

Strategic Direction

The objectives in the Strategic Direction Chapter outline the key strategic matters for the districts and guide decision making at a strategic level. The objectives in the Strategic Direction Chapter are to be read together and there is no hierarchy between the objectives in this chapter and the objectives in other chapters in the District Plan. All other objectives and policies in the District Plan should be read and fulfilled in a manner consistent with the objectives in the Strategic Direction Chapter while recognising no fixed hierarchy exists between them.

For the purpose of plan development, including plan changes, the objectives in the Strategic Direction Chapter provide guidance on the key strategic or significant matters for the district that are relevant when developing District Plan provisions.

For the purpose of plan implementation (including in the determination of resource consent applications and notices of requirement), the objectives in the Strategic Direction Chapter provide guidance on what the related objectives and policies in other chapters of the Plan are seeking to achieve in relation to key strategic or significant matters for the district.

CCR - Climate Change and Resilience

Objectives

CCR-O1	Climate change mitigation
The Wairarapa develops and functions in a way that assists the community in the transition to a low-carbon future.	
CCR-O2	Adapting to climate change
The Wairarapa is resilient, adapts to the effects of climate change, and recognises the opportunities and risks associated with those effects.	
CCR-O3	Resilience to natural hazards
The Wairarapa develops and functions in a way that does not increase risk and consequences of <i>natural hazards</i> .	
CCR-O4	Water availability and efficiency
Land use activities that support and enhance water availability and efficiency, and adaptive management is encouraged.	

CCR-OX	Renewable electricity
Recognise the role of renewable electricity generation activities in meeting the New Zealand Government's national target for emissions reduction and generation of electricity from renewable resources to contribute to the transition to a low-carbon future.	

HC - Historic and Cultural Heritage

Objectives

HC-O1	Protection of heritage values
The cultural, spiritual, and/or historical values associated with historic heritage and sites and areas of significance to Rangitāne o Wairarapa, Ngāti Kahungūnu ki Wairarapa, hapū and whānau are recognised, protected and maintained.	
HC-O2	Tangata whenua identity and values
Sites and features that have special qualities and values that contribute to Rangitāne o Wairarapa and Ngāti Kahungūnu ki Wairarapa's sense of place and identity are recognised and protected.	

NE - Natural Environment

Objectives

NE-O1	Natural character, landscapes, features, and ecosystems
Natural character, outstanding natural features and landscapes, and areas of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitat of indigenous fauna contribute positively to the Wairarapa's sense of place and identity.	
NE-O2	Wairarapa Moana
The mauri of Wairarapa Moana is protected and restored.	
NE-O3	Open space
The Wairarapa community has access to a diverse range of open spaces within which: 1. there is a wide range of recreational opportunities and experiences; and 2. areas with natural, ecological, and landscape values, and sites and areas of significance to Māori are protected.	
NE-O4	Coastal environment
The special qualities of the Wairarapa <i>coastal environment</i> are recognised and protected from inappropriate subdivision, use, and development.	
NE-O5	Integrated management
Freshwater, land, water bodies, ecosystems, and receiving environments are managed using an integrated approach:- 1. in collaboration with tangata whenua, the community, and other government entities; and 2. to avoid, remedy, or mitigate adverse effects, including cumulative effects, on the health and well-being of water bodies, freshwater ecosystems, and receiving environments.	
NE-O6	Healthy ecosystems
The biological diversity of indigenous species and habitats within the Wairarapa are maintained and enhanced, and restored where degraded.	

RE – Rural Environment

Objectives

RE-O1	Social and economic wellbeing
The Wairarapa's rural environment and land use activities in this environment contributes positively to the region's economic and social wellbeing.	
RE-O2	Productive capacity
The land and resources of the General Rural Zone are used predominantly remains available for <i>primary production</i> activities and the productive capacity of land is protected from inappropriate subdivision, use and development.	
RE-O3	Highly productive land
Highly productive land is protected from inappropriate subdivision, use and development and its use in <i>land-based primary production</i> , both now and for future generations, is enabled.	
RE-O4	Character and amenity values of the rural environment
The character and amenity values of the rural environment is maintained and enhanced.	
RE-O5	Rural lifestyle
Opportunities for rural lifestyle subdivision and development are only provided in parts of the rural environment where they do not conflict with: 1. protecting the productive capacity of the land; 2. the enabling of primary production; or 3. existing industry and infrastructure. and protecting the productive capacity of land.	

TW - Tangata Whenua

Objectives

TW-O1	Recognition and protection
The values, rights, and interests of Rangitāne o Wairarapa, Ngāti Kahungūnu ki Wairarapa, hapū and whānau are recognised and protected.	
TW-O2	Active participation
Rangitāne o Wairarapa, Ngāti Kahungūnu ki Wairarapa, hapū and whānau actively participate in resource management processes.	
TW-O3	Use of Māori land
Rangitāne o Wairarapa, Ngāti Kahungūnu ki Wairarapa, hapū and whānau can protect, develop, and use <i>Māori land</i> to undertake <i>customary activities</i> , and to support their cultural, environmental, social and economic aspirations.	
TW-O4	Kaitiakitanga
Rangitāne o Wairarapa, and Ngāti Kahungūnu ki Wairarapa, hapū and whānau can exercise kaitiakitanga and engage with their culture, traditions, ancestral lands, <i>waterbodies</i> , sites, areas, and landscapes and other taonga of significance to Māori.	

UFD – Urban Form and Development

Objectives

UFD-O1	Urban form of the Wairarapa
Wairarapa's urban form is maintained as a series of: 1. larger main urban areas that support a local community located and connected along the main transport routes; and 2. smaller coastal and rural settlements that support a local community.	
UFD-O2	Urban growth
The Wairarapa's urban areas grow in a planned, efficient, and structured way to meet current and future needs in a manner that: 1. provides for a variety of housing types that respond to a range of community needs; 2. enables greater densities of development in areas with sufficient infrastructure capacity and located close to centres, services, open spaces and/or public transport; 3. is compatible with the character and amenity of the urban areas recognising that amenity values can change over time; 4. improves housing affordability; 5. protects the productive capacity of rural land; and 6. supports reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.	
UFD-O3	Urban development capacity land supply
There is sufficient <i>development capacity</i> to meet the Wairarapa's housing, commercial, and industrial, needs.	
UFD-O4	Infrastructure capacity
Urban growth and development is integrated with the efficient use of existing infrastructure and provision, including the timing, sequencing, and funding, of new or upgraded <i>infrastructure</i> (including additional infrastructure); schools, and open spaces.	
UFD-O5	Vibrant town centres
The Wairarapa contains vibrant and viable town centres that are the location for shopping, leisure, cultural, entertainment, and social interaction experiences and provide for the community's employment and economic needs.	

UFD-O6	Commercial activities
<i>Commercial activities</i> located outside of town centres do not undermine the function and viability of the Wairarapa's town centres.	
UFD-OX	Connectivity
Wairarapa residents have safe, multi-modal access between housing, employment, services, amenities, green space, and local centres, preferably using active and sustainable transport modes.	

INF – Infrastructure

Objectives

INF-O1	Infrastructure
	The benefits of infrastructure (including additional infrastructure) are recognised and provided for, while ensuring its adverse effects are avoided, remedied, or mitigated, and infrastructure (including additional infrastructure) is protected from incompatible land use, subdivision and development, including reverse sensitivity effects.