

Central City Transformation Plan Refresh

Councillors Briefing 5 June 2025

Agenda

- Decisions to be sought in July
- What has changed since our last briefing?
- Next steps



July 2025 decisions

- Endorsement of the document by I&R and adoption by Council
- Naming the new document “City Centre Framework”
- Revoking the Central City Transformation Plan (2019) and replacing it with the new Framework

Reasons:

- The information contained in the 2019 document is out of date.
- Until the CCTP (2019) is revoked, some parts of council (e.g. District Plan) are required to assess decisions against it.
- We need a simpler, shorter and more accessible document.



**What has changed
since our last
briefing?**

Cultural foundation – new

- Being developed with Kāhui Mana Whenua.
- Covers site-specific Cultural Narratives.
- Ensures future initiatives respects and reflects the values, history and aspirations of Mana Whenua.



Vision – Updated

Our city centre connects with and supports Te Awa Kairangi, our people and the whenua. Together our mouri grows.

Our city centre nurtures our people to put roots down and thrive, it supports our diverse businesses and communities, and is connected to our beautiful urban riverside.



Values – no major changes

Values guide us in our actions, priorities and decision-making.



Makaurangi.
Our unique fingerprints

We partner with Mana Whenua and our diverse communities and businesses when shaping our city centre. We recognise that cultural heritage contributes to belonging and helps us better understand each other.



Manaakitanga.
Supporting each other.

We uplift our people to create a city centre that is welcoming, inclusive and accessible. We support the needs of everyone, whether you are eight, eighteen or eighty.



Kaitiakitanga.
Caring for the environment.

We champion the essential relationship between people and the environment. We acknowledge that the health and well-being of future generations depend on this generation restoring, connecting with and protecting te taiao.



Outcomes – no major changes

Outcomes are the results we seek.



A centre of diverse cultural exchange

A place that looks and feels like our diverse communities. Our public places integrate Mana Whenua narratives through collaboration. Our streets and spaces provide for our cultural practices. Makaurangi is brought to life through art and cultural events that bring people together, celebrating our communities.



A green centre that re-balances our relationship with nature.

A place where nature, te Taiao, is woven into the urban fabric; lush, sustainable, and thriving. Hands in soil, feet in water. A city centre where Te Taiao and tangata are deeply connected. Linked green corridors build climate resilience and create touch points to see, hear and feel nature. Our kaitiakitanga contributes to birdlife heard through the streets and taonga thriving in our awa.



A liveable centre that feels like home.

More people live in our city centre because of a diverse offering of homes, parks and spaces, designed to support our everyday lives. Amenities like the library, schools and hospital are in easy reach, meeting the needs of our people at every stage of life. A safe place to live, to learn, to raise a family.



A vibrant centre full of business activity and creativity.

A place that amplifies the potential of our people and businesses. People feel they can be a success here. It is a busy, buzzy, and fun place to be, with a strong evening economy. Social and commercial enterprises, hospitality and retail thrive, working together to form strong networks. There is easy access to skills, learning and investment.



An accessible centre that is well connected.

A place where travel and movement is easy for all. Streets are welcoming and safe for pedestrians. There are wide footpaths with convenient crossings, and reliable public transport. Our kaumātua and people with disabilities travel independently, and our tamariki scooter to school.



Key moves – no major changes

Key moves are strategic programmes of initiatives to deliver our outcomes.

