

# Strategy and Policy update

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**Wainuiomata and Eastbourne community boards**

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# Purpose of today



1. Annual Plan update



2. Submissions on current Government legislation



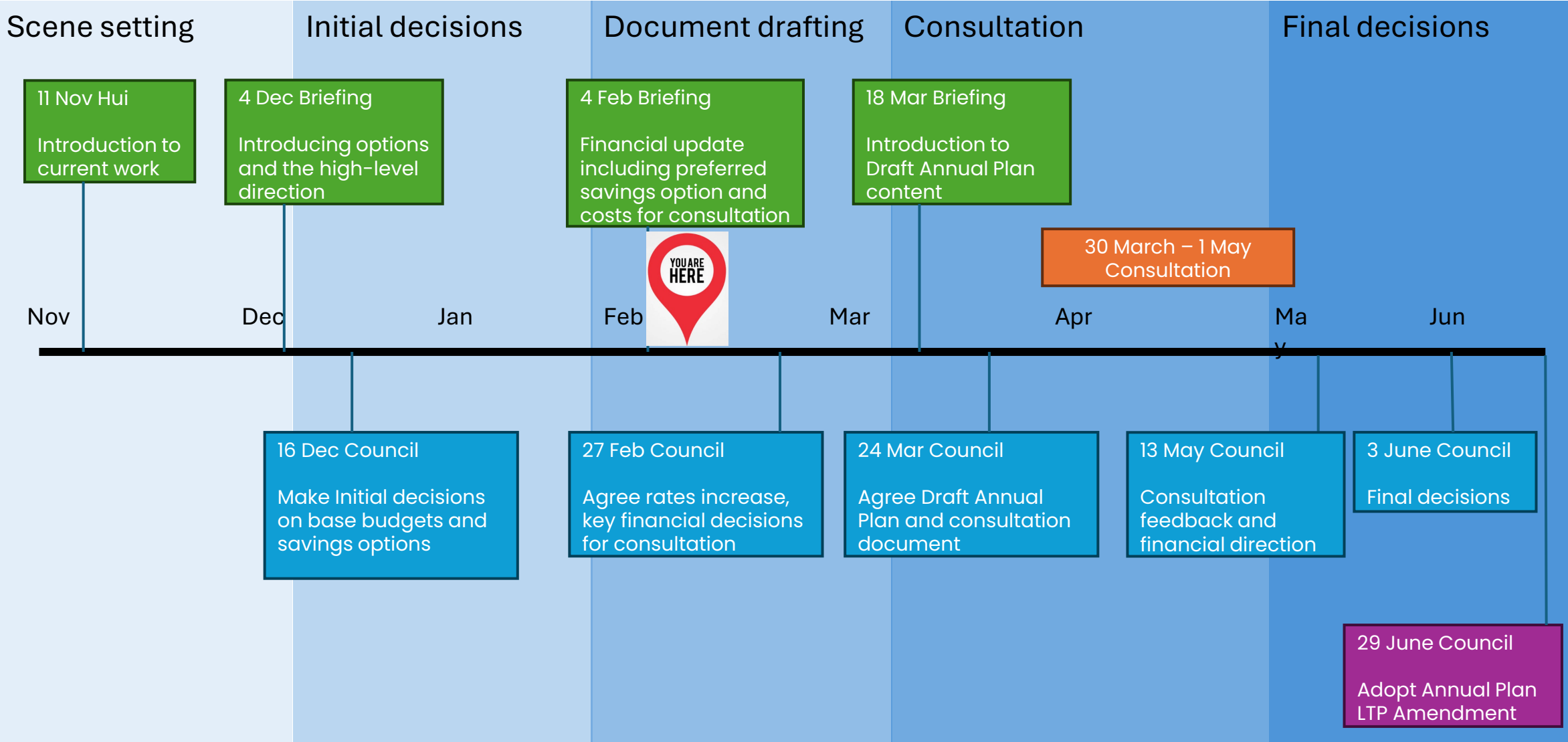
3. Regional reorganisation planning



4. 2026 Resident Satisfaction survey

# Annual Plan

# Upcoming decisions



# **Submissions on current Government Legislation**

# Current Government legislation agenda

Legislation	Submission Due date
Rates target model for New Zealand	4 February 2026
Emergency Management Bill (No 2)	15 February 2026
Natural Environment Bill*	13 February 2026
Planning Bill*	13 February 2026
Building (Earthquake-Prone Buildings) Amendment Bill*	16 February 2026
Simplifying Local Government *	20 February 2026
Development Levies Consultation and Local Government (Infrastructure Funding) Amendment Bill	20 February 2026
Inquiry into the 2025 Local Elections	27 February 2026

**\* = formal council submission being prepared**

# **Regional reorganisation planning**

# Simplifying Local Government

The Government is proposing to simplify local government in two steps:

**Step 1:** Mayors will collectively form a Combined Territories Board (CTB). The CTB will lead regional issues and govern the regional council, taking over all of the current regional council's roles and obligations.

**Step 2:** The CTB will develop a plan for how the councils in your region can work together more effectively and efficiently (called a Regional Reorganisation Plan).

# What is the Regional approach?

- In December, the Regional Mayoral Forum met to discuss change for the region and options for change.

## **Mayoral Forum's recommended approach:**

- establish a regional joint working group to develop the next steps
- engaging the public on amalgamation and effective service delivery

## **Next Steps**

- Report to Council on 27 February to seek agreement on doing further work



# **Resident Satisfaction Survey**

# What is the Resident Satisfaction survey?

- The Resident Satisfaction Survey (RSS) is an annual survey undertaken by the Hutt City Council.
- The survey residents about their satisfaction with the Council's services, facilities, outdoor spaces, and decision making.
- Council uses survey insights to improve how it serves residents in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt.



# How do residents participate?

- Online: [hutt.city/RSS2026](https://hutt.city/RSS2026)
- By QR code found on RSS posters
- By paper survey at neighbourhood hubs or at the Council administration office at Laings Road.



# Patai / Questions?