



Climate Change Action Plan: *Leadership and collaboration*

Mahere Mahi Huringa Āhuarangi: *Hautūtanga me te Mahi tahi*

This is one of six action plans, which support
our [Climate Change Strategy 2020-23](#).

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Why this area is important *He aha tēnei e whakahirahira ai?*

Our [climate change principles](#) state that ‘we will act now,’ and that ‘we will be part of the solution.’ It is important to us that we show leadership when it comes to climate change. We have received a lot of feedback telling us that the community want us to show leadership as well. We acknowledge that there are many groups and individuals in our community who are also leaders when it comes to climate change. It is important for us to work together, because none of us can effectively respond to this challenge alone. Climate change will impact us all in different ways, so working together can make sure we have the best possible information, consider a range of viewpoints, and take a coordinated approach for the best possible outcomes.

This action plan sets out the steps the Council will take to show leadership and collaborate on climate change issues. Some actions are internal, for our organisation. Others talk about working together in the local community, as well as regionally, and nationally. We have actions over the short, medium, and long term to help us achieve the targets set in our climate change strategy, and deliver on the commitments in our climate change principles.

Where we are now *Kei hea tātou ināianei?*

The Council signed the Local Government Leaders’ Climate Change Declaration in 2017, along with representatives from many other councils in Aotearoa New Zealand. This aligned us with a national direction. Through the Declaration we made a commitment to reduce greenhouse gas, support resilience, and work with communities and central government. To make sure we deliver on these commitments, we began a formal climate change project in 2018. In 2019 we adopted a set of climate change principles to show that climate change action is a priority for the Council.

Over the past few years, we have been involved in a range of climate change-related discussions with central government, other councils, iwi, industry and community groups, and individuals across Aotearoa New Zealand, learning from others and sharing our ideas and progress. We know that we need to continue these discussions and work closely together with others in the community to deliver on our goals.

We are also focused on sharing our journey with the community, so that people know about our climate change work, and shape the direction we take.



I think we have got to work together more, start thinking about climate change and how it will affect us.

— Local resident



What we want this action plan to achieve

Ngā paetae o tēnei mahere mahi

Outcomes

1. The Council shows climate change leadership, working in partnership with local iwi, key stakeholders, and our communities to address the challenges of climate change.
2. The community has an increased understanding of climate change, and takes an active role in climate change mitigation and adaptation.

Goals

1. Align the Council's culture, key documents and decisions with our climate change principles
2. Build the Council's organisational knowledge about climate change, mitigation, and adaptation
3. Collaborate with stakeholders, partners, and the community, for a unified approach to the climate crisis
4. Build community awareness about matters relating to climate change, including the Council's response

This action plan primarily contributes to these climate change principles:



We will act now

Ka mahi mātou ināianei



We will think and act long term

Ka whakaaro pae tawhiti, ka mahi pae tawhiti mātou



We will be part of the solution




Ka āwhina mātou ki te whakatika i ngā raru





We will build capacity to recover from difficulties

Ka whakakaha mātou i a tātou

SHORT TERM RESOURCE REQUIREMENT

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  = Incorporate into business-as-usual (BAU)
  = Additional staff time requirement

Goal	Actions	Short term (2020-22)	Short term resource requirement (\$/BAU/staff time)	Medium term (2022-24)	Long term (2024-31)	Key external stakeholders and partners
1. Align organisational culture, key documents, and decisions with our climate change principles	1.1 Include and embed climate change framework and commitments in key documents (including those for procurement and contracts*), organisational culture, goals and values, and operational decision-making and activities	<p>Include climate change principles and targets in documents due for review in 2020/21</p> <p>Include climate change report in annual report 2019/20</p> <p>Build organisational awareness of the climate change principles and targets</p>	 	<p>Include climate change principles and targets in documents due for review in 2022-24</p> <p>Include climate change report in annual reports 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24</p> <p>Maintain organisational awareness of the climate change principles and targets</p> <p>Review Climate Change Strategy</p>	<p>Include climate change principles and targets in documents due for review in 2024-31</p> <p>Include climate change report in annual reports 2024/25 – 2030/31</p> <p>Maintain organisational awareness of the climate change principles and targets</p>	

* Refer to the Energy Action Plan, which sets out how the Council will consider energy-related greenhouse gas emissions associated with services as a factor in awarding contracts

