



ATTACHMENTS MINUTES

City Future Committee meeting

Tuesday, 30 June 2026

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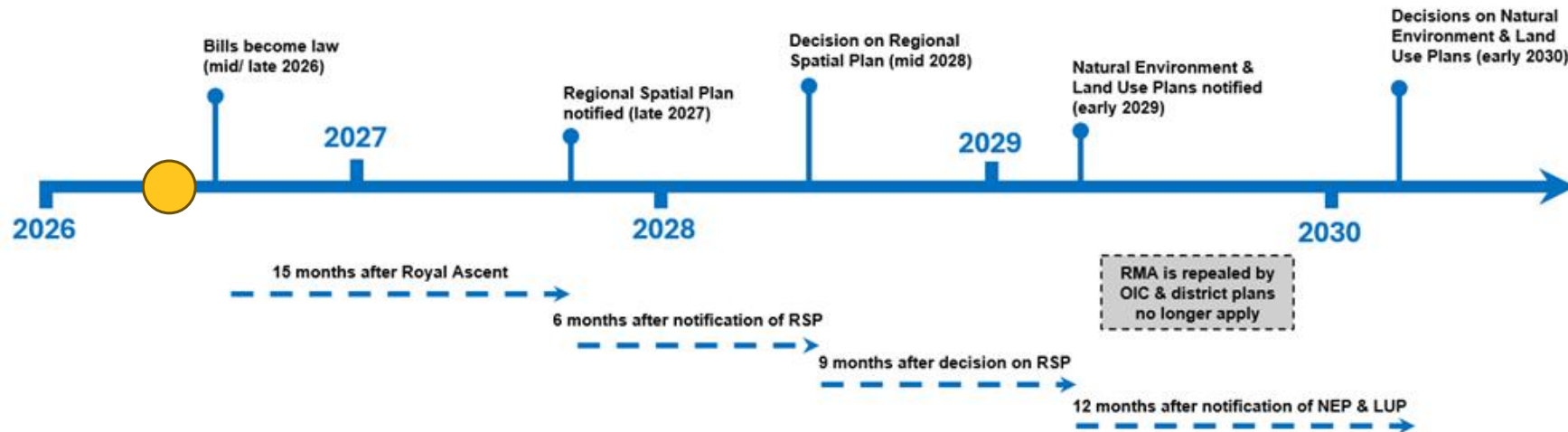
Bay of Plenty Regional Spatial Plan

City Future Committee, 30 June 2026



Regional Spatial Plans (RSP) – Purpose and Preparation Timeline

- Each region will be required to prepare a RSP
- Long-term strategic framework (30+ years)
- Guides urban development, infrastructure investment, and land use decisions across the region

