

Tō Tātou Tāone 2055 | Our City 2055

Tō Tātou Tāone 2055 isn't just about addressing today's challenges, it's about tomorrow's possibilities!

Tō Tātou Tāone 2055 | Our City 2055, is a shared vision for the future of Te Awa Kairangi Ki Tai Lower Hutt, shaped by our communities. People from key organisations across the city are working together to develop a strategy for the long-term future of Lower Hutt.

There are some tough things we need to deal with, like the impacts of climate change, accommodating population growth, and ageing water infrastructure. But there are also exciting things happening, like Te Wai Takamori o Te Awa Kairangi (RiverLink) and more people of diverse ethnicities choosing to make Lower Hutt their home. This strategy will help us tackle the hard stuff and make the most of the good stuff!

We've reached an important point in our drafting with the City Leadership Group. Now, we want to check in with you to make sure we're heading in the right direction.

Visit [Tō Tātou Tāone 2055](#) to have your say!

City Leadership Group

The City Leadership Group is made up of senior representatives of key organisations from across Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt who have been brought together to help shape the future of our city. It includes representatives from iwi, local and central government, businesses, health and education sectors, rangatahi and community organisations. Their role is to drive the development of **Tō Tātou Tāone 2055** Our City 2055 and support positive, long-term change in the city.

The group brings their knowledge, influence and community connections to help set the direction of the strategy and ensure that diverse community voices are reflected in this work.

So far, the City Leadership Group has held three workshops to help develop the draft vision, values, goals and initiatives that will form the backbone of the

strategy. Their ongoing work will continue to shape and support the strategy as it moves toward public consultation and final endorsement in late 2025.

FAQs

How can I get involved?

We'll be conducting public consultations at various stages. Visit our [Have Your Say page](#) to share your thoughts. **A survey on the draft Values, Visions, Goals and Initiatives is open from Monday 12 May – midnight Sunday 25 May 2025.**

What is Tō Tātou Tāone 2055 Our City 2055?

Tō Tātou Tāone 2055 Our City 2055 is a future-focused strategy for our city. It looks 30 years ahead to guide the future of Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt. This city strategy brings together council, businesses, Mana Whenua, community organisations and residents to address challenges and opportunities facing our city.

Why is Tō Tātou Tāone 2055 Our City 2055 important?

The city strategy aims to tackle issues like climate change, an ageing population, housing inequity, and infrastructure needs, while leveraging opportunities like our diverse population and thriving industries.

Is this a Council initiative?

No, this is a city-wide effort. The strategy will reflect the voices of our diverse communities, not just the Council.

Who is leading the strategy?

Hutt City Council is resourcing and running the strategy development process. A City Leadership Group made up of senior representatives from key organisations, including Council, Mana Whenua, education, business, and social services, are overseeing its development and implementation.

How will the strategy be written?

Development involves many stages:

- An environmental scan to understand current trends and challenges.
- A City Summit to gather input and identify priorities – hosted in September 2024.
- Community and business interviews and hui to ensure diverse perspectives are considered and included.
- The creation of a City Leadership Group to provide ongoing guidance.
- Finalising the strategy in late 2025.

How are Mana Whenua involved?

Mana Whenua are playing a key role in shaping the strategy, ensuring it also reflects their priorities.

How does the City Strategy align with other council initiatives?

The strategy will serve as a guiding framework, supporting existing and future council strategies with long-term goals. This ensures our work meets our community's needs and aspirations.

How will the strategy be funded?

Funding will come from existing Council budgets.

When will the strategy be finalised?

A draft strategy will be presented in mid-2025, with the final version endorsed by December 2025.

What happens after the strategy is finalised?

Once adopted, the strategy will guide decision-making across the city. Specific actions will be developed by the City Leadership Group to implement the priorities, with progress monitored and reviewed over time.

Where can I find more information?

Regularly check the [City Strategy](#) webpage for updates, reports, and ways to contribute.

Who do I contact for questions?

You can email haveyoursay@huttcity.govt.nz.