

Timaru District Council - Strategic Directions

VISION

Timaru District is New Zealand's best place to live, work and invest - providing a great future for all

PURPOSE

Provide the infrastructure, services and leadership that enables people, communities and businesses to prosper. Make practical decisions, deliver value for our ratepayers and plan for the long term.

BEHAVIOURS

BE RESPONSIBLE

We spend ratepayer money carefully, act with integrity and invest to deliver lasting value.

DELIVER

We focus on getting the basics right and delivering what we plan.

BE AMBITIOUS

We support investment and create the conditions for businesses and communities to succeed.

THINK LONG TERM

We make decisions that strengthen our communities for future generations.

WORK TOGETHER

We achieve better outcomes by building trusted partnerships.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

RELIABLE INFRASTRUCTURE

Invest wisely in the infrastructure our district needs today while preparing for tomorrow.

A GROWING DISTRICT

Support investment, housing, jobs and productive land use.

STRONG COMMUNITIES

Provide quality services and places that people value.

LOOK AFTER OUR ENVIRONMENT

Care for our natural environment while supporting productive land use for future generations.

TRUSTED LEADERSHIP

Lead with integrity, make informed decisions and advocate for the future of Timaru District.

FOCUS AREAS

1. Enhanced Asset Management
2. Safe & efficient transport network
3. Successful Central South Island Water
4. Well maintained community facilities

1. Spatial planning
2. Remove barriers, promote and enable growth
3. Appropriate land availability
4. Funding and financing of growth

1. Provide vibrant, clean, safe community spaces (incl. CBDs)
2. Community engagement & inclusive participation
3. Celebrate arts, culture, identity, sports
4. Community development & leadership

1. Waste management & minimisation
2. Protect water quality & stormwater management
3. Climate resilience and hazard preparedness
4. Improving biodiversity, education and community support

1. Evidence-based decision making, transparency & communication
2. Advocate for Timaru at a local, regional, national, international level
3. Preparation for reform
4. Improving ratepayer confidence
5. Financial sustainability

STRATEGIC RESPONSES

Independent Asset Maturity Assessments

- Assessment
- Gap analysis
- Key targets, priorities and actions

Integrated Asset Management Planning

- Remove silos
- Integrate Asset Teams
- Build AM capability

Understand our Growth Constraints

- Funding and Financing Tools
- Planning for the future
- Appropriate plans and strategies

Promote cultural shift for growth

- Remove barriers
- Build capability & capacity
- Celebrate success

Deliver value to our community

- Design service levels with community
- Deliver better value
- Ensure financial sustainability

A well informed community

- Tell our story better
- Engage honestly and transparently
- Understand and communicate the trade-offs

Understand our Environment

- Build shared understanding of our environment and resources
- Integrate evidence and reporting
- Prepare ourselves for future state

Support our communities

- Build and leverage partnerships
- Build community resources
- Continue to work alongside mana whenua

Evidence-based decision making

- Build decision making tools
- Integrate data and evidence into decisions
- Develop a 'single source of the truth'

Enhanced leadership and advocacy

- Create an environment that supports better decision making and ownership
- Promote and advocate for Timaru District