11.1 Some of the recommendations from the RSP can be implemented through the Council's BAU mahi. This primarily involves the Environmental Policy Team undertaking plan changes to amend the TRMP.
- 11.2 However there are also recommendations for certain capital works which, if implemented, would require funding. These would come to the Council through the normal LTP process.

#### **12. Risks / Ngā Tūraru**

- 12.1 Given the high level of community buy-in, I do not consider that there are any risks in adopting the RSP. A good process has been followed and the outcomes of the plan are consistent with the process and feedback from the community.
- 12.2 There is a risk in not adopting the RSP in that the work is wasted and not implemented, and the public loses trust that work and input they provided is not carried forward by the Council.

#### **13. Climate Change Considerations / Whakaaro Whakaaweawe Āhuarangi**

- 13.1 The proposal aligns with Council's and Government's plans, policies and legal obligations relating to climate change, specifically the Tasman Climate Response Strategy and Action

Plan (TCRSAP). It relates to TCRSAP goal/s to mitigate and adapt to climate change. Particularly in supporting intensification of housing so that more people can live close to urban centres. This supports active transport and reductions in vehicle use, as well as the use and viability of public transport.

- 13.2 There is also the opportunity for Council led projects to utilise sustainable building materials that have low embodied carbon such as locally sourced engineered timber products.

#### **14. Alignment with Policy and Strategic Plans / Te Hangai ki ngā aupapa Here me ngā Mahere Rautaki Tūraru**

- 14.1 The RSP serves as a Neighbourhood Plan for implementing the FDS.  
 14.2 As a Neighbourhood Plan the RSP is a key input to a plan change to the TRMP.  
 14.3 Other aspects of the RSP will require funding as described above.

#### **15. Conclusion / Kupu Whakatepe**

- 15.1 The development of the RSP has been successful and has drawn a high level of support from the residents of Richmond. The process has been strongly supported by a core group of people representing companies and stakeholders who are actively involved in land development or with expert supporting knowledge.  
 15.2 The RSP provides a blue print for the short and medium term development of Richmond. Several projects are identified in an action plan, some of which are quite specific and others which are more aspirational.  
 15.3 The RSP is a step forward for Richmond in moving towards an urban environment that is diversified, vibrant, attractive and thriving.

#### **16. Next Steps and Timeline / Ngā Mahi Whai Ake**

- 16.1 If the RSP is adopted then the next step will be making this public through a communications programme.  
 16.2 PC81 to the TRMP is being developed and will implement a central component of the RSP – more enabling intensification rules via the introduction of a new medium density residential zone.  
 16.3 One of the key projects for the Council to consider will be the improvements to Sundial Square. Exciting opportunities have been identified with cooperation between the Council and surrounding landowners. This, and other short term projects, should be picked up by the relevant delivery arms of Council.  
 16.4 Long term projects should also be considered.

#### **17. Attachments / Tuhinga tāpiri**

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### 7.3 APPROVAL OF GOVERNMENT POLICY STATEMENT ON TRANSPORT SUBMISSION

<b>Report To:</b>	Strategy and Policy Committee
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	18 April 2024
<b>Report Author:</b>	Bill Rice, Senior Infrastructure Planning Advisor - Transportation
<b>Report Authorisers:</b>	Dwayne Fletcher, Strategic Policy Manager; John Ridd, Group Manager - Service and Strategy
<b>Report Number:</b>	RSPC24-04-3

#### 1. Purpose of the Report / Te Take mō te Pūrongo

- 1.1 This report seeks retrospective approval for Council's submissions on the draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport (GPS), which have been submitted to the Ministry of Transport.

#### 2. Summary / Te Tuhinga Whakarāpoto

- 2.1 The draft GPS was consulted on from 5 March to 2 April 2024, the four week consultation period allowed little time for Council to develop a submission, and obtain formal approval.
- 2.2 A workshop was held with Councillors on 25 March 2024 where staff outlined issues in the draft GPS and sought direction from Councillors on issues to be addressed in the Council's submissions.
- 2.3 A joint submission was prepared with Wakatū Incorporation regarding the specific issue of maintenance funding for roads on General Land held in collective ownership by Māori (Attachment 1). This submission was signed by both the Council's and Wakatū Incorporation's CEOs, and submitted to the Ministry of Transport
- 2.4 Staff prepared a draft submission on the more general issues affecting Tasman. This was shared with Councillors, and email feedback sought from Councillors. All feedback received supported the draft. Staff prepared a final submission (Attachment 2) with no changes. This was signed by the Council's Mayor and CEO, and submitted to the Ministry of Transport.
- 2.5 The general submission broadly supported submissions on the draft GPS from the following organisations:
- Joint Nelson Tasman Regional Transport Committee
  - Taituarā – Local Government Professionals Aotearoa
  - South Island Regional Transport Committee Chairs Group
- 2.6 These submissions are included as Attachments 3, 4, and 5.

#### 3. Recommendation/s / Ngā Tūtohunga

**That the Strategy and Policy Committee**

- 1. receives the Approval of Government Policy Statement on Transport Submission report RSPC24-04-3; and**

2. **approves retrospectively the joint Tasman District Council and Wakatū Incorporation specific submission on the draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport (Attachment 1 to the agenda report), which was submitted to the Ministry of Transport; and**
3. **approves retrospectively Tasman District Council’s general submission on the draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport (Attachment 2 to the agenda report), which was submitted to the Ministry of Transport.**

<b>4. Attachments / Tuhinga tāpiri</b>
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1. <a href="#">↓</a>	Tasman District Council - Wakatū Joint Submission on Draft Land Transport GPS 2024-27	168
2. <a href="#">↓</a>	Tasman District Council Submission on GPS Land Transport 2024	173
3. <a href="#">↓</a>	Nelson Tasman Joint RTC Draft GPS 2024 Submission	175
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**9.6 STRATEGIC POLICY AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACTIVITY REPORT**

**Information Only - No Decision Required**

<b>Report To:</b>	Strategy and Policy Committee
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	18 April 2024
<b>Report Author:</b>	Alan Bywater, Team Leader - Community Policy; Barry Johnson, Environmental Policy Manager; Dwayne Fletcher, Strategic Policy Manager
<b>Report Authorisers:</b>	John Ridd, Group Manager - Service and Strategy
<b>Report Number:</b>	RSPC24-04-4

**1. Summary / Te Tuhinga Whakarāpoto**

1.1 This report provides the Committee with an update on some of the key highlights of the Service and Strategy Group’s Strategic Policy and Environmental Policy work.

