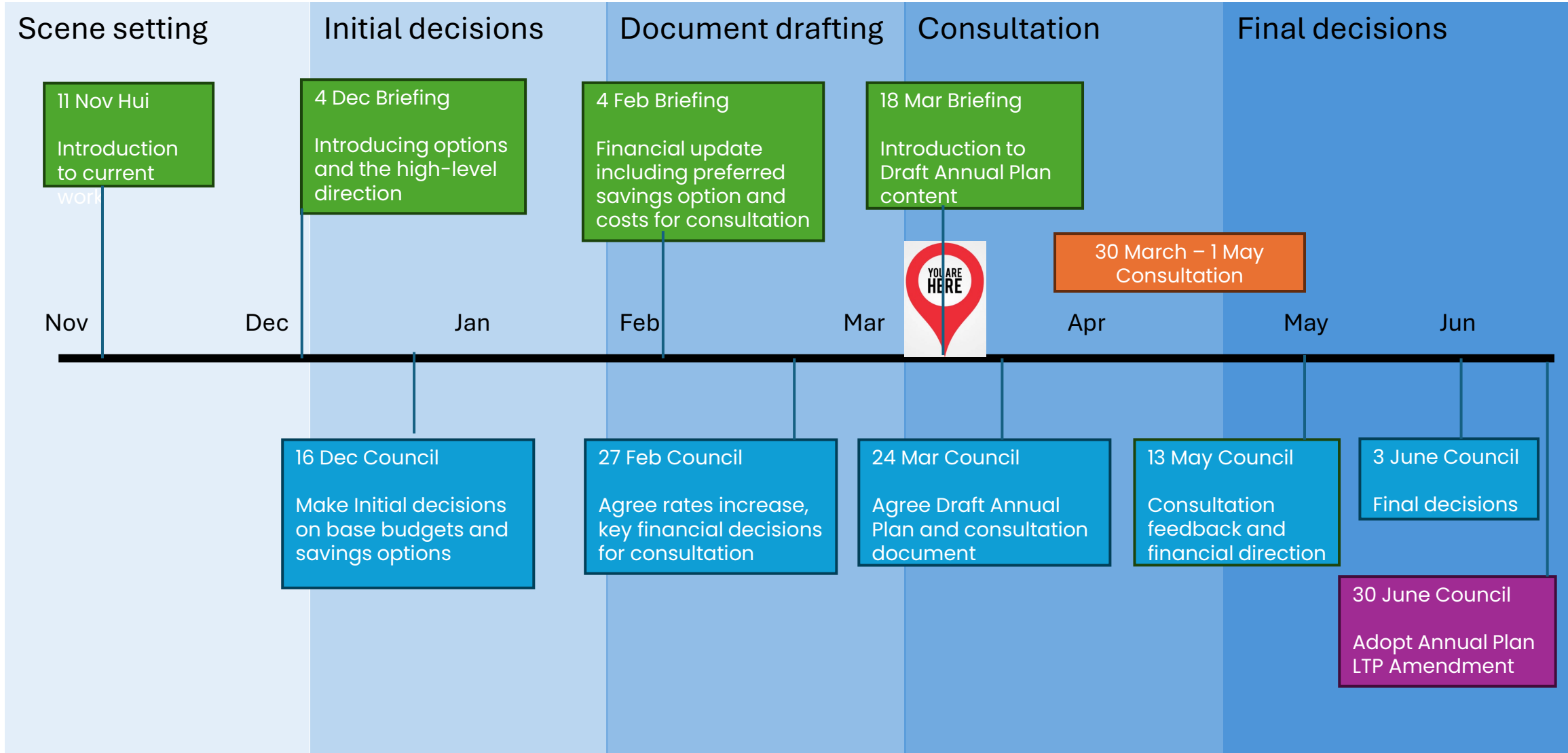


Annual Plan 2026–2027 and the Long Term Plan 2024–2034 Amendment

Elected Member Briefing

18 March 2026

Annual Plan 2026–2027 Timeline



Annual Plan 2026–2027 overview

- Continues council priorities, services and key investments
- Supports implementation of the Target Operating Model to improve efficiency and manage future rates pressures
- Responds to cost pressures facing households
- Details proposed rates increase: 9.5% (down from 12.9%)
- Only requires a light touch engagement approach

Long Term Plan 2024–2034 Amendment overview

Key documents updated:

- Significance and Engagement Policy
- Revenue and Financing Policy
- Development Contributions Policy
- Rates Remissions Policy
- Infrastructure Strategy
- Financial Strategy
- Statements of service performance

Financial overview

DAP financial projections reflect:

- overall rates increase of 9.5% in 2026/27; 7% in 2027/28, 5.1% from 2028/29 onwards (after growth)
- All decisions from 27 Feb 2026 and updated depreciation budgets aligned to the decisions (refer to appendix slides)
- Correction (increase) to Transport maintenance budget of \$0.85M per year related to Tiaki Wai transfer of assets (advice from the Stormwater taskforce)
- Latest rates modelling based on rating information database

Indicative impacts on rates 2026–27

With overall 9.5% rates revenue increase. Includes impact of the property revaluation changes. Water rates removed from 2025–26 to compare like for like.

