



Briefing: Central City Transformation Plan Refresh

05 June 2025 – 4.30pm

Attendees

Elected Members: Cr Brown, Cr Dyer, Cr Edwards, Deputy Mayor Lewis, Cr Mitchell, Cr Morgan, Cr Parkin, Cr Shaw, Cr Stallinger, Cr Tupou.

Staff: J Livschitz, Group Chief Financial Officer; A Blackshaw, Director Neighbourhoods and Communities; J Griffiths, Director Strategy and Engagement; J Kingsbury, Director Economy and Development; A Geddes, Director Environment and Sustainability, J Young, Democracy Advisor

Apologies

Mayor Barry, Cr Barratt, Cr Briggs

Presenters

Head of Urban Development and the Urban Design Lead

Key Objectives of the Briefing

The purpose of the briefing is to provide elected members with key updates on changes to the City Transformation Plan, specifically, changes to the document.

Introduction

The Head of Urban Development advised that the Urban Development team is seeking for the old City Transformation Plan document to be revoked which will be put in front of Council in July 2025. She elaborated that the team have opted for a simpler format of the document, focusing on key components of the strategy for the city centre. She highlighted the suggestion to change the document name to City Centre Framework to mark a clear transition from the old document to the new one. The Urban Design Lead elaborated on the changes that occurred since the last briefing.

Presentation by the Head of Urban Development and the Urban Design Lead

Slide 1 – Central City Transformation Plan Refresh.

Slide 2 – Agenda.

Slide 3 – July 2025 Decisions.

Slide 4 – What has changed since our last briefing.

Slide 5 – Cultural foundation – new.

Slide 6 – Vision – Updated.

Slide 7 – Values – no major changes.

Slide 8 – Outcomes – no major changes.

Slide 9 – Key moves – no major changes.

Slide 10 – New Initiatives–The Meander.

Slide 11 – High street Quarter.

Slide 12 – New Initiatives–High Street Quarter.

Slide 13 – Living and working.

Slide 14 – New Initiatives – Living and Working.

Slide 15 – Riverside Park

Slide 16 – New Initiatives – Riverside Park

Slide 17 – Transport Choice

Slide 18 – New Initiatives – Transport Choice.

Slide 19 – Civic Activation.

Slide 20 – New Initiatives Civic Activation.

Slide 21 – Next Steps

Slide 22 – Thank you

Questions and discussion points

In response to a question from a member, the Head of Urban Development responded that avoiding the need for generators to reduce emissions in terms of the civic activation can be fed into the document and will be considered. She advised that that there is power on site at Daly Street.

In response to a question from a member, the Head of Urban Development responded that most of the initiatives in the document are already in the Long Term Plan. The Urban Design Lead further responded that there is already some budget to do some upgrades to Riddiford Gardens rather than a complete redesign or additional works, specifically improvements around accessibility of the playground. This has already been planned, and engagements with members will continue as projects progress.

Next steps

5 June 2025: Council Briefing

9 June 2025: Mana Whenua Quarterly meeting

17 June 2025: Committee report due

3 July 2025: Seek endorsement of Framework from Infrastructure and Regulatory Committee

31 July 2025: Seek adoption of City Centre Framework by Council

Briefing materials

Attachment 1 – Presentation:

The briefing closed at 4.41pm