**2. Recommendation/s / Ngā Tūhunga**

**That the Strategy and Policy Committee**

**1. receives the Strategic Policy and Environmental Policy Activity Report RSPC24-04-4.**

**3. Strategic Policy Update – Dwayne Fletcher and Alan Bywater**

3.1 The following tables contain an update of the key projects and activities that the Strategic Policy Team either manages or is involved in.


**Community Policy**

Project	Description	Status	Comments
<b>Corporate Planning</b>			
Annual Report 2023/2024	Preparation of the Council’s Annual Report for the 2023/2024 year.	On track	<p><b>Target date: 31 October 2024</b></p> <p>This project has commenced and staff are preparing information for Audit NZ to undertake an interim audit in May 2024.</p> <p>Six-monthly performance target results are being collected for July – December 2023. Where available, these will be reported to the Operations Committee in May 2024.</p>
Residents Survey 2024	Annual survey of a representative sample of residents to get	On track	<p>Target completion date: 2 July 2024</p> <p>Research First will undertake the telephone survey in May. It will</p>

	feedback on Council performance		include mobile phone numbers as well as landlines. The completed reports will be available by July 2024.
Schedule of Fees and Charges 2024/2025	Preparation of the Council's Schedule of Fees and Charges for the 2024/2025 year.	On track	Target date: 30 June 2024 The Council adopted the draft schedule on 25 March 2023. Consultation is underway and finishes on 28 April 2024. Hearings and deliberations (jointly with the Long Term Plan) are scheduled for May.
Long-Term Plan 2024-2034	Preparation of the Long Term Plan 2024-2034.	On track	The audit process for the LTP consultation document and associated documents has been completed. The Council adopted the consultation document, concurrent consultations and supporting information on 25 March 2024. Consultation commenced on 28 March and is due to close on 28 April. During this period there is a series of meetings with community/residents associations around the District. Hearings are scheduled for 8, 9 and 10 May. 7 May has been booked in case additional time is required. Deliberations are booked for 23, 24, 29 and 30 May. Audit NZ is booked in to carry out the audit on the final LTP documents between 4-19 June. The LTP is scheduled to be adopted on 27 June.
<b>Reserves and community facilities</b>			
Review of Richmond and Lakes-Murchison Wards reserve management plans (RMP)	Project to review the two existing RMPs.	On track	Target completion date: Feb 2025 The initial feedback round closed on 28 March 2024. The timeline and some of the feedback received can be viewed on the maps on the Shape Tasman project page: <a href="https://shape.tasman.govt.nz/rmp-reviews">https://shape.tasman.govt.nz/rmp-reviews</a> . Staff are analysing all feedback and will use it to develop draft text for both RMPs.
Classification of existing reserves in Richmond and	Project to classify existing reserves in two Wards (this step is	Delayed	New target completion date: August 2024

Lakes-Murchison Wards	required before Council can publicly notify draft RMPs).		<p>Staff have finished collating information about all the parks and reserves in Richmond and Lakes-Murchison Wards. The Department of Conservation is working through this information to confirm which reserves are already classified and which still need to be. We are working with iwi to prepare proposals for classifying reserves. Maps have been created showing the location of all parks and reserves in both Wards.</p> <p>We will present a report to the Council in the next few months outlining the proposed process for classifying reserves for these Wards.</p>
Community Leasing and Licensing Policy	Development of a new internal policy to guide operational decision-making around entering into and reviewing leases of Council owned land	On hold	<p>Target completion date: 3rd quarter 2024</p> <p>We held a workshop with councillors on 16 August 2023 to get direction on this policy.</p> <p>Staff currently in the process of drafting a policy for formal consideration in mid-2024 with formal consultation following the LTP.</p> <p>This work will be picked up after the adoption of the Long Term Plan.</p>
<b>Climate change and environmental</b>			
Tasman Climate Response Strategy and Action Plan (2023-2035)	The draft document is available on the Shape Tasman webpage.	On track	<p>Target completion date: 27 June</p> <p>During the LTP consultation period, concurrent consultation on the draft Tasman Climate Response Strategy and Action Plan document is taking place. Submissions opened on 28 March and close on 28 April 2024. The LTP hearings and deliberations will include consideration of public feedback and staff recommendations on the draft document. The revised document will be presented to the Council for adoption in late June.</p> <p>Quarterly Progress Report:</p> <p>Staff provide regular updates on progress implementing the Strategy and Action Plan in the 'Climate Change Update' reports to alternate Strategy and Policy Committee meetings. The next quarterly report will be presented at the May meeting.</p>



<p>Organisational greenhouse gas inventory</p>	<p>Annual monitoring of greenhouse gas emissions from Council operations.</p>	<p>Complete</p> 	<p>Target completion date: April 2024</p> <p>The 2022/23 report was completed and verified in March. See separate report on agenda.</p>
<p>Community greenhouse gas inventory</p>	<p>Bi-annual monitoring of greenhouse gas emissions for the Tasman District</p>	<p>Delayed</p>	<p>New target completion date: May 2024</p> <p>Inventories for the 2018-2020 period have been prepared and audited. The revised landfill emissions calculations (which have already been verified by the auditor) need to be incorporated into the report and it will then be presented to the Committee at a future meeting. Staff are also starting to plan for the inventories for subsequent years.</p>
<p>Nelson-Tasman Climate Change Risk Assessment (NTCCRA) project</p>	<p>Regional assessment to identify the likelihood of future climate hazards and their potential impacts for our communities. This is fundamental for informing the prioritisation of climate action and will provide the foundation for regional climate change adaptation planning and resilience building.</p>	<p>Delayed</p>	<p>New target completion date: May 2024</p> <p>Staff from Tasman District Council and Nelson City Council are collaborating on the project developing a regional climate change risk assessment and a geospatial supporting tool.</p> <p>The first pass assessment has been completed. Domain and place-based workshops took place September / November 2023.</p> <p>As the project progresses, the tool is being developed, and more user issues are being addressed. Although this has caused delay in the completion of this job, the project's cost will not increase.</p> <p>Tasman and Nelson staff are currently reviewing the methodology report while the final assessment is underway.</p>
<p><b>Bylaws and Regulatory Policy</b></p>			
<p>Public Places Bylaw</p>	<p>Currently no bylaw in force. Review needed for bylaw to regulate activities, such as hawking, busking, and food vendors in public places. If needed, make new bylaw.</p>	<p>On track</p>	<p>Target completion date: Fourth quarter 2024</p> <p>Staff supporting the Regulatory Services team.</p> <p>The issues were discussed at a workshop on 10 October 2023. Early engagement has been analysed and staff are in the process of drafting the bylaw. The proposed content will be</p>

