

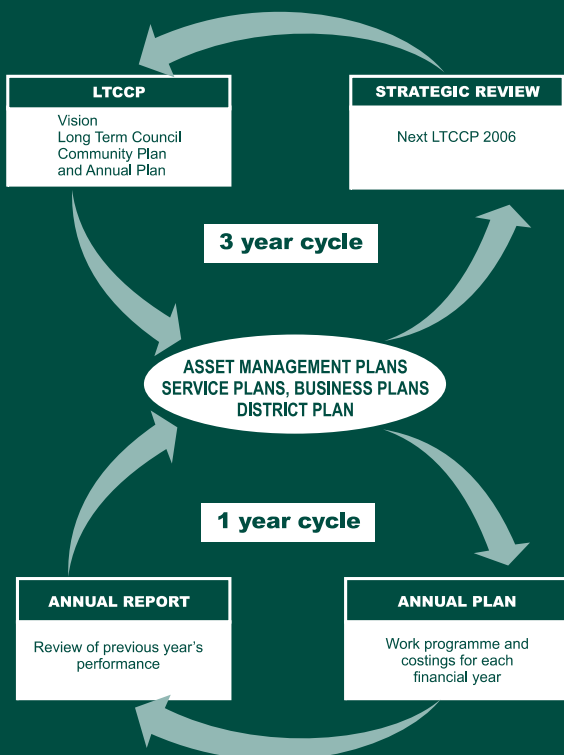
Waitakere Eco City

Te Taiao o Waitakere
sustainable
dynamic
just

principles

open honest
communication
responsiveness
accountability
partnership
innovation
excellence
integrity

How the Annual Report fits into Council's overall planning framework



The role of the Annual Report and Financial Statements

The Waitakere City Council is required to produce an Annual Report each year to account for the money provided to it by ratepayers, financial institutions and other governmental agencies.

The Annual Report is also an important tool for showing how Waitakere City's community goals are being achieved. This document, therefore, also represents an opportunity to provide interested parties with a range of additional information to give a more complete picture of the City's affairs.

The contents of this Annual Report will make reference to the City's strategies and plans, including the City's Long Term Council Community Plan adopted by the Council on the 30th June 2003 and the 2004/2005 Annual Plan, which was adopted by the Council on the 29th June 2004, after considerable consultation with ratepayers and interested others.

Many of the ways in which this information is presented are governed by legislation and standard accounting practices. However, the Waitakere City Council recognises that the readers of this report are from diverse backgrounds and steps have been taken to present the information in an accessible and understandable form.

The reports from the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer provide commentary on some of the year's key strategies, objectives, highlights and challenges. The Sustainable Development and Corporate Sustainability Reports examine the social, environmental, economic, and cultural outcomes and effects of the Council's activities. The Financial Statements and Statements of Service Performance look at the City's affairs in greater detail. The Annual Report concludes with a Governance Report containing information about the people who make up the Council, Community Boards and senior staff.

The Waitakere City Council thank you for your interest in its activities and its leadership role in developing Waitakere City.