

Elected Member Briefing – 29 September 2021
Audio Visual Link / Council Chamber

Time	Topic	HCC Presenter(s)	Open / Closed	Time Req'd (mins)
9.30am	Stormwater Issues (Infrastructure Operations)	Maire Porter, Raewyn Simpson	Open	45 mins
10.15am	Legislation Reform Updates (Council)	Sean Hickey, Blair Bowcott, Debra Stan- Barton, Julie Clausen, Hannah Windle, Keith Hornby	Open	120 mins



Stormwater Management

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City Council**
Te kaunihera o Kirikiriroa

Purpose of the Briefing

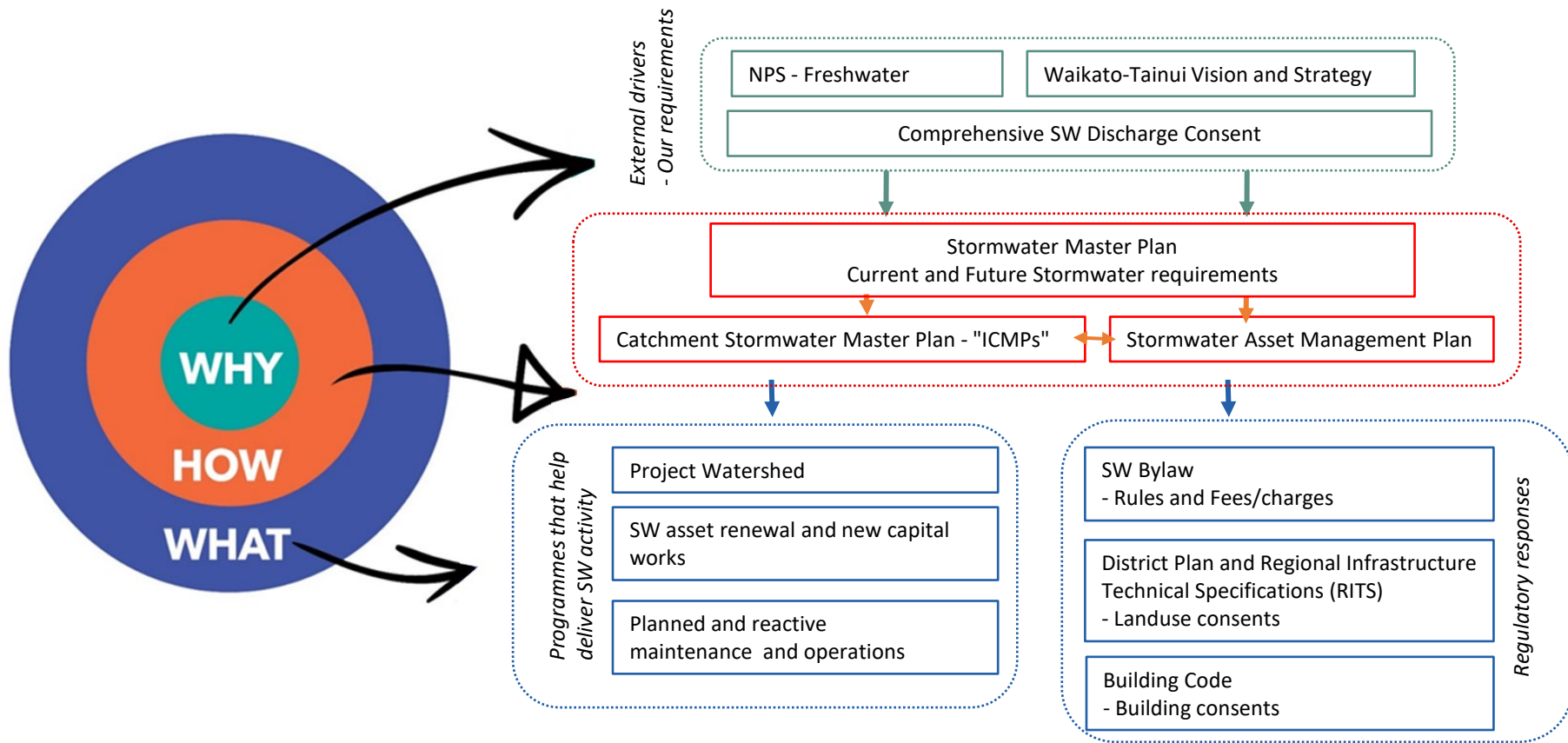
To provide Elected Members an overview of

- Stormwater management
- Our strategic priorities
- Our challenges
- Project Watershed Service Level Agreement
- Nature in the City and Project Watershed
- Our capital investment profile



Ulrich Ave culvert

Purpose of Stormwater Management



Strategic Priorities



Stormwater assets are managed to protect people, property and the environment (LGA & RMA).