			workshopped with Councillors on 21 May 2024.
Dog Control Bylaw	Cyclic review of Dog Control Bylaw	On track	<p>Target completion date: Fourth quarter 2024</p> <p>Staff supporting the Regulatory Services team.</p> <p>The issues were discussed at a workshop on 10 October 2023. Early engagement has been analysed and staff are in the process of drafting the bylaw. The proposed content will be workshopped with Councillors on 21 May 2024.</p>
Cat Bylaw	Currently no bylaw in place. If Council supports, make a new bylaw.	On track	<p>Target completion date: Fourth quarter 2024</p> <p>Staff supporting the Biosecurity team.</p> <p>The issues were discussed at a workshop on 10 October 2023. Early engagement has been analysed and staff are in the process of drafting the bylaw. The proposed content will be workshopped with Councillors on 21 May 2024.</p>
Water Bylaw	Review to align with changes to Government legislation and improve current protection levels.	On track	<p>Target completion date: Fourth quarter 2024</p> <p>Staff supporting the Community Infrastructure team. Amendments to the bylaw are considered relatively minor and may not require public consultation. If public consultation is not required, the amended water bylaw will be drafted for presentation to a future Council meeting in October/November 2024.</p>
Introductory Bylaw	Bylaw that has provisions common to all bylaws such as issuing licences or permits, and notice requirements.	On track	<p>Target completion date: Fourth quarter 2024</p> <p>The issues were discussed at a workshop on 10 October 2023. Minor amendments to the bylaw are to be made.</p>
Navigation Safety Bylaw	Update and reissue lapsed bylaw	On track	<p>Target completion date: Fourth quarter 2024</p> <p>Staff supporting the Harbourmaster.</p> <p>This project will be introduced to Councillors at the workshop on 21 May 2024.</p>
Dangerous Dams Policy	Preparation of a new policy on dangerous,	On track	Target completion date: June 2024

	<p>earthquake-prone and flood-prone dams</p>		<p>Supporting the Building Assurance team. The Council adopted the statement of proposal and draft policy for consultation on 28 March 2024.</p> <p>Consultation commenced on 1 April and is due to close on 5 May. The Submissions Hearing and Deliberations meeting is on 22 May.</p> <p>The Environment and Regulatory Committee will make decisions on adopting a policy on 6 June.</p>
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**Infrastructure Planning and Policy**

Project	Description	Status	Comments
<b>General</b>			
<p>Kāinga Ora Housing and Communities Infrastructure Acceleration Fund (IAF)</p>	<p>New three waters and roading infrastructure which will support the first phase of the housing development by Wakatū Incorporation in Motueka West</p>	<p>On track</p>	<p>Target Completion Date: October 2024</p> <p>The installation of water mains is complete and wastewater infrastructure is on track. The Manoy Street roundabout design has undergone a safety assessment, which is being considered.</p> <p>The construction of the stormwater project is underway. Wakatū has submitted a resource consent application and further information has been requested. The plan change process is also progressing in parallel and submissions have been received.</p>
<p>LTP support work</p>	<p>Overseeing AMP development for LTP and directly providing planning support for three waters, solid waste, transport, rivers and coastal infrastructure</p>	<p>On track</p>	<p>The infrastructure planning team has been heavily involved in LTP preparation, including the application of the newly-developed prioritisation and risk framework to capex and opex activities/GLs, in collaboration with asset managers; drafting of AMPs; and project growth driver analysis to support the Development Contributions Policy update.</p> <p>AMPs were audited, finalised and issued for consultation, accompanying the LTP. The next steps will include responding to any AMP-related submissions received during the consultation period.</p>

Transport			
<p>Joint Speed Management Plan</p>	<p>Undertake a review of speeds across Nelson and Tasman, culminating in a Joint Speed Management Plan to submit to Waka Kotahi. The new speed limits can be introduced over time once approved.</p>	<p>On track</p>	<p>Target completion date: June 2024</p> <p>Consultation has occurred from 13 November until 29 February 2024. Drop-in sessions have been held at Libraries, and at A &amp; P shows. Over 1,900 submissions have been received.</p> <p>Next stages are hearings on 28 &amp; 29 April, workshop with RTC on 13 May, and with Joint Council on 20 May, deliberations by RTC 19 June, and by the Joint Committee of Council 9 July</p>
<p>Regional Land Transport Plan and Regional Public Transport Plan (RLTP &amp; RPTP)</p>	<p>Review of Joint Regional Land Transport and Public Plans together with Nelson City Council.</p>	<p>On track</p>	<p>Target completion date: June 2024</p> <p>Consultation closed 22nd February. 85 submissions have been received. A hearing was held on 20 March, with deliberations (RTC) 17 April. The RTC will refer the plans to Tasman and Nelson Councils for adoption.</p> <p>The final form of the RLTP will be influenced by the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport (GPS), and the State Highway Investment Programme (SHIP). The SHIP had not been released at time of writing. This may result in a delay to the RTC deliberations meeting on 17 April</p>
<p>Discount rates for Motueka to Takaka Bus</p>	<p>A trial subsidy for Tasman/Nelson residents on GB Coachlines</p>	<p>On track</p>	<p>Target completion date: 30 June 2024</p> <p>The initial trial was a success. The trial has been amended to 20 subsidised rides a month for local residents until 30 June 2024. Work is underway to see if Waka Kotahi funding is available in 2024/2025 year.</p>
<p>Planning input</p>	<p>Providing transport advice to various planning processes</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Staff are currently involved with Richmond Intensification, Mapua Masterplan, Motueka West Plan Change, Wakefield Plan Change, Plan Change 79, and Plan Change 81.</p>