- **The Meander**
- **High Street Quarter**
- **Living & Working** (previously called Mixed-use Riverside)
- **Riverside park**
- **Transport choice**
- **Civic activation**

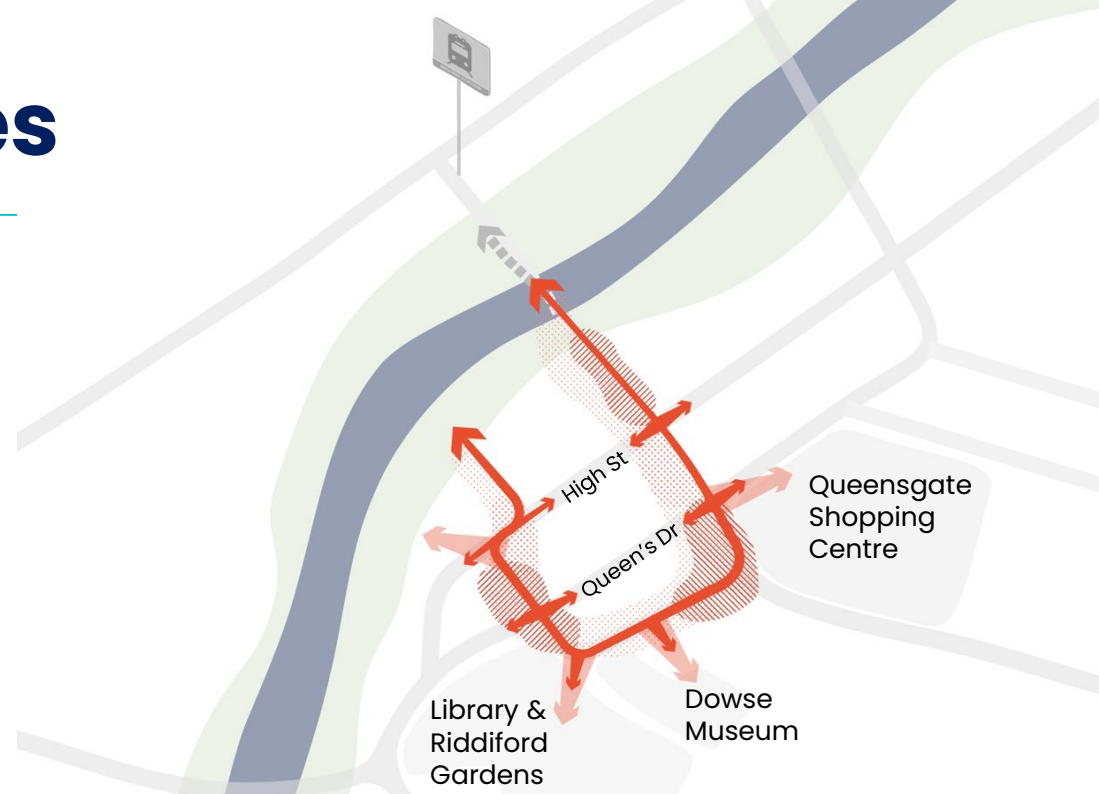


The Meander

A green pedestrian-friendly corridor

Priorities

- **Street upgrades** - Connect to the CityLink Bridge; make Margaret Street, Knights Road and Laings Road greener, safer and easier to use for people walking or with a mobility aid.
- **Public space improvements** - e.g. Andrews Avenue. These improvements could be large or small and should be guided by cultural narratives such as Te Umumamakuku.



High Street Quarter

An area of multicultural shops, cosy eateries and services that complements the Queensgate Shopping Centre.



High Street Quarter

Priorities

- **Street upgrades** – to Dudley Street, High Street and Queens Drive to make them safer and easier to use for people walking or with a mobility aid, while maintaining access for businesses.
- **Partnership** – Work with the Chamber of Commerce and businesses to attract investment and support economic activity.