Restore and protect the health and wellbeing of the Waikato River and its tributaries (Vision and Strategy).

Provide sufficient urban capacity and infrastructure to meet long term demand (NPS-Urban Development) for a rapidly growing city

Reflect tangata whenua values and interests in management of freshwater and ecosystems (NPS-FM)

Challenges that we are facing

- Ensuring that new greenfield areas that require strategic investment can be serviced with appropriate infrastructure balancing the amount of land used for treatment and treatment quality provided
- Optimising and realising treatment locations and infrastructure to lessen whole of life costs and optimise land for development and other uses
- Reflecting and acknowledging Iwi values in the management and treatment of stormwater
- Securing and protecting overland flow paths
- Requiring to retrofit treatment infrastructure for brownfield development (within existing city). Much of the city's existing stormwater system doesn't involve any treatment before discharging into the Waikato River. Modern stormwater management practice involves retention of stormwater and treatment chains to minimise environmental effects. A total investment of \$1.68 billion is forecasted between years 11 and 30 for this purpose.
- Ensuring residents are aware of flood hazards and have an understanding of infrastructure design standards in different parts of the city.
- Understanding and adapting to climate change impacts on stormwater infrastructure
- Management of private stormwater devices
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- Changing legislative environment
- Level of service, our customers though consultation with the District Plan have stated that they would like to be protected from any flood event up to a 1 in 100-year event. Currently our level of service is
 - Residential 1 in 2 year event
 - Commercial 1 in 5 year event
 - Industrial 1 in 10 year event

Project Watershed Service Level Agreement

- Service Level Agreement under review, term expired June 2021
- No indication from WRC that the service will discontinue, 2021 works programme underway
- Staff request Elected Member guidance on
 - How to future proof the agreement e.g. policy
 - Governance opportunities
 - Reporting and Meetings
 - Strategy meeting currently 6 monthly
 - Tactical meeting prior to Integrated Catchment Committee meeting
 - Quarterly and Annual reporting



Nature in the City and Project Watershed

Nature in the City

- **Objective for Nature in the City is to achieve 10% native vegetation cover in Hamilton Kirikiriroa by 2050. This will be achieved through:**
 - Biodiversity monitoring and reporting programmes
 - Develop access in the six main gully systems to undertake restoration works and provide opportunities for recreation and connection with nature
 - Ecological restoration on Council-owned land within the six main gully systems
 - Develop and implement education and information programme
 - Actively seek funding opportunities
 - Support and enable the community to care for and restore nature