Stormwater & Rivers			
<p>Richmond South Stormwater Programme</p>	<p>Development of a stormwater management programme for existing and future development areas in Richmond South, including cross-section designs for planned drain upgrades.</p> <p>The Stormwater Management Plan will feed into a future structure plan for the area.</p>	<p>On track</p>	<p>Target completion date: Ongoing programme of work</p> <p>The initial phase of a robust business case is underway, to inform the Options Report which will be brought to Strategy &amp; Policy Committee in May 2024 (planned). Adoption of the Options Report will enable exercise of Public Works Act authority for compulsory acquisition if needed in the future.</p> <p>Several property purchases are in progress.</p>
<p>Māpua, Ruby Bay, and Coastal Tasman Catchment Management Plan  Now the Māpua Master Plan</p>	<p>A stormwater model for Māpua, Ruby Bay, and Coastal Tasman to identify locations that are at risk of stormwater flooding in 1% and 10% AEP events was prepared in 2022, with the intention of completing the Catchment Management plan as required under Tasman District Council's stormwater discharge consent.</p> <p>The CMP has now been incorporated into the Māpua Master Plan process, which was approved/adopted by Council in February 2023.</p>	<p>On track</p>	<p>Target completion date: June 2024 for Draft Masterplan</p> <p>Consultation for the second round of engagement occurred in February 2024. Staff are now reviewing and responding to public feedback and proceeding with the development of the draft Masterplan.</p>
<p>Brightwater and Wakefield Catchment Management Plan</p>	<p>Development of a stormwater catchment management plan for the Brightwater and Wakefield Urban Drainage Areas, as required by Tasman District Council's stormwater discharge consent.</p>	<p>Delayed</p>	<p>Target completion date: Existing Q2 2024 New Q3 2024.</p> <p>Work has been delayed by prioritisation of other more time-sensitive work.</p> <p>Updates to the existing Brightwater-Wakefield stormwater model are complete and establish baseline conditions. The consultant has issued an update report. Further review of cost-effective opportunities is ongoing as few clear "winners" have been identified. The next steps</p>

			<p>will be to consult with iwi and the community. The Draft CMP is now being prepared.</p> <p>Previous presentations to both Community Associations took place in June 2023 and November/December 2023.</p>
Richmond stormwater monitoring programme	<p>Under the conditions of consent, the Council is required to develop a stormwater monitoring plan for Richmond.</p> <p>Future planning for other UDAs is also underway, with Motueka next in line.</p>	On track	<p>Target completion date: Ongoing</p> <p>Staff initiated the monitoring programme in April 2023, starting with biological and water quality monitoring at three locations along Jimmy Lee Creek. Monitoring is intended to expand to Motueka in the 2023/2024 financial year, following completion of the Motueka CMP in 2022.</p>
Richmond Central Stormwater Business Case	Business case to assess the management of stormwater in the Richmond CBD catchment	Delayed	<p>Target completion date: Q2 2024 (for second stage) Q4 2024 (for final stage).</p> <p>The first stage of technical work has been completed, which included the re-assessment of the proposed options to gauge effectiveness in removing flood risk. The second stage is currently ongoing, which will involve assessment of potential new options to create a more robust business case. The final stage will involve costing and compilation of the business case for review by Council.</p> <p>Work has been delayed by prioritisation of other more time-sensitive work.</p>
District-wide Stormwater Flood Modelling	Stormwater modelling covering the entire District at a high level to inform future Catchment Management Plans (CMP) for smaller Urban Drainage Area, and to assist with rural stormwater management.	Delayed	<p>Target completion date: Q3 2023 (To be reassessed)</p> <p>Project priority is being reassessed to adjust to Annual Plan 2023/24 budgets and overall strategic policy team resources.</p> <p>The updated proposal is that the next model will be limited to Golden Bay to permit those CMPs to be completed first.</p>

			Staff are still assessing timing of this work.
River Management Plan(s)	Development of the Council's first River Management Plan, as required under the Rivers Activity Management Plan, to help us meet strategic long-term goals for multiple issues and values on Council's X and Y rated rivers.	On track	Target completion date: Q4 2024 Staff are working to scope an appropriate brief for this work, considering infrastructure needs and coordination with iwi. Work is commencing with an internal review of current best practice policies and consent compliance measures (see item below).
Review of River consent, Environmental Management Plan and Best Practices Guide	The Rivers team is initiating a review of the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) that governs our various river works, as required by the consent. We are using this opportunity to overhaul and update the EMP to incorporate the NPS-FW and Te Mana o te Wai more explicitly. The project will also include an overhaul and update of our Best Practices Guide which provides direction on how we do our work.	On track	Target completion date: Q2 2024 Work is underway with expected completion as per target completion date.
<b>Water and Wastewater</b>			
Wastewater modelling	Modelling of Waimea Wastewater network  Network monitoring, data analysis and model outputs will inform the timing of specific capital works projects that are planned as part of the Waimea Wastewater Network Strategy	On track	Target completion date: Q3 2024 Staff have engaged consultants to undertake a four-staged modelling project for the Waimea wastewater trunk main. Consultants have recommended the collection of additional flow data before building and calibrating the model. The planned installation of flow monitoring devices is underway. The target completion date has been previously extended due to a lack of storm events and associated flows to help staff test any model against.
Te Tai o Aorere Regional Wastewater Philosophy	An initiative between Council, NRSBU and potentially NCC to develop a blueprint of iwi and	On track	Target completion date: July 2024 Early engagement with iwi commenced in July 2022 and a

	community aspirations for future wastewater networks. The plan will identify values, objectives, and outcomes.		<p>pōwhiri and hui were held at Te Awhina Marae.</p> <p>A small working group of four members (two iwi, one Council and one NRSBU) are drafting the philosophy and ensuring progress is supported at regular full hui. This work will be completed in draft by end of October/December 2023.</p> <p>A Council workshop was held on 3 July 2024 to review this work and its relation to the planned Motueka Wastewater Treatment Plan relocation project.</p> <p>Iwi have indicated that this project is a key priority for them.</p>
Motueka Wastewater Treatment Plant Relocation	Restarting the Motueka Wastewater Working Group to start the extensive collaborative process of relocating the Motueka WWTP prior to the current consent expiry in 2035.	On track	Reactivation of the Motueka Wastewater working group is scheduled for May July 2024, depending on availability of Council staff, (post LTP) and iwi. Tasking with Working group will follow this hui.
<b>Waste Management and Minimisation</b>			
Joint Waste Minimisation and Management Plan (Waste Plan)	Review the Joint Waste Minimisation and Management Plan (Waste Plan), as required under the Waste Minimisation Act 2008.	On track	<p>Target completion date: July 2025</p> <p>A new project timeline has been agreed to with NCC. The first working group meeting was in February 2024, with a view to public consultation beginning November 2024 and final plan adopted July 2025.</p>
<b>Coastal</b>			
Update of Coastal Protection Policy	Update of Overarching Coastal Protection Policy with linkages to Proposed Reserves and Roads (other land) policies	On track	<p>(proposed) Target completion date: Q4 2024</p> <p>A report was presented at the 28 March Council meeting. A follow-up workshop is proposed to discuss bonds in particular.</p> <p>Further work will also consider Reserve land outside of the Reserves Management Act, Roads and other Council owned land in the coastal zone.</p>



#### 4. Environmental Policy Update – Barry Johnson

- 4.1 In October 2023 the Strategy & Policy Committee resolved to pause the whole of plan review and development of its replacement of the Tasman Environment Plan to focus in the short term on five key Environmental Policy workstreams. The aim of the reset is to maintain progress on key topics while we await pending and potential changes to New Zealand’s environmental legislation.
- 4.2 The short-term focus environmental workstreams are:
- **Urban growth** - implementing the Nelson Tasman Future Development Strategy (FDS);
  - **Natural Hazards** – responding to hazards and climate change;
  - **Freshwater** – implementing the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management. See From the Mountains to the Sea;
  - **Outstand Natural Landscapes and Features** – progressing a plan change to address a longstanding obligation; and
  - **Coastal** – Port Taranaki, marine ecological research, and implementing the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement within the above workstreams.
- 4.3 Alongside these workstreams there are a number of other areas of work that are also covered off in the sections below.