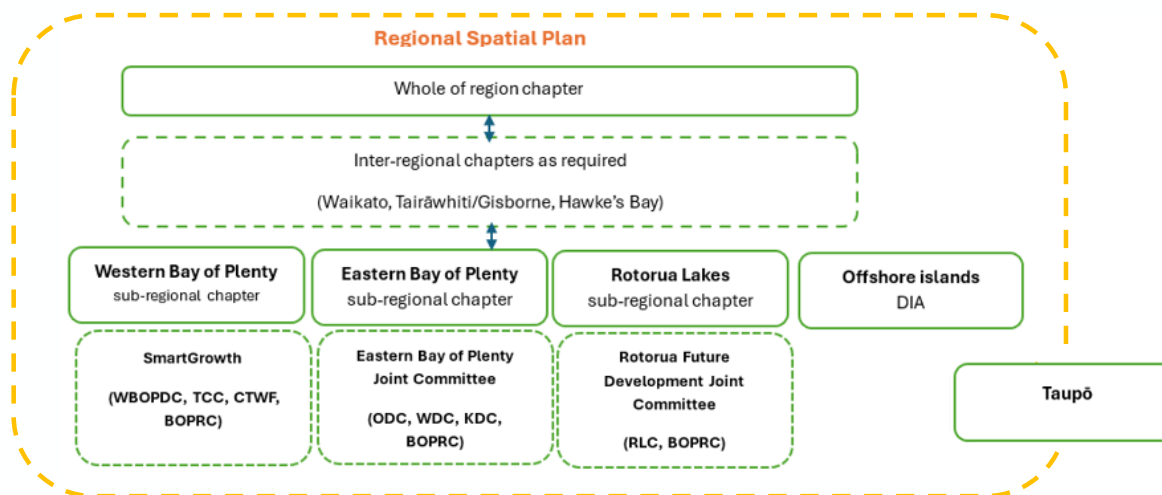


RSP Pre-enactment Preparation

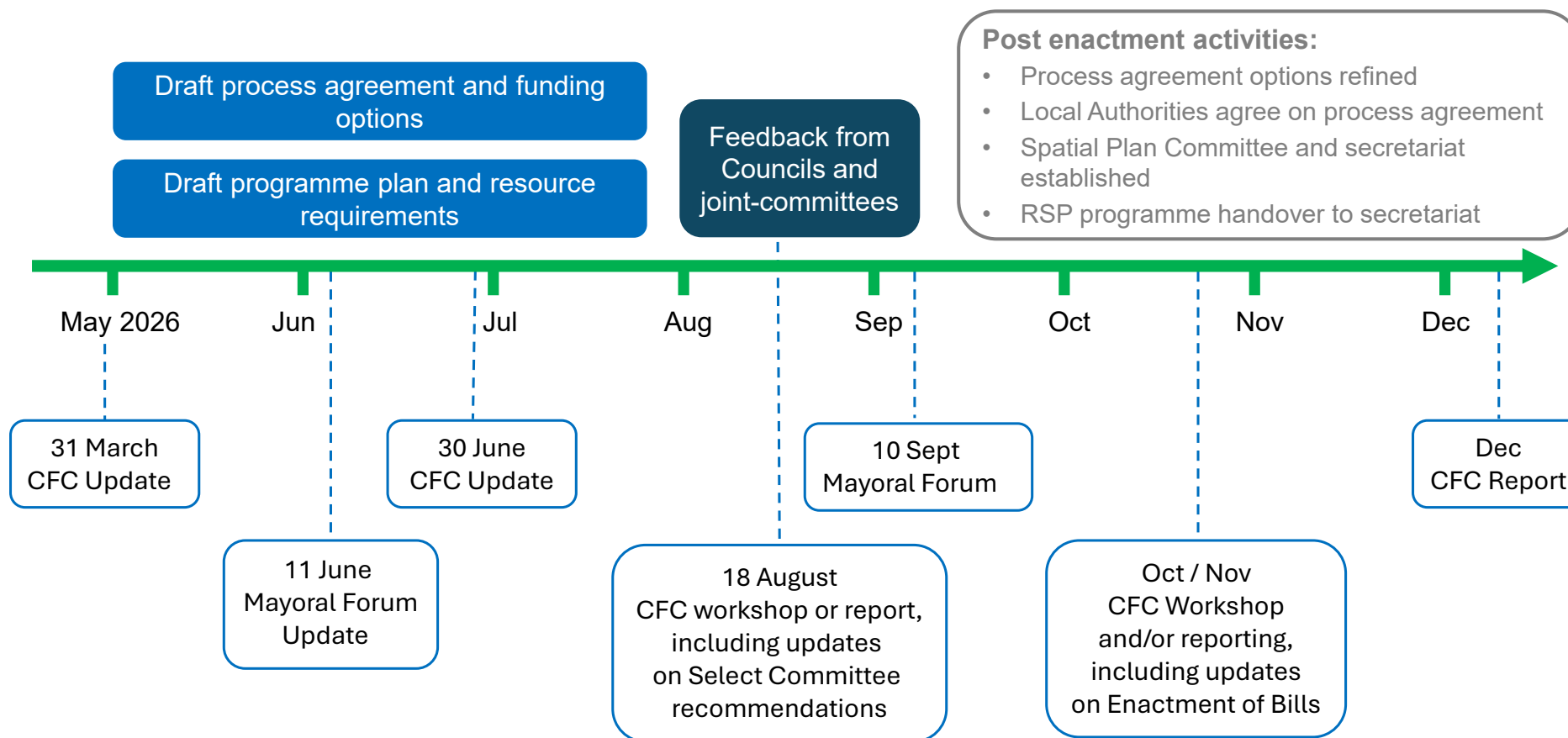
- We have not yet started developing the RSP; we are in the **setup phase**
- 7 Councils collaborating (plus DIA) working on **project planning** workstreams:
 - Process Agreement options
 - Draft programme planning – phases, resources, and timeline
 - Data stocktake and evidence base
 - Iwi / Hapū treaty partner engagement planning
 - Communications stakeholder engagement planning
- The Bills have not yet been enacted and any work on the above needs to be undertaken in this context.
- Noting that Select Committee recommendations have been delayed, further amendments to the legislation remain possible.