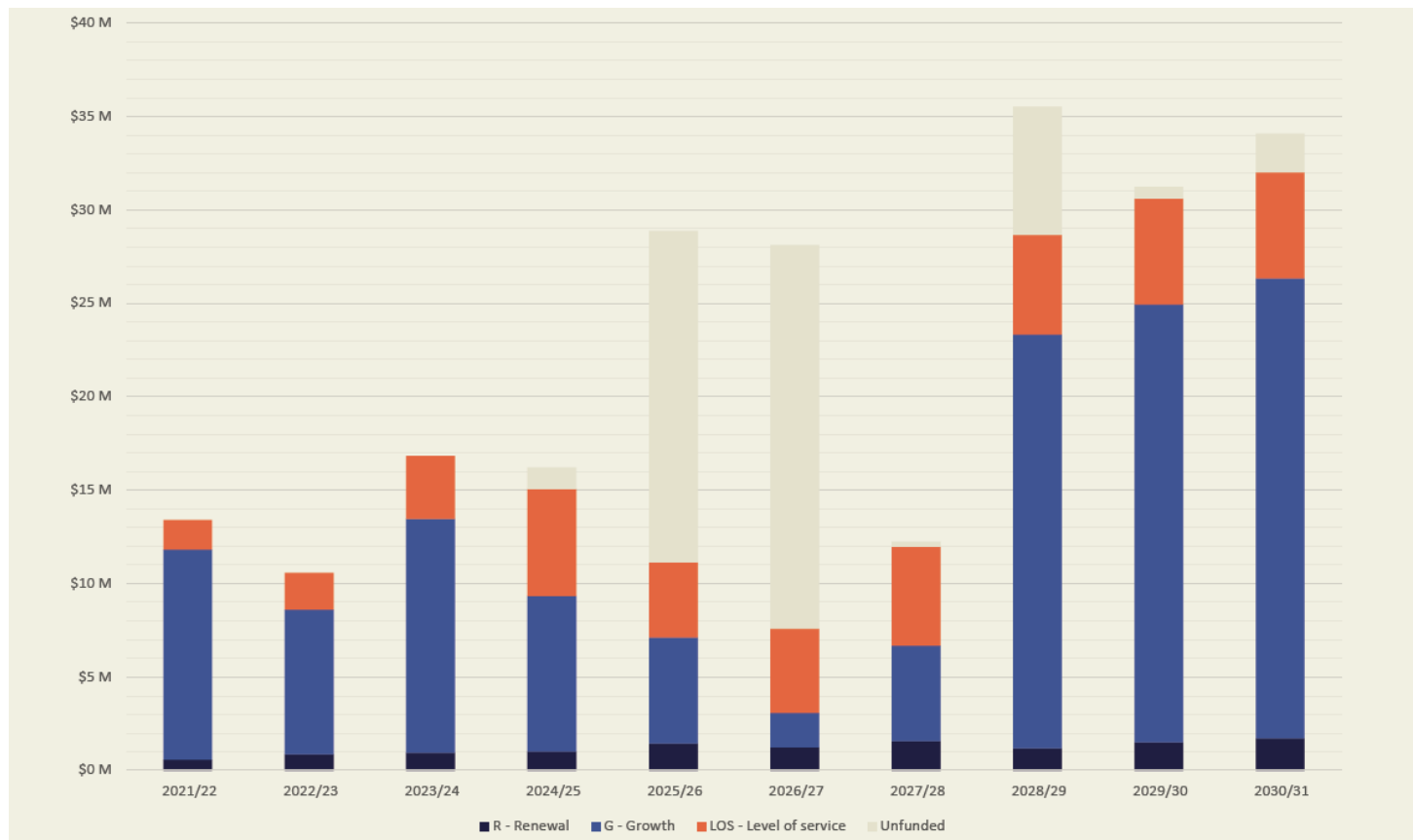
Mutual Benefits

- Common gully systems
 - Waitawhiriwhiri
 - Mangaonua
 - Mangakotukutuku
 - Te Awa o Katapaki (Esplanade)
- Water flow
- Maintenance
 - Stream cleaning
 - Access
- Biodiversity
 - Native planting
- Ecological restoration
 - Endemic fish and plants
 - Fish passage
- Community engagement
- Carbon sink