##### Urban Growth

- 4.4 The initial stages of scoping a plan change to re-zone FDS sites for housing and business purposes have been completed. Alongside rezoning land, the plan change will also include changes to rules to enable and encourage redevelopment and higher densities in some of the District’s existing urban areas.
- 4.5 There was a Council workshop on 11 April to discuss and get direction from Council on the scope of the plan change. The next steps will now involve discussions with affected landowners and further development of intensification rules.
- 4.6 A hearing for Plan Change 76 (Wakefield) is scheduled for 12 June 2024. There has been a delay due to the availability of expert witnesses. Staff have met with landowners and interested groups to settle on a way forward that has enabled the plan change to proceed to a hearing.
- 4.7 Plan Change 80 Motueka West was notified in December with the submission period running through until early February. Four submissions were received. The time for further submissions on the plan changes is 19 April 2024. Following the round of further submissions, staff will assess whether any further analysis is required ahead of scheduling a hearing, if one is required.

##### Richmond Spatial and Intensification Plan (RSIP)

- 4.8 The RSIP project, rebranded as “Richmond on the Rise” or (ROTR) is nearly complete. There is a separate paper on today’s agenda to consider adoption of the Plan.
- 4.9 The Plan includes a number of actions that look to guide and shape the future growth of Richmond. Some of the actions will be implemented through the upcoming Urban Growth plan change.

##### Natural Hazards

- 4.10 Early scoping work is progressing well with a workshop to confirm the initial scope of the plan change held on 9 April. The next steps include the completion of an Issues & Options report that will be released for community feedback in the last quarter of 2024. While it is still early days, staff anticipate the release of a draft plan change in 2026.

### **Coastal Policy update**

- 4.11 The coastal planning team are developing a Structure Plan for Port Taranaki. There is no current strategic plan covering Port Taranaki and its surrounds so this project will provide a strategic framework to help guide the growth and development of the port. The project so far has identified a number of issues with the current planning provisions for Port Taranaki. There is a need to amend the zoning for the port and adjoining land to align with its anticipated future use and the New Zealand Policy Statement (NZCPS). Additionally, consultation to date identified a number of significant issues (and opportunities), and this project provides an opportunity to address the issues.
- 4.12 An Issues and Options report incorporating and updating previous planning work, iwi and community feedback was released for public feedback until 1 March. The report outlines eight key issues and a set of possible responses to issues such as planning, legislation, and development.
- 4.13 The feedback received is currently being collated and a draft structure plan will be prepared for Council's consideration.

### **Te Waikōpū Water Conservation Order progress update**

#### **Partnership with iwi**

- 4.14 Staff have had a number of very constructive hui with Ngāti Tama representatives so far this year to discuss the process for implementing the Te Waikōpū Water Conservation Order (WCO) and protecting the Springs. Outcomes from the hui will be incorporated into a paper setting out the Council's obligations, its work programme and work underway that will go to the Strategy and Policy Committee in May 2024.

#### **Freshwater monitoring**

- 4.15 The WCO requires monthly monitoring of Nitrate and Dissolved Reactive Phosphorus (DRP) at the Springs (both main Spring and Fish Creek Spring WCO site) and five yearly monitoring of Dissolved Oxygen and Water Clarity over October to January at the Main Spring.
- 4.16 The frequency of Nitrate and DRP sampling at the Main Spring and Fish Creek Spring was increased from three monthly to monthly in June 2023 and is ongoing. Further sampling of the Fish Creek Spring WCO site also commenced monthly from June 2023. All results are publicly available on the Council's website. While these results provide an indication of water quality at the Springs, establishing compliance with the WCO limits can only be assessed once five years of verified data has been collected for analysis (ie July 2028).
- 4.17 The first round of Dissolved Oxygen and Water Clarity monitoring is scheduled for October 2024 and is influenced by the availability of NIWA staff to assist with the complex instrumentation used for continuous monitoring in the Main Spring over at least three months.
- 4.18 The flow monitoring for the main spring has been ongoing for years as part of the Council's hydrological monitoring network. Real time data is available online on the Council website under Tasman District Council river flow and under the name Arthur Marble Aquifer at Te Waikōpū Springs.

**Science investigations and information**

- 4.19 A peer review of the freshwater monitoring programme in relation to the Springs is expected to be completed in 2024. Council will have to consider the findings of the peer review, including any recommendations as required by the Court. The cost of any recommendations will need to be addressed through the normal budgeting processes.
- 4.20 Further investigation work covering sources of nitrate, climate effects on nitrate in the aquifer system and management of karst features, is underway or being initiated. Some of this work is being funded via Envirolink grants to reduce costs.
- 4.21 Environment Information staff have also created new land use maps for the catchment which will facilitate better understanding of potential nitrate loads in the WAMARA.

**Plan change development**

- 4.22 The Land and Freshwater Plan Change workstream, that incorporates the WCO and supporting framework, is progressing well. Plan drafting work, including collaboration with iwi and key stakeholders is on track to produce a draft plan for community feedback.
- 4.23 There are a number of outstanding pieces of information that are required to enable the plan change to be drafted. It is likely that community engagement ahead of release of a draft plan change will be required to collect the information and staff are committed to notify a plan change as soon as possible.

**Freshwater farm plans**

- 4.24 Work by Environment Information staff on development of the resources to support the roll out of the Freshwater Farm Plan regulations in Tasman is well in train. This was previously signalled for January 2025, but the latest messaging from central government suggests this could be delayed by six to 12 months.
- 4.25 Farmers in the recharge area are already undertaking actions to meet the protections for the Springs, including physiographic mapping of their properties and further nutrient management planning.

**Action Plan – focused on nitrate**

- 4.26 A draft of the Action Plan is in progress and should be available for discussion by the end of April. This includes consideration of both regulatory and non-regulatory options and focuses on achieving the nitrate reduction required in the WCO.

