



Open Briefing: Annual Plan consultation

7 May 2026 – 1.02pm

Attendees

Elected Members: Cr Barratt, Deputy Mayor Brown, Cr Dyer, Cr Edwards, Cr Lewis, Cr Mitchell, Cr Parkin, Cr Puketapu, Cr Ravi, Cr Shaw, Cr Stallinger, Cr Tonga-Grant (via audio-visual link) and Cr Yung.

Staff: J Miller, Chief Executive; A Blackshaw, Director Neighbourhoods and Communities; J Kingsbury, Director Economy and Development; J Griffiths, Director Strategy and Engagement; J Livschitz, Group Chief Financial Officer; R Hardie, Head of Strategy and Policy; D Nunnian, Manager Financial Planning & Performance; K Stannard, Head of Democratic Services and H Clegg, Minute Taker.

Apologies

Mayor Fauono Laban

Presenters

R Hardie, Head of Strategy and Policy

D Nunnian, Manager Financial Planning & Performance

Introduction and Key Objectives of the Briefing

The purpose of the briefing is to provide councillors with a summary of the feedback received from the Annual Plan “light touch” engagement process and to obtain their feedback.

Presentation by Richard Hardie

Slide 1 (Header) – Engagement feedback on the Draft Annual Plan 2026-27

Slide 2 – Purpose of today

Slide 3 – High level timeline

Slide 4 – Draft Annual Plan feedback summary

Slide 5 – Public feedback main themes – Draft Annual Plan

Slide 6 – Feedback analysis

Slide 7 – Feedback via Elected members

Slide 8 – Key engagement insights

Slide 9 – Rates increase, final Annual Plan 2026-27

Slide 10 – Rates increases future years

Slide 11 (Header) – From conversations to insights

Slide 12 – Questions for today

Questions and discussion points

- Council's proposed rates increases were broadly in the middle range compared with other councils in the region.
- It was also noted that views expressed at public meetings did not necessarily reflect the views of all residents.

Next step

Councillors are to reflect on what worked well and what they would do differently regarding public engagement.

The Director Strategy and Engagement advised that a document would be sent to Councillors for their responses.

Briefing materials

Attachment 1 – Presentation: Annual Plan consultation.pdf

The briefing closed at 1.32pm