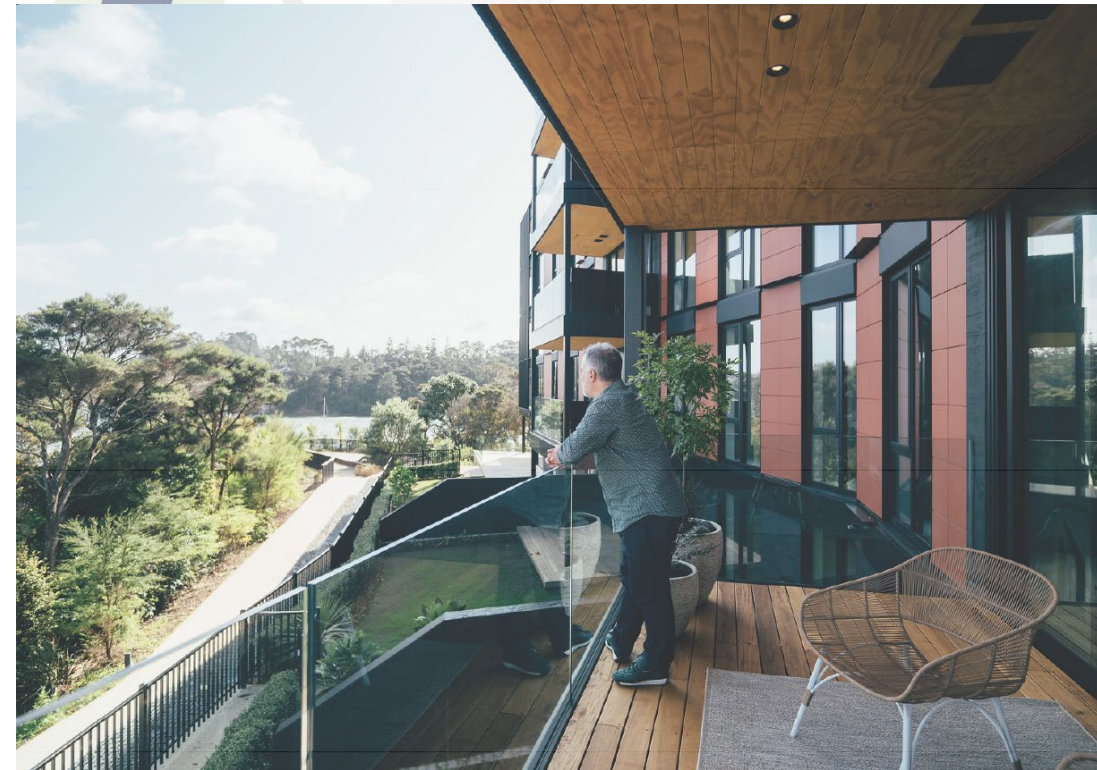
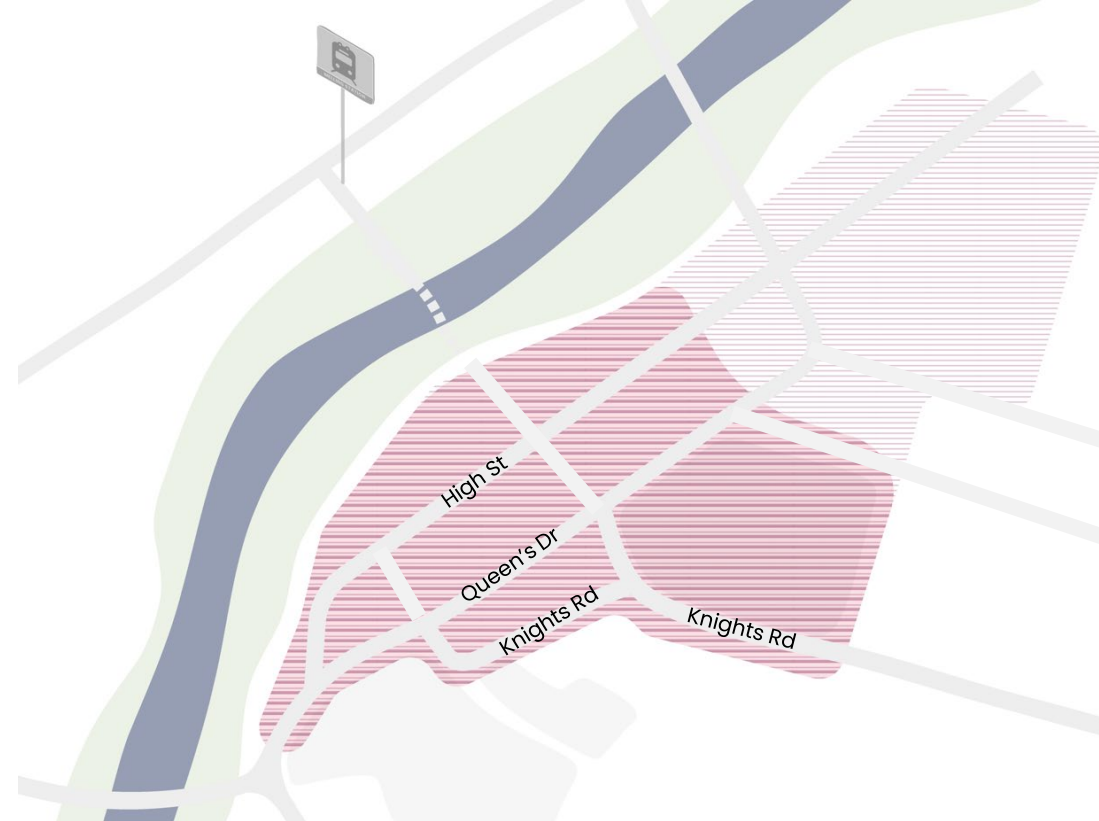
In planning or underway