**Public communications**

- 4.27 A dedicated WCO webpage has been created and regularly updated as workstreams progress.
- 4.28 A mailout is planned for all properties in the Springs recharge area and Fish Creek catchment to ensure all landowners who may be affected by the WCO and subsequent plan changes are aware of the current process and avenues to obtain further information.
- 4.29 Information on further public engagement on the WCO plan change will be included in the paper to the Strategy and Policy Committee meeting in May 2024.

**Outstanding Natural Landscapes and Features**




- 4.30 A plan change to identify Tasman's Outstanding Natural Landscapes and Features alongside a second plan change that will redefine the Coastal Environment line in Tasman is

progressing well. The projects are at the point where the actual plan provisions are being drafted. Once completed the draft plan changes will be released so affected landowners and any interested people can provide informal feedback. This will be followed by public notification, beginning the start of the formal legal plan change process. Public notification is planned for later this year.

### Deferred Zones

4.31 Consultation with landowners and affected neighbours on draft proposals is underway with notification of a proposed plan change anticipated mid 2024.

4.32 The following table gives a brief update on the major environmental policy work streams.

Project	Description	Status	Comments
Whole of Plan review	Review of the Tasman Regional Policy Statement and Tasman Resource Management Plan	On hold	Paused until there is more clarity on the government's intentions. Work programme has been reset to focus on key priorities.
E-Plan	Procurement and implementation of an electronic plan to replace paper-based planning documents	In progress	Procurement is complete. Project is planned to be completed by October.
Future Development Strategy Implementation	A programme of work to implement the Nelson Tasman Future Development Strategy	In Progress  FDS & IMPLEMENTATION PLAN COMPLETED	FDS implementation plan was adoption by Joint Nelson Tasman Committee on 14 November.  The Housing and Business Assessment is now complete. Implementation is through Urban Growth Plan Changes.
Growth – Richmond Central	Development of a spatial & intensification plan for the existing Richmond urban area.	Complete 	Richmond on the Rise spatial plan to be adopted at this Strategy and Policy Committee meeting. Implementation through Urban Growth plan change.
Growth – Richmond South	Development of a potential structure plan for Richmond South FDS growth area and consideration of possible re-zoning for growth	On-hold	Two rounds of community engagement completed; further progress paused until after the Richmond on the Rise completed.
Growth plan changes	Plan changes to enable higher density housing on residential zoned land and some re-zoning of rural land to residential in Murchison, Wakefield, Brightwater and Motueka.	On track  Murchison & Brightwater	Murchison and Brightwater operative. Māpua is on hold pending Mapua Master Plan project outcomes. Wakefield hearing June 2024. Motueka notified, next step hearing.
Land & Freshwater plan change Including Takaka & Waimea	Plan change to address freshwater management in Tasman, including Te Waikoropupū WCO	On track	Staff are working with iwi, Nelson, and Marlborough councils to develop plan change content. WCO plan provisions in development.

Project	Description	Status	Comments
Natural Hazards, including Coastal Hazards	Project to update TRMP to manage effects of natural hazards in Tasman.	In progress	Issues and Options report due 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2024. Community engagement late 2024. Draft plan change 2026.

**5. Attachments / Tuhinga tāpiri**

Nil

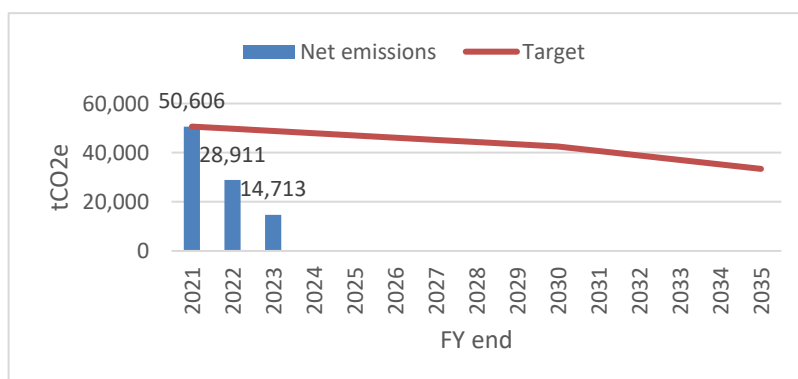
## 7.5 COUNCIL'S GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS INVENTORY FOR 2022/23

Information Only - No Decision Required

<b>Report To:</b>	Strategy and Policy Committee
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	18 April 2024
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<b>Report Number:</b>	RSPC24-04-5

### 1. Summary / Te Tuhinga Whakarāpoto

- 1.1 Staff have recently completed the annual inventory of the Council's greenhouse gas emissions for the 2022/2023 period (see Attachment 1). The report has been independently verified by an external auditor (see Attachment 2).
- 1.2 The *operational control consolidation approach* was used to prepare this report. Previously the *equity share method* was used to calculate the annual inventory. Baseline year emissions were recalculated using the operational control method, to enable consistency of comparison and identification of accurate trends across time. Landfill emissions were also recalculated for all years, using the *Unique Emissions Factor* (UEF) that now applies to the York Valley Landfill.
- 1.3 Net greenhouse gas emissions from the Council's operations during the 2022/2023 financial year were 14,713 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalents (tCO<sub>2</sub>e). This represents a 71% reduction in emissions (i.e. 35,893 tCO<sub>2</sub>e in total) when compared to our baseline 2020/2021 year.
- 1.4 The Council needs to decrease its emissions by 1,745 tCO<sub>2</sub>e per annum to meet its target of zero net emissions by 2050. Significant gains in reducing emissions from the York Valley landfill have been made over the past two years, meaning the Council is making good progress against the target.



