

Council Vision & Priorities

**STAND for
SOMETHING** | **TŪ TŪTURU**
Whakatāne District Elections 2025

More life in life

Working together to make living better for our communities, now and in the future



Enhancing the safety, wellbeing
and vibrancy of communities

*Me mātua whakanui i te marutau,
te oranga, me te wana o
ngā hapori*



Strengthening relationships
with iwi, hapū and whānau

*Me mātua whakawhanake i
ngā kōtuituinga ā-iwi, ā-hapū,
ā-whānau anō hoki*



Building climate change and natural
hazard resilience, including our
infrastructure

*Me mātua whakakaha i te
aumangea ki te huringa āhuarangi
me ngā matepā taiao tae ana
ki te hangaroto*



Facilitating economic regeneration and
responding to development pressures

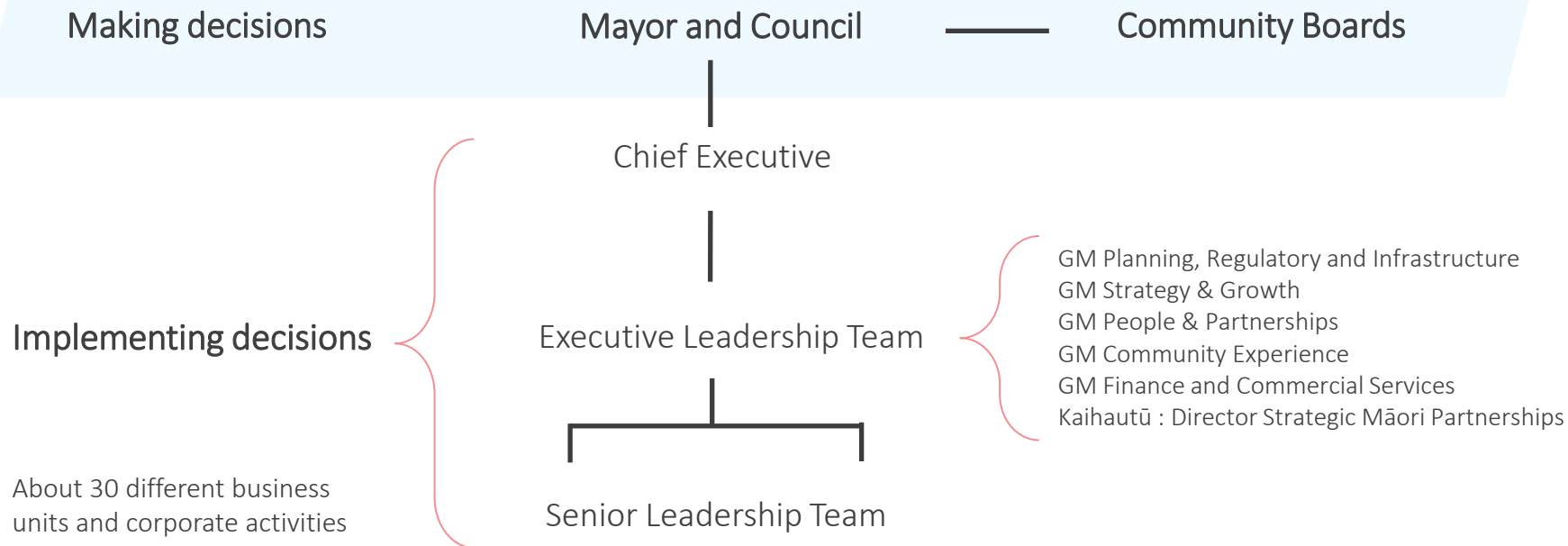
*Me mātua whakahaere i te tipuranga
o te taiōhanga me ngā tonotono whare*



Shaping a green district

Kia toitū te rohe

Organisation Structure





Pre-Election Report

- A pre-election report is available from Whakatāne District Council
- Prepared by the Chief Executive
- Provides candidates and the community with a non-political statement of information on the Councils finances, key projects and challenges over the next three years.