Property Category	1 July 2025 Capital Value	2025–26 New Base	1 July 2026 Capital Value	2026–27 Indicative Rates	\$ Change Amount annual	\$ Change Amount weekly	Change Amount %
Residential	\$815,000	\$2,263	\$735,000	\$2,488	\$225	\$4.33	9.9%
Commercial central	\$2,350,000	\$20,546	\$2,149,000	\$22,445	\$1,899	\$36.52	9.2%
Commercial suburban	\$2,418,000	\$16,425	\$2,062,000	\$16,858	\$433	\$8.33	2.6%
Rural	\$1,247,000	\$2,536	\$1,107,000	\$2,754	\$218	\$4.19	8.6%
Non-Water Utilities	\$21,266,000	\$174,250	\$22,463,450	\$192,970	\$18,720	\$360.00	10.7%
Water Utilities	\$124,240,000	\$1,017,975	\$414,380,000	\$1,119,928	\$101,953	\$1,960.63	10.0%

Revenue and Financing policy consultation

- Revenue and Financing policy consultation will be run separately to the DAP engagement.
- Consultation pack will include:
 - Consultation document + survey + Draft Revenue and Financing Policy
- Key consultation item will be the new Water utilities category
- Consultation pack will be available online and on paper in the neighbourhood hubs
- Also direct communication to ratepayers in the utilities category

Annual Plan Elected Member Engagement

Ngā Mātāpono o Te Whiringa

Engagement Principles

We will ...

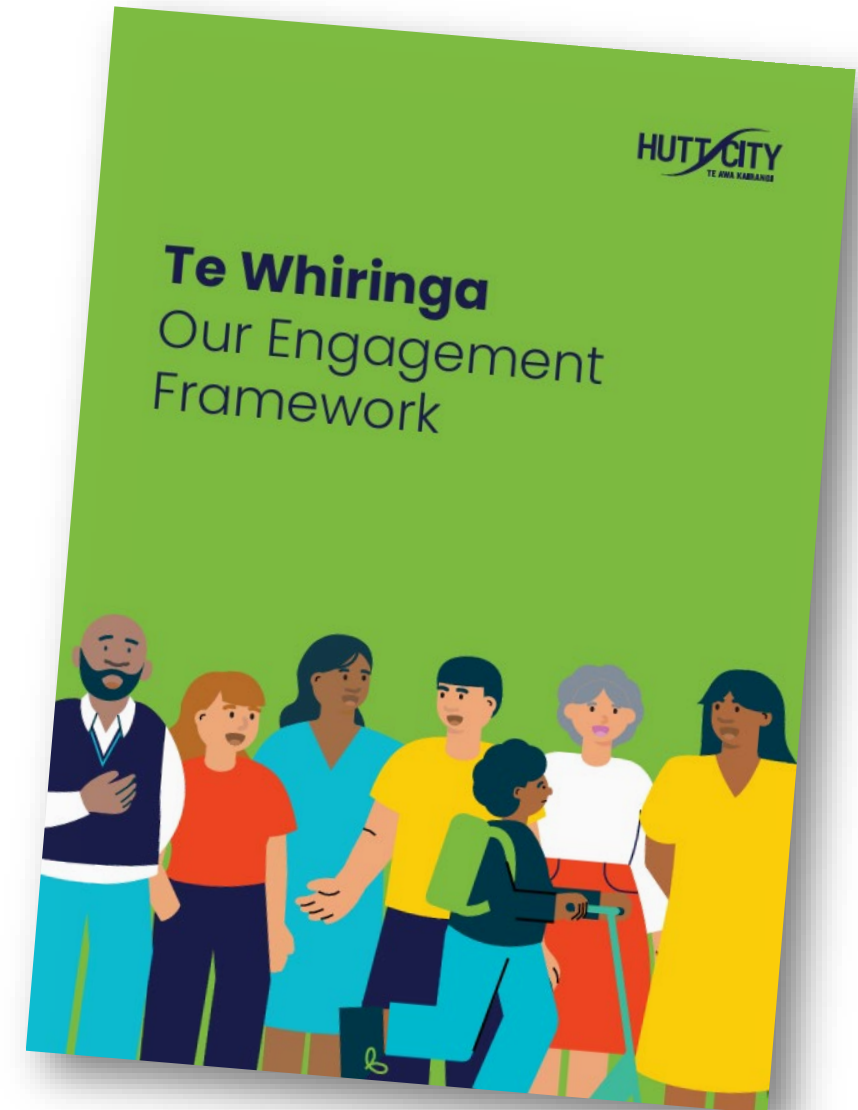
Engage **when it counts**, in **ways that work for you**