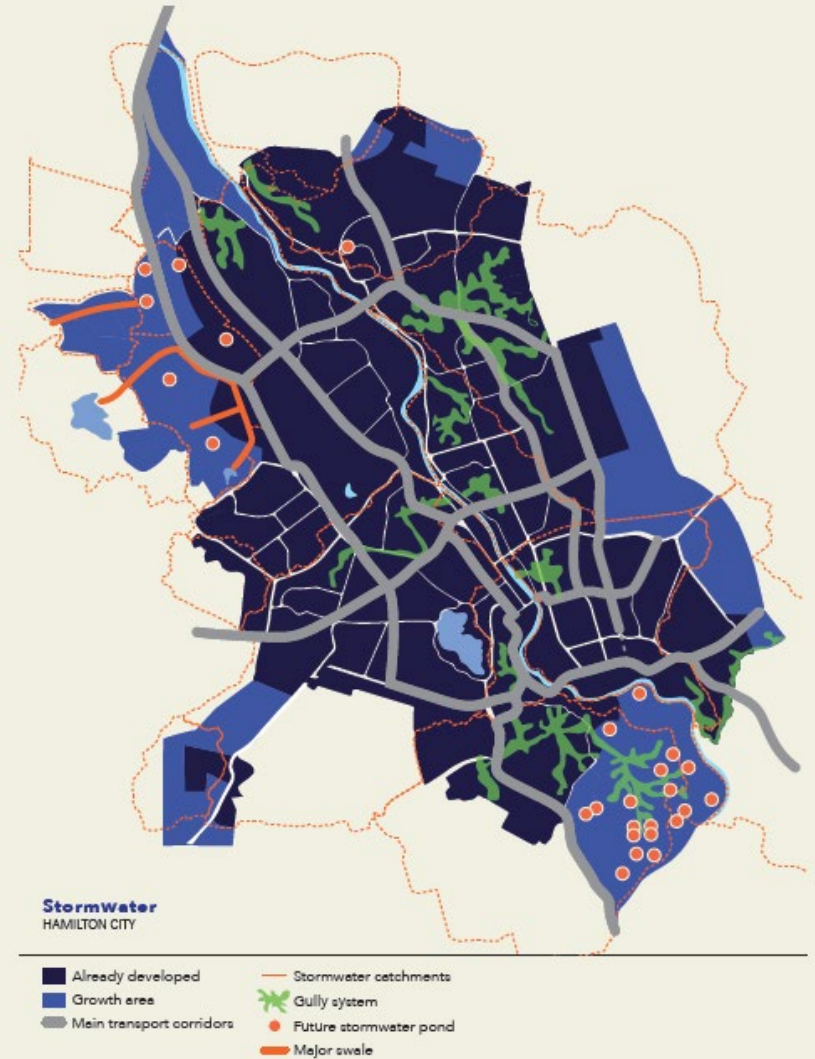
Project Watershed

- **Objective for Project Watershed is the management of sediment through River management. This is achieved through:**
 - Ensuring streams and rivers remain free flowing, to reduce the effects of flooding;
 - Management of flood protection and erosion management assets, including provision of new assets;
 - Protection of riverbank and stream stability; and
 - Erosion remedial works.

Forecasted Yearly Capex Expenditure



Location Future Assets



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An aerial photograph of Hamilton City, New Zealand, taken at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow over the city. The Waikato River flows through the center of the image, reflecting the sunlight. The city is densely packed with green trees and buildings. In the foreground, there are several large, modern buildings, including a large white building with a red roof and a large blue building. The background shows the city extending to the horizon under a hazy sky.

Legislative Reform

Elected Member Briefing



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Agenda – Legislative Reform Landscape

#	Item
1	Introduction and overview of reform landscape
2	Response Programme approach
3	Resource Management Reform
4	Future for Local Government Review
5	Three Waters Reform
6	Elected Member Reporting and Role
7	Questions and Feedback
8	Next steps

Introduction and overview

	Major central govt reform	Change to rules impacting local govt	Change to structure & function of local govt	
3 Waters	✓	✓	✓	Co-ordinated, strategic response programme
RMA	✓	✓	✓	
Future for Local Govt	✓	✓	✓	
Housing	✓	✓		Influence via appropriate committees, channels and relationships
Climate Change	✓	✓		
Civil Defence	✓	✓		
Education	✓			Watching brief
Health	✓			

Purpose of HCC Reform Response Programme

1. To influence the Central Government Reform Programme for the benefit of Hamiltonians
2. To prepare Hamilton City Council for change in response to Central Government Reform

Programme Deliverables

- Develop understanding of potential cumulative effect of government reform on Hamilton & Hamilton City Council [will likely be dynamic]
- Develop overarching HCC strategic agenda/position and key messages in respect of govt reform
- Develop and execute overarching communication strategy and coordinate communications for individual reform programmes
- Develop and execute overarching partner/stakeholder engagement strategy and coordinate partner/stakeholder engagement plans for individual reform programmes
- Develop and execute overarching influencing strategy and coordinate influencing plans for individual reform programmes
- Coordinate Elected Member forums, reports and decision-making processes on reform programme
- Identify likely organisation impacts to be managed as part of Transformation Programme

HCC Approach

- Internal staff governance group established - subject matter experts and leads for each area:
 - Resource Management Reform – Blair Bowcott
 - Three Waters Reform – Andrew Parsons
 - Future for Local Government Review – Julie Clausen
 - Plus: Key Strategy, Comms, Governance, Transformation, HR staff
- Elected Member engagement, direction setting and decision-making:
 - Council – standing agenda item
 - Regular updates via Exec Update
 - Dedicated SharePoint Folder
 - Water reform political working group
- Collaboration
 - Tier 1 Urban Authorities – Aligning with Councils with similar issues
 - Neighbouring Waikato Councils – Building on existing workstreams
 - Waikato-Tainui and other partners
 - LASS, UNISA
 - Mayoral Forum
 - Water reform Entity B council
- Key influence channels
 - Formal submissions
 - Staff working with counterparts in central govt ministries and agencies developing legislation
 - Role of Elected Members – to discuss



Ministry for the
Environment
Manatū Mō Te Taiao

Resource Management Reform

Reform Objectives and Outcomes

Give effect to the principles
of Te Tiriti of Waitangi and
greater recognition of te ao
Māori

Adapting to climate change
and risks from natural
hazards Better mitigation of
emissions

Protect and restore the
environment

Enable development within
natural environmental limits,
with improvements in
housing and infrastructure

Improve system efficiency
and effectiveness
Reduce complexity

- **Natural and Built Environments Act**

- To protect and restore the environment while better enabling development (primary replacement for RMA)
- Exposure draft 29 June 2021

- **Strategic Planning Act**

- Requires the development of long-term regional spatial strategies to help coordinate and integrate decisions made under relevant legislation

- **Climate Change Adaptation Act**

- To address complex issues associated with managed retreat and funding and financing adaptation.