Endorsed sub-regional focused approach

- The SmartGrowth Strategy provides a base to work from, and alternative growth approaches and areas will be considered.
- Development of the spatial plan will involve input from elected members at a council, SmartGrowth and whole of regional level.
- Determining these arrangements is part of the current set up phase.



2026 Programme Timeframes



Regional Spatial Plan – Preparation and Approval Process (in the Planning Bill)

Step	Council involvement
Process Agreement and Spatial Plan Committee (Current Step)	Yes – sign off by each Council
Development of draft Regional Spatial Plan	• Spatial Plan Committee are responsibility for preparing the Regional Spatial Plan with support of a secretariat. • Development of the spatial plan will involve input from elected members at a council, SmartGrowth and whole of regional level. • Council involvement to be set out in the Process Agreement.
Individual Council approval of the draft Regional Spatial Plan	Yes – approval by each Council
Public submissions, hearings and recommendations	Carried out by an Independent Hearings Panel
Councils decides to accept or reject the Independent Hearings Panel recommendations	Yes – Council accept or reject the recommendations and for each rejected recommendation provide an alternative solution.
Ministerial decision-making	Minister decision-making is independent of Council.

Process Agreement – clause 69 of the Planning Bill

An agreement between Councils which sets out:

- The roles of each local authority and how partners will work together
- The key geographical areas, issues and opportunities to be focused on
- How partner Councils will work with central government, infrastructure providers and councils in adjacent regions
- How the Spatial Planning Committee will consult with iwi authorities in the region
- How obligations or agreements under iwi participation legislation, existing joint management agreements, or existing or initiated Mana Whakahono ā Rohe are upheld

Early work is underway on the above matters, which will be brought back to the CFC for consideration

Spatial Plan Committee

The Planning Bill requires the establishment of a Spatial Planning Committee, it may be:

- appointed in accordance with the LGA; or
- an existing committee established under legislation.

Role of the Spatial Planning Committee is to:

- Prepare the draft Regional Spatial Plan, including the options assessment and consultation
- Appoint a chairperson
- Appoint a secretariat (i.e. the operational arm of the SPC)

Spatial Plan Committee membership:

- Reps from the Councils (regional council and territorial authorities) for the region
- The Minister may appoint 1 member, and more than 1 member if local authorities in the region agree to an additional number of members
- Other members, for example tangata whenua or specialist advisors may be considered

Draft Guiding Principles to guide Regional Spatial Committee options

- Representative – all partners have representation on the Regional Spatial Plan Committee
- Regional and sub-regional approach
- Simple, practical and efficient
- Tangata whenua representation – ensure the governance arrangement provides for appropriate tangata whenua representation
- Independent input on the governance body
- Capability – skills, knowledge, experience, and support required
- Future-proofed / adaptable
- Legally recognized

Draft Key Issues and Opportunities

Draft key issues/opportunities for 'Process Agreement' identified by SmartGrowth partners:

- Opportunity to build off SmartGrowth Strategy settlement pattern and related work
- Limited housing choice and a shortage of development-ready land for housing
- Limited transport choice and growing congestion on key routes
- The need for successful centres and business areas to support communities and job growth
- Infrastructure level of service constraints, including closing the infrastructure deficit
- Insufficient funding and financing to deliver planned growth (and the need to consider wider options)
- Increasing pressure from development on the natural environment
- Supporting tangata whenua to realise their development aspirations
- The need to adapt to, and mitigate against the impacts of climate change and hazards
- The need to manage incompatible activities

