Open Briefing: Infrastructure Strategy (via audio-visual link)

13 October 2026 – 10.45am

Attendees

Elected Members: Mayor Fauono Laban, Cr Barratt, Cr Dyer, Cr Edwards, Cr Lewis, Cr Mitchell, Cr Parkin, Cr Ravi, Cr Shaw, Cr Puketapu, Cr Stallinger and Cr Yung.

Staff: J Miller, Chief Executive; J Kingsbury, Director Economy and Development; J Downing, Director Strategy and Engagement; D Nunnian, Acting Group Chief Financial Officer; B Cato; Chief Legal Officer; S Gardner, Acting Chief Digital Officer; C Ellis, Head of Chief Executives Office; A Ryall, Head of Mayor's Office; E Anand, Head of Capital Delivery; A Koia-Ward, Strategic Advisor; H Ellison, Project Delivery Manager; R Hardie, Head of Strategy and Policy; H Bell, Water Services Advisor; J Young, Democracy Advisor and V Gilmour, Democracy Advisor.

Apologies

Cr Tonga-Grant, Deputy Mayor Brown

Presenters

J Downing, Director Strategy and Engagement; and
A Koia-Ward, Strategic Advisor.

Introduction and Key Objectives of the Briefing

The purpose of the briefing is to provide an update on the development of Council's Infrastructure Strategy as part of the 2027–2037 Long Term Plan (LTP) process. It outlines the purpose and proposed scope of the Infrastructure Strategy, progress with drafting, and the next steps and timeframes for Council consideration and public engagement.

Presentation by J Downing, Director Strategy and Engagement and A Koia-Ward, Strategic Advisor.

Slide 1 – Infrastructure Strategy (Header)

Slide 2 – Purpose

Slide 3 – Proposed Scope

Slide 4 – Proposed Outline

Slide 5 – Next Steps

Questions and discussion points

- The Infrastructure Strategy (the Strategy) is a legislative requirement under the Local Government Act 2002 and identifies significant infrastructure challenges, investment priorities and potential service level implications over a 30-year period.
- Council agreed to the proposed scope on 30 June 2026, covering transport, solid waste, community facilities and flood protection where relevant.

- The Strategy will include additional asset classes beyond the minimum legislative requirements, providing greater consistency with other councils

in the Wellington region.

- Assets managed by central government, regional organisations or Tiaki Wai will be excluded.

- Drafting is well advanced, with input from across Council and ongoing engagement with Mana Whenua.

- Feedback received through the early LTP engagement process will be incorporated into the draft Strategy to be considered by Council in December 2026.

Next steps

- 19 November 2026 – Drafting and Incorporating Long Term Plan Decisions
- 15 December 2026 – Draft Strategy Approval
- 30 March 2026 – 1 May 2027 - Engagement

Briefing materials

Attachment 1 – Presentation: Infrastructure Strategy 13 October 2026

The briefing closed at 10.55am.