Resource Management Reform

Project Lead:

Blair Bowcott

Next Mile Stones:

- **Q4 2021** – Select Committee Enquiry into partial/exposure draft of the Natural and Built Environments Act
- **Q1 2022** – Select Committee Enquiry into full draft of the Natural and Built Environments Act & Spatial Planning Act
- Both Acts expected to be passed into law prior to the end of the current parliamentary term (~Jan '24)

HCC Submissions:

- **21 May 2021** – RM Reform – Opportunities to Improve Efficiency Early Engagement (Staff)
- **4 Aug 2021** – Reforming our RM System: Natural and Built Environments Bill Exposure Draft

OVERVIEW OF THE PROPOSED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

NATURAL AND BUILT ENVIRONMENTS ACT

Purpose and Related Provisions

The purpose clause includes Te Oranga a Te Taiao, and use of the environment for the well-being of present and future generations.

Related provisions cover the Treaty, environmental limits, and environmental outcomes



Purpose and related provisions translated through the development of NPT

National Planning Framework

Contains the environmental limits that are set nationally, targets, other provisions such as methods and rules, and a precautionary approach, to direct and guide those exercising functions and powers under the NBA in the implementation of the Act

Purpose and related provisions, and NPT translated into plan provisions

Natural and Built Environments Plan

Developed by local government, central government and mana whenua, replaces the existing regional policy statements, regional plans and district plans. Contains provisions (including rules) that determine whether a consent is required, whether it needs to be notified, and what an application will be assessed against. In order to grant it, includes designations (reserving land for infrastructure works etc)

Resource Consents

Implementation of Designations

STRATEGIC PLANNING ACT

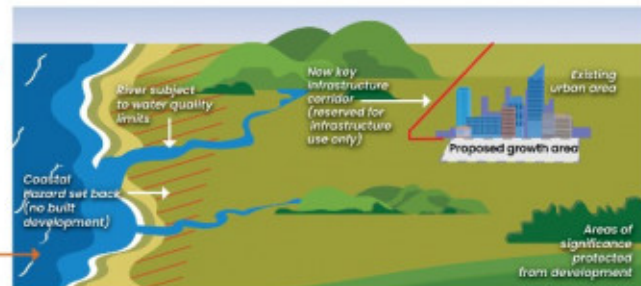
Climate Change Response Act

Local Government Act

Land Transport Management Act

Long-Term Regional Spatial Strategy

Jointly developed by local government, central government and mana whenua



Climate Adaptation Act

RSS translated into plan provisions

Local Government funding mechanisms

Long-term plans, Regional Land Transport Plans, Annual Plans

Implementation agreements

Central Government funding mechanisms

Implementation of plans

Three Waters Reform



Te Tari Taiwhenua
Internal Affairs



**We are.
LGNZ.**
Te Kāhui Kaunihera ō Aotearoa.

- Three pillars of reform:
 - Drinking water regulation and performance of wastewater and stormwater networks (Water Services Bill – at Second Reading)
 - Dedicated water services regulator (Taumata Arowai) and economic regulator
 - \$761 million Reform stimulus funding (\$17.46m HCC) for maintaining and improving three waters (drinking water, wastewater, stormwater) infrastructure
 - \$2b “better off” fund and \$500m “no worse” fund
 - Service Delivery change proposal (moving from 67 councils to 4x multi-regional water services entities)

Three Waters Reform

Project Lead:

- Andrew Parsons

Next Mile Stone:

- Council to consider reform feedback to government at 30 September Council meeting for 1 October deadline
- Following 1 October, Government will make decisions on next steps in the reform process including mechanisms for community consultation.

Recent HCC Submissions:

- 28 May 2021 - Three Water Review initial feedback to LGNZ
- 12 Aug 2021 - Three Water Review addendum to initial feedback to LGNZ
- 26 Feb 2021 – Water Services Bill

Future for Local Government Review



Te Tari Taiwhenua
Internal Affairs

Purpose

“Identify how our system of local democracy and governance needs to evolve over the next 30 years to improve the wellbeing of community and environment and actively embody the Treaty partnership”

A review panel established May 2021

Review will examine:

- Roles, functions and partnerships;
- Representation and governance
- Funding and financing

Future for Local Government Review

Project Lead:

Julie Clausen, Strategy Manager

Next Mile Stone:

- **30 September '21:** Interim Review panel report to Minister indicating possible direction of the review and key next steps
- **30 September '22:** Draft report and recommendations for public consultation
- **30 April '23:** Final Report to Minister and LGNZ

HCC Submissions:

No opportunity to date

Next Steps?

- *Next dedicated Council Briefing - 24 November '21*

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