Open Briefing: Reserves Investment Strategy Reset (2027-2030)

16 June 2026 – 2.30pm

Attendees

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

Staff: A Blackshaw, Director Neighbourhoods and Communities; R Hardie, Acting Director Strategy and Engagement; J Kingsbury, Director Economy and Development; A Nelson, Head of Parks and Reserves and V Gilmour, Democracy Advisor.

Apologies

Cr Puketapu

Non-Attendance

Cr Barratt and Cr Tonga-Grant

Presenters

A Blackshaw, Director Neighbourhoods and Communities; and A Nelson, Head of Parks and Reserves

Introduction and Key Objectives of the Briefing

The purpose of the open briefing is to update elected members on the Reserves Investment Strategy (RIS) and proposed project list for the draft Long Term Plan

2027–30, seek feedback ahead of the Connect Communities and Climate Resilience Committee consideration and support planning for future delivery.

Presentation by A Blackshaw, Director Neighbourhoods and Communities and A Nelson, Head of Parks and Reserves

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Slide 19 – Why Wainuiomata? – A Transformative Opportunity

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Questions and discussion points

- The Reserves Investment Strategy is only one source of funding for parks and reserves projects. Other projects are delivered through asset management plans, renewals programmes, sports field upgrades and other Council work programmes.

- Existing parks and reserves assets continue to be maintained and renewed through asset management plans. The projects in this programme relate to growth-driven investment funded through development contributions.

- The project list has been developed using previous community feedback, Council strategies and plans, community and councillor requests and other existing work programmes.

- Community priorities are reflected through the Long Term Plan and previous engagement. Feedback gathered through the 2023 Long Term Plan informed the current list, and the proposed projects will be consulted on again through the next Long Term Plan.

- Elected members can suggest additional projects for assessment, and these can be tested against the agreed criteria and included in future prioritisation exercises.

- Funding is not allocated evenly across wards. Development contribution funding must respond to growth, so areas with higher growth are more likely to be prioritised.

- Growth information will be provided to help elected members understand where growth has occurred and how investment aligns with growth areas.

- Resilience is not a standalone criterion. It is considered through the strategic value and community outcomes criteria.

- Capital cost and value for money are not separate scoring criteria. The framework focuses on the benefits and transformational outcomes a project delivers, while accounting for ongoing maintenance costs. Transformational projects can be either large or small and are not necessarily the most expensive.

- The higher number of projects in Wainuiomata reflects the assessment criteria, including growth, population, deprivation, gaps in provision, past underinvestment and flooding issues.

- Assessment ratings are available for projects being considered for inclusion in the upcoming Long Term Plan. Projects already approved through the previous strategy are shown for information only and are not being reassessed.

- Additional projects can be proposed for assessment. Projects that are not currently prioritised can remain on the wider list for future consideration.

- More targeted community engagement could be undertaken if Council chooses, but this would require resources to be redirected from other work and could raise community expectations about projects that may not be funded.

Next steps

A report will be considered by the next Connected Communities and Climate Resilience Committee on 30 June 2026.

Briefing materials

Presentation: Reserves Investment Strategy Reset (2027-2030)

The open briefing closed at 3.35pm