Next Steps

- **20 July** – Select Committee Report (recommended changes to Bills)
- **18 August** – Reporting or workshop with CFC:
 - Feedback on process agreement matters, including Spatial Plan Committee principles and other matters
- **Sept** – expected enactment of Bills:
 - Review of Acts and refinements to work underway
- **10 Sept** – Mayoral Forum
- **Oct-Dec** – continued workshops and reporting towards signing of Process Agreement and set up of Spatial Plan Committee
- **Ongoing** – Regional Council Te Amorangi team to meet monthly with Council Māori Engagement teams and commerce engagement with iwi



Draft Open Space Provision Policy

City Future Committee 30 June 2026

What the policy does



Reasons for review

To bring up to date

- The policies are dated
- Plan change 33 – Intensification
- The impacts of our changing climate
- Some expected functions/activities of open space are not currently required as standard provision
- Active reserve sportsfields user fees

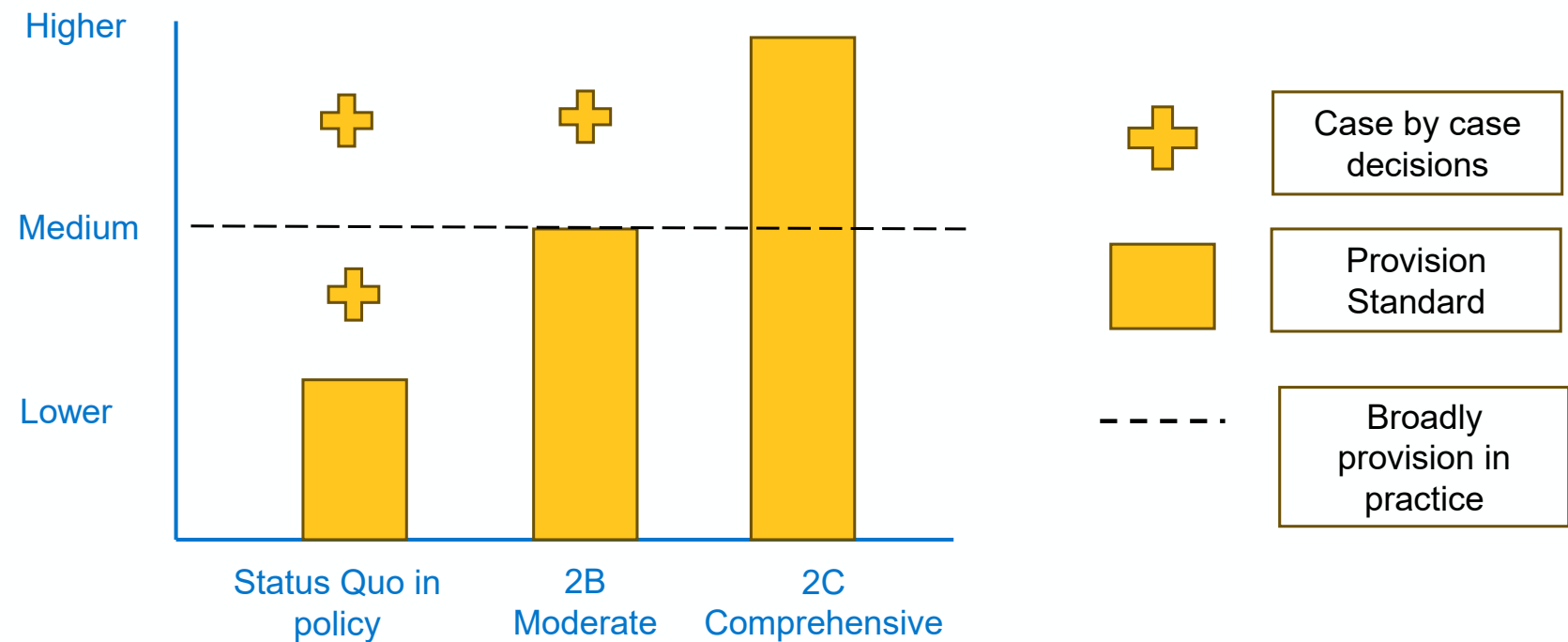
To plan for the future

- To facilitate growth pays for growth
- To inform future provision (greenfield & infill)
- To inform future Long-Term Plan planning
- To respond to changing demographics and participation trends
- The lack of specificity in the policy makes implementation and monitoring difficult

