Strategic goals

Healthy communities

- The distinct identities and sense of place of the towns, suburbs and city areas are recognised and enhanced.
- Ngāi Tahu is able to reinforce and re-establish connections with ancestral land, waterways and other taonga, and enhance the Ngāi Tahu sense of identity and belonging in the region.
- People and communities have equitable access to a range of integrated community infrastructure, facilities and services, including education, health, sport, recreation and core council services.
- Individuals, whānau and communities are empowered to participate and engage with strategy partners.
- The increasing diversity of the population and communities is recognised, and reflected in strategies, plans, programmes and projects.
- With good urban design, neighbourhoods and their centres include communal spaces, are liveable, walkable, safe and attractive, and have good connectivity and accessibility.
- Buildings and homes incorporate sustainable building principles and innovative design so that they are warm, safe and accessible.
- Housing offers a more diverse range of types and sizes. Affordable housing provides for the needs of different people and groups.
- Ngāi Tahu whānau are able to develop papakāinga/kāinga nohoanga, and use Māori reserve land to provide for their economic, social and cultural wellbeing.

Enhanced natural environments

- Groundwater quality and quantity are maintained or improved.
- Indigenous biodiversity, ecosystems and mahinga kai values are protected and enhanced.
- The many values of the coastline, estuaries, wetlands and waterways are recognised and restored, and their ecosystem services are recognised.
- Resource efficiency is supported by energy and water conservation, waste minimisation and local food production.
- Air quality is improved and maintained.

Prosperous economies

- Land, water and other valued resources are able to be used sustainably and within agreed limits.
- Adequate land for commercial and industrial uses is available in appropriate locations. The rebuilding and regeneration needs of businesses are well addressed.
- Economic development embraces innovation and technology, and is supported by effective and efficient transport and infrastructure.
- A collaborative and connected business environment supports workforce education and retention.

Integrated and managed urban development

- Clear boundaries for urban development are defined and maintained. The urban area is consolidated by redeveloping and intensifying existing urban areas.
- New urban development is well integrated with existing urban areas. Sufficient land is available to meet needs for regeneration and future land use.
- We understand and plan for risk from natural and other hazards, including flooding, seismic activity, sea level rise and climate change.
- A network of vibrant and diverse key activity and neighbourhood centres supports the Christchurch central city, incorporates mixeduse and transport-orientated development, supports increased density and diversity of housing, and provides access to community facilities.
- An efficient, reliable, safe and resilient transport system for people and businesses reduces dependency on private motor vehicles, promotes active and public transport, and improves accessibility for all people.
- Key public transport corridors and routes are identified and protected. The transport network can readily adapt to new technology and modes.
- Infrastructure, including transport, is resilient, timely and affordable, and comprehensively integrated with land use planning.
- Strategic regional and sub-regional infrastructure, including Lyttelton Port and Christchurch International Airport, service and utility hubs, and existing and future corridors, is protected.

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