### 2. Recommendation/s / Ngā Tūtohunga

That the Strategy and Policy Committee

**1. receives the Council's greenhouse gas emissions inventory for 2022/23 report RSPC24-04-5.**

**3. Purpose**

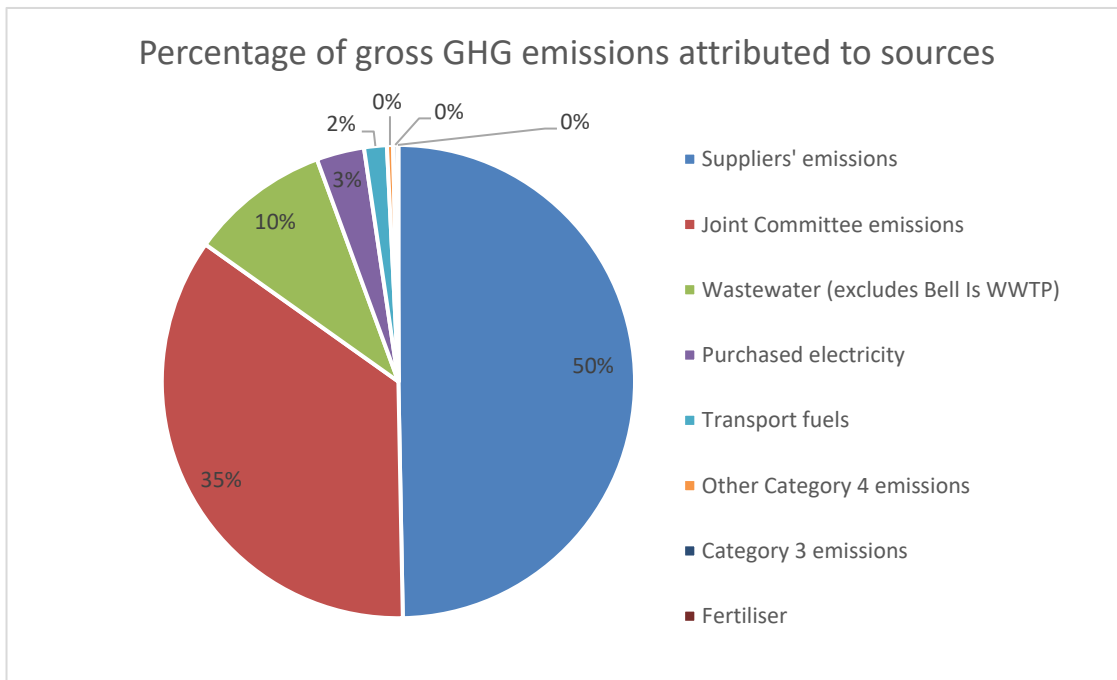
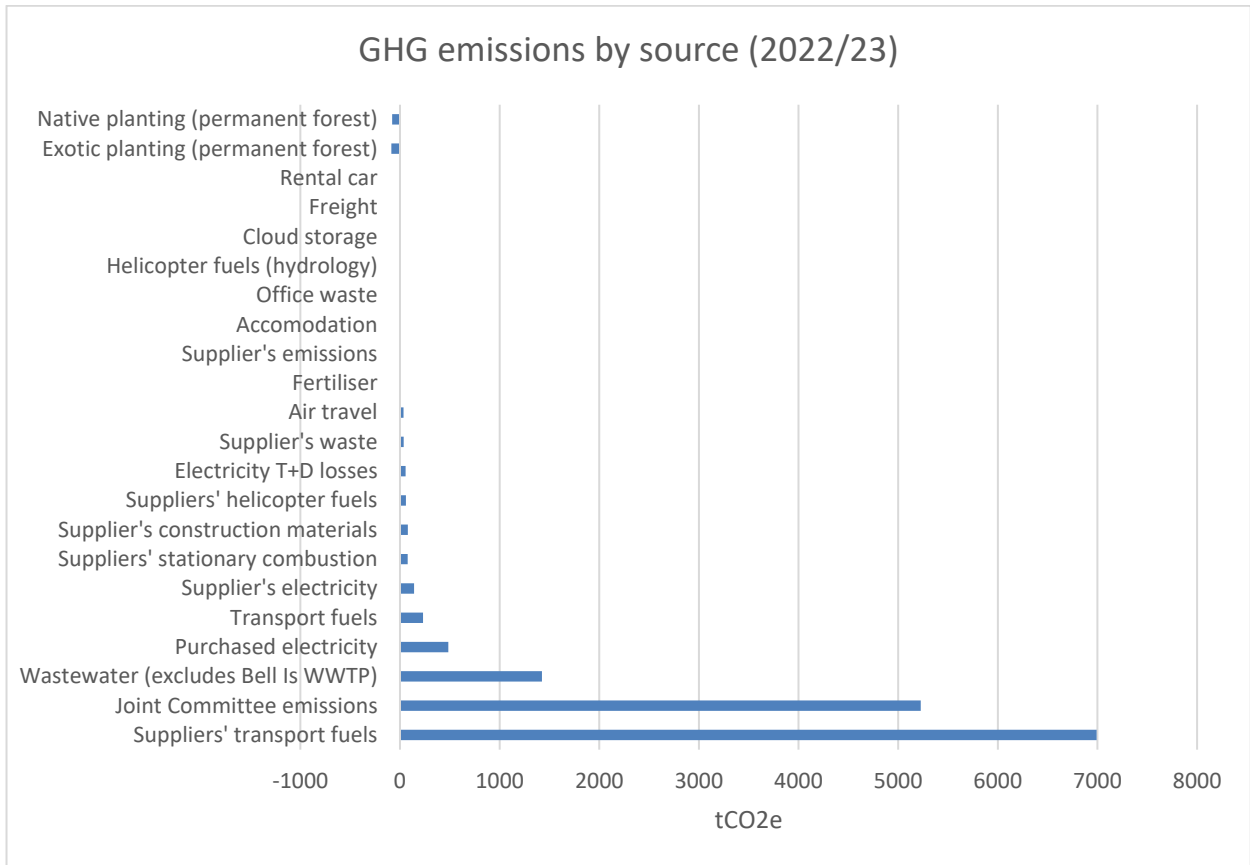
- 3.1 To report on the Council's organisational greenhouse gas emissions for the 2022/23 financial year and provide a comparison to the baseline year 2020/21.

**4. Council's emission reduction targets**

- 4.1 Submissions are currently open on the draft Tasman Climate Response Strategy and Action Plan (2023-2035), which includes the following emissions reduction targets:
- a) biogenic methane emissions reduce by 10% below 2017 levels by 2030 and 24-47% by 2050 or earlier;
  - b) net emissions of all other greenhouse gases reduce to zero by 2050; and
  - c) net emissions of all other greenhouse gases from the Council's activities reduce 16% by 2030 and 34% by 2035, compared to the 2020/21 baseline.
- 4.2 Note that targets a) and b) apply to both Tasman District (i.e. the entire region) and the Council's operations, whereas target c) applies only to emissions from Council's operations.
- 4.3 Our targets are measured against the Council's 2020/2021 baseline inventory.
- 4.4 If the Council was to reduce its gross emissions to zero by 2050, it would need to decrease its emissions by an average of 1,745 tCO<sub>2</sub>e annually.