Issue 1: Including policy principles

- **Option 1A: adopt the updated policy principles as per attachment 1 draft policy section 4 (recommended)**
- Option 1B: Provide direction on updated policy principles for inclusion in the draft policy

Issue 2: Open space provision standards



Issue 3: Approach to respond to density

- Option 3A: Status Quo – Allow a bespoke approach within certain specified areas in the policy [with refreshed policy definitions]
- **Option 3B: Allow a bespoke approach anywhere in the city but with a density trigger (clause 5.17 in the draft policy) (recommended)**
- Option 3C: Have a higher open space provision standard for areas zoned for higher density
- Option 3D: Have a higher open space provision standard for areas that meet a density trigger (for example 30+ lots per hectare)

Issue 4: Quantity standard for open space in greenfield areas

- **Option 4A: Retain existing quantity standard for open space but accept any open space provided the provision standards and acquisition standards are met and the open space is evenly distributed within an area (clause 5.4 of the draft policy) (recommended)**
- Option 4B: do not require a quantity standard provided proximity standards and land acquisition standards are met

Issue 5: Quantity standard for established residential areas

- **Option 5A: Retain the “making the most of what we have” approach with no per person quantity amount for established residential areas but allow targeted acquisition to enable open space provision standards to be met where there are gaps (clause 5.6-5.8 of the draft policy) (recommended)**
- Option 5B: require a per person quantity standard for established residential areas

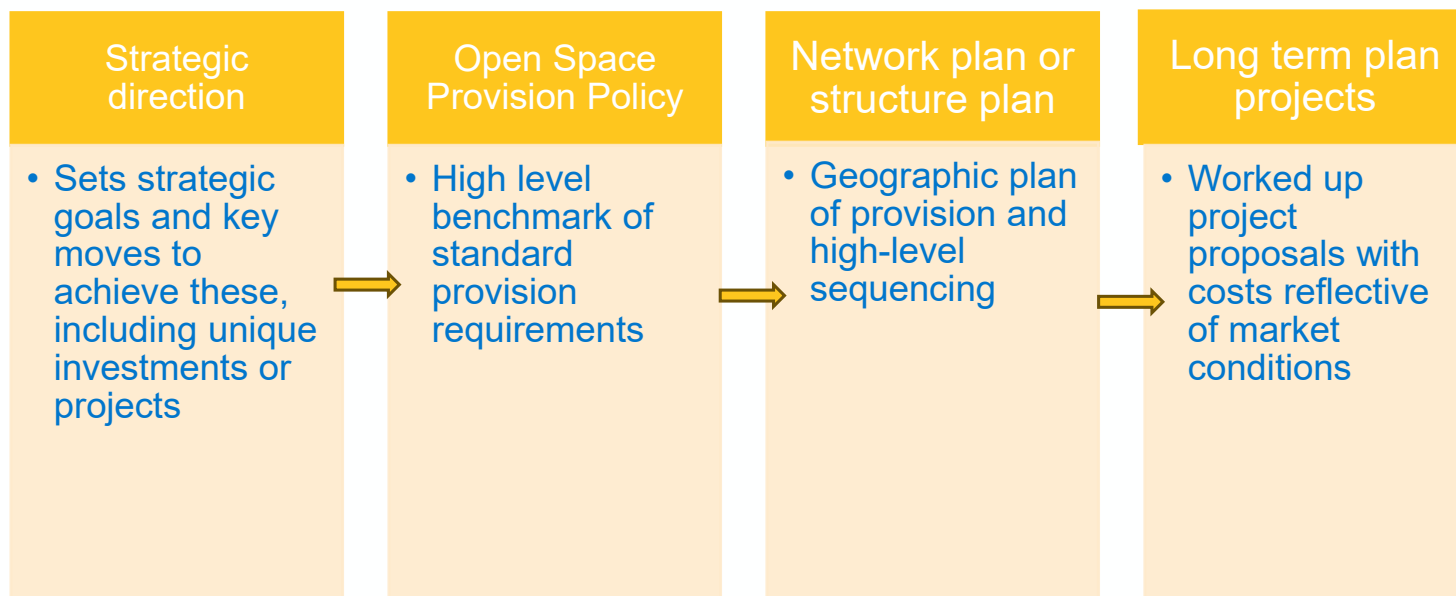
Issue 6: Open Space Acquisition Standards