Pre-Election Report Headlines

- Our Operating Deficit
- Three Waters - Both governments want change; The next Council will shape what that service will look like?
- Resource Management Act Reform – Regionalised spatial/District plans, more centralised control of development decision making, more fast track consenting
- Local Government Reform – rates capping, benchmarking publications
- Key initiatives descriptions and LTP funding allocations
- The finances

Being an Elected Member

1. Commitment

- Similar to a business Board member you are expected to read: agendas and minutes, plans and policies, bylaws, reports, submissions, reports with advice and recommendations
- Additional to a Board member you will likely have constituency commitments and events
- Most formal Council business is during the day; meetings, briefings (workshops), training and Civic events
- You will often work outside of normal working hours, in the evenings and on weekends; community meetings and events, networking events

You will need to:

- Be approachable
- Be flexible
- Prioritise tasks as you won't be able to do everything
- Manage your time effectively

Being an Elected Member

2. Te Tiriti o Waitangi/The Treaty of Waitangi

- An appreciation of iwi, te ao Māori and tikanga is an asset in your role as an elected member. Councillors are supported to build their knowledge and capacity in this area
- We are committed to meeting our responsibilities under Te Tiriti o Waitangi/The Treaty of Waitangi and our broader statutory obligations to Māori, as well as, continuing to develop our partnerships with Iwi, Hapū and Whānau

3. Communication

- You will be in the public eye
- The media and public have the ability to access any information via OIA requests
- You will often be called upon to: speak publicly at meetings and events, sometimes give comments to media on certain issues
- You will likely need to listen and relate to people with different views to yourself, consider their views in your decision-making and confidently communicate your decisions when speaking publicly

Being an Elected Member

4. Technology

As part of your role as an elected member, you will be provided with essential equipment and training, including:

- A laptop for accessing emails, your meeting calendar, and MS Teams meetings.
- A mobile phone (issued to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor)

5. Training & induction

You'll receive a full induction on the role of Councillor, including formal meeting processes, chairpersons and deputy chairpersons training and more.

6. Deliberations and decision-making

You need to make use of a range of sources when debating and making decisions.

- Your own knowledge and experiences
- Constituent and opposing views
- Council reports
- Senior Council staff

Being an Elected Member

7. Key documents

- Long Term Plan plus policies
- Fees and Charges schedule
- Annual Plan
- District Plan plus policies
- Reserves Management Plan
- Delegations Register
- Remuneration Policy
- Some policies and bylaws have a lot of public interest – gambling, alcohol, public places, dogs

A day in the life....

Councillors – a typical day could include a variety of tasks/activities

- Read several Council reports to prepare for upcoming meetings
- Attend a public meeting to hear constituent views
- Attend a Council consultation event about a new bylaw and speak to residents to hear their views and answer questions
- Attend civic events such as prizegivings, citizenship ceremonies, or the opening of a new park or facility
- Take part in community events (judging, guest speaker)
- Attend and participate in Council and/or committee meetings
- Attend and participate in Community Board meetings (as appropriate)
- Have meetings with the Mayor and other Councillors
- Attend a Local Government New Zealand event or training

A day in the life....

The Mayor

- Councillor duties...plus
- Give an interview on breakfast radio about a weather event
- Meet with Ministers, MPs, AuditNZ and DIA staff
- Deliver an opening address at a local conference or event
- Receive briefings from staff on Council initiatives and Council reports
- Discuss issues and gauge views from Councillors
- Meet with police and health officials about public welfare
- Attend fundraiser and community group events
- Front decisions you didn't agree with

A day in the life....

Community Boards

Time commitment is less than a Councillor. Boards make decisions on grant funding for local community initiatives; advocate for the interests of their communities to Council; use their networks to support community consultation.

On a typical day, a Community Board Member might:

- Attend their community board's meeting
- Attend a community meeting to discuss a community plan
- Engage with local residents about how to obtain a community grant
- Liaise with assigned Council staff about a community grant
- Attend the monthly meeting of a residents' association

Councillor remuneration

A remuneration pool is set by the Remuneration Authority and Council decides how it will be divided amongst the 10 Councillors (the Mayoral salary is set separately). As set out in the current members determination 2024/25 the amounts are:

Position	Amount PA
Mayor	\$ 148,267
Deputy Mayor	\$ 74,615
Committee Chairperson	\$ 57,346
Deputy Committee Chairperson	\$ 47,832
Councillor	\$ 45,628

Community Board remuneration

Murupara and Tāneatua Community Boards	
Chairperson	\$ 8,866
Member	\$ 4,433
Rangitāiki Community Board	
Chairperson	\$ 11,500
Member	\$ 5,750
Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board	
Chairperson	\$ 19,226
Member	\$ 9,613

Questions/pātai?



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