- **Placemaking** – Small-scale amenity improvements.
- **Pop-ups** – Activate vacant premises or spaces.
- **Making better use of pavements** – Support outdoor dining or retail spill out spaces.
- **Celebrating local businesses** – Build a unified identity for the city centre to maintain confidence and vibrancy.
- **Disruption Management** – A coordinated approach to managing construction disruption to help businesses stay resilient and connected during major works.



Living & Working

Encouraging developments with a mix of homes and office spaces above shops and services.



Living & Working

Priorities

- **Future development** – Work with landowners, developers and investors to support new shops, apartments and office accommodation in the city centre.
- **Daly St Project** – Partner with a developer to create a mixed-use development with promenade on the council-owned site.
- **Water infrastructure upgrades** – Complete the Infrastructure Acceleration Fund upgrades. Undertake detailed three-waters capacity modelling for local network.

In planning or underway

- **Proposed District Plan** – Riverbank Precinct and active frontages.
- **Substation relocations** – Work with GWRC and Wellington Electricity to facilitate the relocation of existing electric sub-stations from the stopbank and support future urban development in the city centre.



Riverside Park

A corridor along Te Awa that mixes recreation, biodiversity and movement.



Riverside Park

Priorities

- **Design and deliver the Riverside Park** – Create a destination open space next to the city centre within the river corridor.
- **Flood protection works** – Works by GWRC to widen the river corridor to achieve 1:440 year flood protection of the city centre and adjoining areas.