- Option 6A: Status Quo: do not include acquisition standards
- **Option 6B: Include acquisition standards (Schedule 2 of the draft policy)(recommended)**

Issue 7: Universal design guidelines

- Option 7A: Status Quo – no guidance on how to meet accessibility standard
- **Option 7B: Include Universal design guidelines to guide how to meet accessibility standard (clause 5.22 of the draft policy) (recommended)**

Steps to Long-Term Plan



Next steps

- Consultation 3 August – 3 September
- Hearings/deliberations ~ October



Integrating events into Council's Strategic Framework

5x community outcomes...back in the day...



Tauranga Mātaraunui
An inclusive city



Tauranga Ara Rau
Moving around our city
easily



Tauranga Tātai Whenua
A well-planned city



Tauranga a te kura
Supports business and
education



Tauranga Taurikura
A city that values,
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our environment

5x community outcomes...2026 and beyond...



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New Te Reo Māori name
A vibrant city that
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SmartGrowth Strategy 2023

Tauranga Moana Iwi Management Plan 2016-2026

Inclusive City
Strategy
2023-2026

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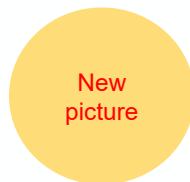
Connected
Centres
Programme
2020

Western Bay
Economic
Strategy
2021

Tauranga
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Options for integration...

Option 1.

Inclusive City
Strategy
2023-2026

Write and
consult on a new
overarching
events strategy

Time

Cost

Resource

Profile



New
picture

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Or...

Option 2.

Inclusive **and Vibrant** City
Strategy 2026...



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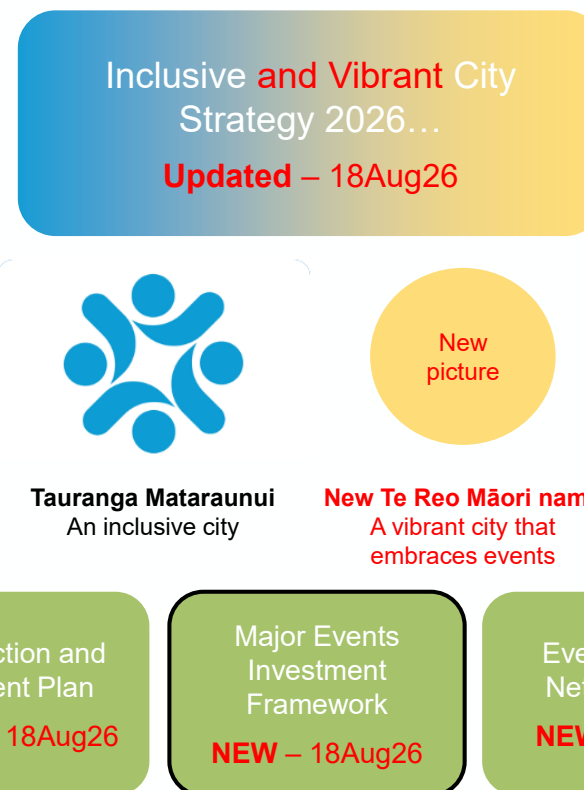
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Option 2 Summary...

- Precedent for shared strategies
- Strong linkages with the current Inclusive City Strategy
- Fast turnaround
- Cost effective – good VFM
- Making the most of what we've already got
- Good visibility of new community outcome
- Better reflects recent AP survey results and current budget allocation
- Creates solid framework for Events AIP, Major Events Investment Framework, and Events Network Plan

Option 2.



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