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2. Build the Council's organisational knowledge about climate change, mitigation, and adaptation	2.1 Develop knowledge and understanding of risk to the Whakatāne District and communities	<p>Identify the likely local effects of climate change on communities within the District.</p> <p>Identify levels of risk to Council infrastructure arising from climate change.</p>		Continue to monitor and assess risk (possibly utilising the National Climate Change Risk Assessment) for the Whakatāne District and communities and develop an Adaptation Plan in response to risks identified.	Update risk assessment and implement Adaptation Plan	Bay of Plenty Regional Council
	2.2 Monitor information related to climate change and incorporate a range of sources in decision-making, including science, local knowledge, and mātauranga Māori	<p>Foster understanding of mātauranga Māori, by working in partnership with local iwi.</p> <p>Establish database of key climate change information sources.</p> <p>Investigate carbon calculator opportunities to guide future decision-making</p> <p>Provide induction and training program</p>		<p>Monitor key sources for climate change developments</p> <p>Continue to provide induction and training programme</p> <p>Incorporate sources and/or emission calculator in project planning and decision-making, including considering embodied carbon and end of life considerations.</p>	<p>Monitor key sources for climate change developments</p> <p>Incorporate sources and/or emission calculator in project planning and decision-making</p> <p>Continue to provide induction and training programme</p>	<p>Bay of Plenty Regional Council</p> <p>Local iwi</p> <p>Other individuals and groups with climate change knowledge and expertise</p>

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3. Collaborate with stakeholders, partners, and the community, for a unified approach to the climate crisis	3.1 Collaborate with stakeholders and partners, including key industry, Māori and youth.	<p>Initiate a sector collaboration network for key industry</p> <p>Investigate options for working with the dairy and agricultural-sector and establish working relationships as appropriate</p> <p>Investigate options for working with Iwi, Hapū and other groups. Establish working relationships as appropriate</p> <p>Investigate options for working with youth and establish working relationships as appropriate</p> <p>Re-establish central, regional, and local government network, continue involvement in other relevant groups</p> <p>Consider the development of an independent group to oversee progression of the Climate Change Project</p>		<p>Sector collaboration network is active</p> <p>Working relationships with the dairy and agricultural-sector are active</p> <p>Working relationships with Māori are active</p> <p>Working relationships with youth are active</p> <p>Continue involvement in the COBOP Climate Change Cluster and other relevant groups</p>	<p>Sector collaboration network is active</p> <p>Working relationships with the dairy and agricultural-sector are active</p> <p>Working relationships with Māori are active</p> <p>Working relationships with youth are active</p> <p>Continue involvement in the COBOP Climate Change Cluster and other relevant groups</p>	<p>Iwi Chairs Forum</p> <p>Key representatives of the dairy and agricultural sector</p> <p>Hapū and whanau representatives</p> <p>Whakatāne District Youth Council</p> <p>Schools and youth organisations across the District</p> <p>Bay of Plenty Regional Council</p> <p>Neighbouring District/ City Councils</p> <p>Key central government agencies</p> <p>Key sector and industry</p> <p>Key community groups</p> <p>Other groups to be confirmed</p>
	3.2 Work with, and advocate to, regional and Central Government on climate change related processes	Submit on relevant processes underway in 2020-22		Submit on relevant processes underway in 2022-24	Submit on relevant processes underway in 2024-31	<p>Bay of Plenty Regional Council</p> <p>Relevant central government agency</p>
	3.3 Collaborate with the community	Investigate models for community collaboration on climate change		Continue community collaboration	Continue community collaboration	Community

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4. Inform the community about matters relating to climate change, including the Council response	4.1 Facilitate and support climate change education initiatives	<p>Develop a ‘plain-language’ summary of Climate Change Strategy and Action Plans, to be available in English and Te Reo Māori</p> <p>Share new or existing climate change material with the community on various platforms in a range of formats</p> <p>Identify and facilitate events to share climate change messages, including potential public speakers</p>		<p>Develop bespoke information on climate change mitigation and adaptation for local audiences with local context including risks and impacts</p> <p>Share new or existing climate change material with the community on various platforms in a range of formats</p> <p>Identify and facilitate events to share climate change messages, including potential public speakers</p>	<p>Develop bespoke information on climate change mitigation and adaptation for local audiences with local context including risks and impacts</p> <p>Share new or existing climate change material with the community on various platforms in a range of formats</p> <p>Identify and facilitate events to share climate change messages, including potential public speakers</p>	<p>Community, key focus groups</p> <p>Eastbay REAP</p> <p>Ministry of Education</p> <p>Schools across the district</p> <p>Climate change educators</p>
	4.2 Celebrate success and achievements related to climate change	Communicate key milestones and achievements		Communicate key milestones and achievements	Communicate key milestones and achievements	Community, key focus groups

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