Be **inclusive** and **accessible**

Be **responsible partners** under Te Tiriti

Engage **genuinely** with **clear intentions**

Be **clear** about the **impact of your feedback**



Annual Plan engagement objectives

This light touch engagement approach is designed to:

- **Build confidence** in Council's approach to managing rates and financial sustainability
- **Check community sentiment** on the direction we are taking
- **Strengthen connections** with communities ahead of Long Term Plan engagement
- **Gain early insight** into community expectations for LTP conversations

Suggested engagement methods

Online

- Usual social media sharing e.g. posts, videos.
- Social media quick polls
- Social media targeted outreach

In person

- Markets – Dowse Square night market, Riverbank market, other community markets.
- Drop-in sessions: hubs, marae, community space, coffee with a councillor, street corner meetings
- Attending planned business, community, resident meetings or events.

Elected Member Toolkit

Online

- Annual Plan Engagement documents
- Target Operating Model summary
- Social media poll ideas and phrasing
- Social tiles

In person

- Annual Plan Engagement documents
- Target Operating Model summary
- An elevator pitch and support messaging
- QR code cards to online survey & info
- Presentation slides

Microsoft Form to capture feedback across channels

Support

We can support

- Briefing Elected Members on engagement opportunities
- Providing an Elected Member toolkit to support engagement
- Promoting Elected Members whereabouts on Council channels over the engagement period
- Collating, analysing and reporting back on community feedback

We cannot support

- Attending engagements
- Recording feedback
- Planning Elected Member engagement sessions

Check in

Annual Plan - Elected Member Engagement Form

This form is designed for elected members to capture feedback, concerns, and suggestions from the community relating to Annual Plan. Please provide detailed information to help us better understand community sentiment.

You are welcome to capture every single interaction e.g. multiple one-to-one conversations at an event, or you can summarise what you heard through several interactions had through one engagement.

When you submit this form, it will not automatically collect your details like name and email address unless you provide it yourself.

* Required

Activity: “My Engagement Commitment ...”

Pātai?

Appendix

Key financial decisions 27 Feb 2026

- Rates revenue increases (after growth) approved as follows:

	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034
DAP27 rates increase trajectory	9.5%	7.0%	5.1%	5.1%	5.1%	5.1%	5.1%	5.1%

- No budget changes were approved for Road safety campaign, Petone Wharf, Petone Parking and Petone Grandstand
- While no budget change was approved, decisions on Petone hub have been deferred till LTP2027
- Decisions on Kia Haumarū business safety, Neighbourhood support services and Heritage services were made in the public excluded part of the meeting

Summary of decisions made 27 Feb 2026

Detail	Indicative rates impact 2029	Total financial impact 2026-2034	Approved option/details
Built Heritage Grant Fund	0.05%	Opex reduction \$0.21M 2026-27 (\$0.75M over 8 years)	Option 3: retain \$100k in the fund from 2027-28.
Target Operating Model investment	-	Opex increase \$2M in 2026-27	Initial investment to start the change programme approved to be funded from debt in the interim.
Community Funding Panel Projects	0.07%	Opex reduction \$0.1M 2026-27 (\$1M over 8 years) Capex reduction \$0.23M 2025-26 (\$1.91M over 9 years)	Option 2: Discontinue service
Alicetown Community House	0.04%	Opex reduction \$0.06M 2026-27 (\$0.44M over 8 years) Capex reduction \$0.03M 2026-27 (\$0.11M over 8 years)	Option 2: Demolish building and sell land
Eastern Hutt Road Resilience rephasing	-	Revenue reduction \$5.26M 2025-26 (\$1.55M increase over 9 years) Capex reduction \$13.15M 2025-26 (\$0.20M over 9 years)	Revised budget and timing to reflect NZTA approval to subsidise Phase 1 and the pre-implementation of Phase 2
Cross Valley Connections rephasing	0.11%	Revenue reduction \$0M 2026-27 (\$92.2M over 9 years) Opex increase \$0.4M 2026-27 (\$1.2M over 3 years) funded from capex reduction Capex reduction \$0.4M 2026-27 (\$159M over 9 years)	Budget and revenue rephasing to beyond 2034.