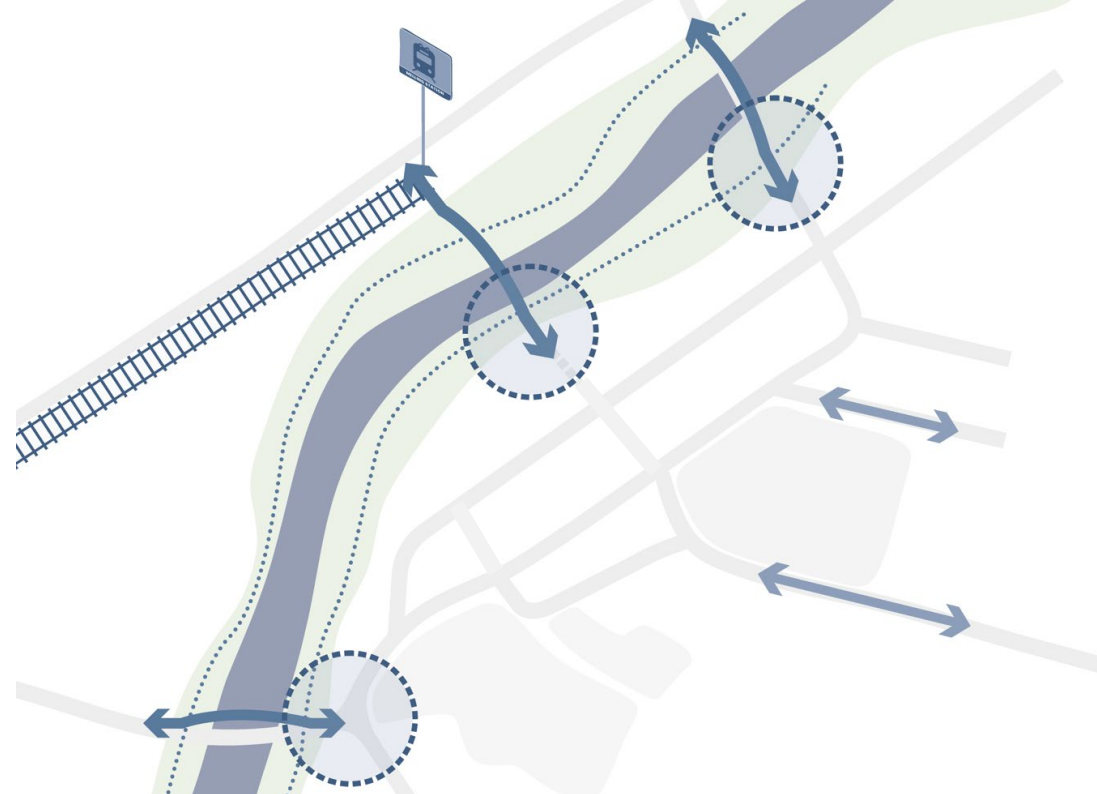
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- **Mills St stopbank upgrade**
- **Ewen Bridge to Melling Bridge stopbank upgrade**



Transport Choice

Well-defined routes for all modes of transport make the city centre easy to access and navigate.



Transport Choice

Priorities

- **Melling Station Relocation**
- **Melling Bridge and intersections**
- **CityLink Bridge**
- **Pedestrian and cycling networks** – Along the river and stopbank; in the city centre.
- **Bus interchange improvements** – Work with GWRC to improve efficiency.
- **Streetscape Strategy** – Identify clear priorities for street upgrades in the city centre.
- **Connecting stations** – Improve connections by bus and active modes between the city centre and Waterloo, Western Hutt and Woburn stations.

In planning or underway

- **Transitional Parking Plan** – A plan to mitigate the loss of car parking during Te Wai Takamori o Te Awa Kairangi works.
- **Disruption Management Plan** – Manage disruption to vehicle, pedestrian and cycle movements during the construction of Te Wai Takamori o Te Awa Kairangi and other upgrades.
- **Locky Docks** – Instal secure bike parking with built-in electric charging facility.



Civic Activation

Spaces are designed for play, social connection and a lively calendar of events and programmes.



Civic Activation

Priorities

- **War Memorial Library upgrade** – Including temporary relocation of services in the city centre.
- **Riverbank Market relocation**
- **Public space improvements** – e.g. Riddiford Gardens and Dowse Square.

In planning or underway

- **Te Tōpūnga Hapori i Daly Street** – Temporary activation of vacant council site; relocation of furniture once finished.
- **Mobile business** – Simplify process for operators
- **Community Events Toolkit** – A practical guide for hosting events.
- **Events coordination** – Annual coordinated programme of activities in public places.
- **Business-led promotions and events**
- **Activation Fund** – A contestable fund.
- **Te Reo place names** – Exploring opportunities for Te Reo Māori place names.
- **Collective marketing of the city centre**
- **City Art Walk**



Next steps

5th June	Councillor Briefing
9th June	Mana Whenua Quarterly meeting
17th June	Committee report due
3 July	Seek endorsement of Framework from Infrastructure & Regulatory Committee
31 July	Seek adoption of City Centre Framework by Council



Thank you