**5. Emissions inventory for 2022/2023**

- 5.1 For this reporting period, we changed methodology from the *equity share approach* (used for our two previous inventories) to the *operational control consolidation approach* to account for the Council's emissions. Most other councils, including Nelson City Council (NCC), use the latter approach.
- 5.2 We also changed our measurement of landfill emissions, to align with the methodology now used by both NCC and the Nelson Tasman Regional Landfill Business Unit (NTRLBU). The Ministry for the Environment (MfE) default emission factor that we previously used to calculate landfill emissions was replaced by the Unique Emissions Factor (UEF) developed for York Valley landfill.
- 5.3 The net emissions of greenhouse gases from Council's operations for 2022/2023 were 14,713 tCO<sub>2</sub>e. The Council's primary emissions sources were from supplier transport fuels (6,875 tCO<sub>2</sub>e) and Joint Committee emissions (5,227 tCO<sub>2</sub>e). The Council's other large emission sources were other wastewater treatment plants, purchased electricity, and Council's transport fuels. Together, these sources make up 97% of our gross carbon emissions for the 2022/23 period.
- 5.4 Joint Committee emissions are the Council's 50% share of emissions from York Valley Landfill, Bell Island wastewater treatment plant and Nelson-Tasman Civil Defence and Emergency Management (CDEM). The remaining 50% of these emissions are included in Nelson City Council's GHG inventory.

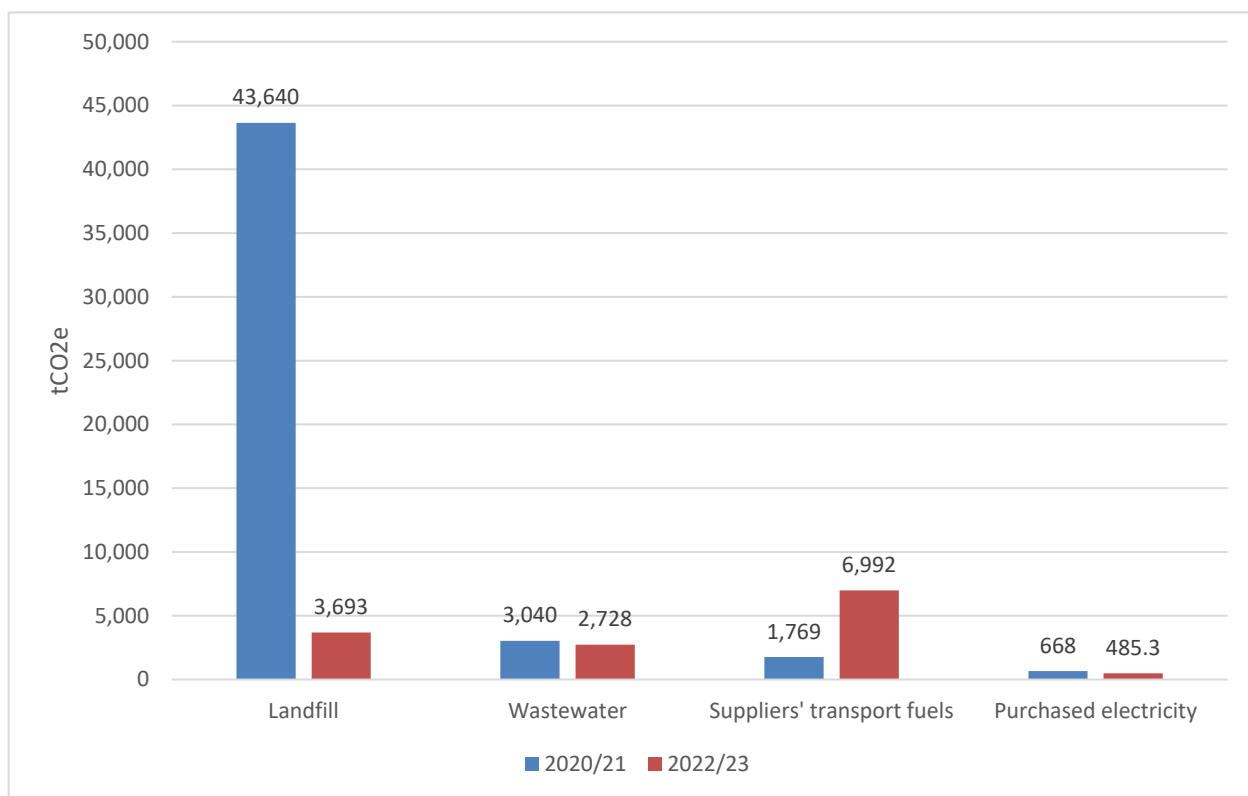


**6. Comparison to baseline year**

6.1 In the 2022/23 period, the Council's gross greenhouse gas emissions totalled 14,879 tCO<sub>2</sub>e. This is a notable reduction (a 71% decrease) from the baseline year of 2020/21, when the Council's gross emissions were 50,642 tCO<sub>2</sub>e. Reducing 35,763 tCO<sub>2</sub>e of greenhouse gas emissions over two years is like removing 7,152 internal combustion engine (ICE) cars from the road for that same period.



6.2 The following graph compares the Council's top four greenhouse gas emissions between the baseline year and 2022/23.



- 6.3 **Landfill emissions reduction:** There was a substantial reduction in biogenic methane emissions from the York Valley Landfill, which decreased by 91.5% compared to the baseline year. This reduction is due to application of the unique emission factor (UEF) in calculations because of significantly increased methane capturing ability at the landfill, as well as the re-routing of NCC green waste from landfill to composting companies. Note that UEFs have also been used to recalculate the landfill emissions for previous years, for consistency of comparison.
- 6.4 **Increase in supplier transport fuels:** PF Olsen (the contractor who manages the Council's plantation forests) provided data on their transport fuel usage for the first time in 2023. This additional information makes it look like there has been a significant increase in the suppliers' transport fuel total for the 2022/23 period, when compared to previous years. A similarly intensive harvesting programme has been underway for the Council's forests during the last few years, meaning the baseline figure for suppliers' transport fuels was likely similar to the figure for 2022/23.
- 6.5 **Energy efficiency measures:** The decrease in electricity emissions is due to changes in MfE emission factors and implementation of a range of energy efficiency measures across various Council buildings and infrastructure, including pump stations.
- 6.6 **Recalibration and refinement:** By recalculating emissions from previous reporting periods using consistent methodologies, we ensured the integrity of our data and enabled meaningful comparisons over time. This rigorous approach underscores our commitment to accountability and continuous improvement.

**7. Conclusion**

- 7.1 The Council's organisational emissions decreased by 71% in 2022/23, compared to our baseline emissions in 2020/21, meaning we are on track to meet our net-zero target by 2050.

**8. Attachments / Tuhinga tāpiri**

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| 1. <a href="#">↓</a> | Council's greenhouse gas emissions inventory report 2022/23 | 219 |
| 2. <a href="#">↓</a> | Verification statement from independent auditor             | 262 |











































































































