

Strategic Infrastructure Planner

Developing long-term plans for our district infrastructure needs considering factors like future growth, sustainability, cost-effectiveness to ensure infrastructure projects align with overall strategic goals.

Our tikanga

Whanaungatanga

(fostering relationships and a sense of connection)

- We build on relationships established through shared experiences and working together.
- We get to know each other and take time to greet each other.
- We create opportunities to build relationships and share knowledge with a diverse range of people.
- We value the people around us and their unique contribution to the organisation.

Manaakitanga

(showing respect and care for others, hospitality, kindness and support)

- By showing manaaki we lift the mana (prestige) of all involved.
- We are part of the community and care about outcomes for external and internal customers.
- Our interactions with customers will respect and support their needs.

Kotahitanga

(unity, solidarity, togetherness and collective action)

- We have one shared direction and we all work together towards achieving it.
- We will stop doing anything that strays us from the agreed path to success.
- Our processes lead us to unified outcomes for our customers.
- We speak as one voice.

Atawhaitanga

(protection, stewardship, trust and a responsibility for long term outcomes)

- We deliver our responsibilities in the management and sustainability of our District in a trustworthy way.
- We collaborate and establish partnerships that enhance our role in the social, environmental, economic and cultural wellbeing of our communities.

Our expectations

As part of the Whangarei District Council we want to work as a team to deliver the best outcomes for our district. We are building our organisational culture around the principles of delivering for our customers, our organisational values, working together, and focussing on outcomes rather than tasks.

That means we will:

- provide strong customer service to all our customers
- operate collaboratively as a total Council team, and
- deliver our services in a way that is best for the district (as opposed to best for the Council).

In short, we want you to think about what we are trying to achieve, and then work as a team to provide great services to the residents of our district.

Strategic Infrastructure Planner – that's your primary task at Whangarei District Council. But working with us is much more than simply completing the task – it's about how you go about doing the task, how you make a difference to the organisation, the ways you work with others, and how you deliver the best services to the district.

We're crafting a new way of working together here at Council. We think each of us has a key role to play in making our district a great place to live. We do that by giving superb service to our customers; we do it by working together as a group; we do it by building a culture where we can all contribute our ideas; and we do it by focusing on our outcomes.

Where appropriate, we want you to be part of cross organisational teams, to bring your solutions to the table, and to work with those teams to implement them.

What you will do

- Develop the Infrastructure Strategy for the district reflecting a 30 year planning horizon incorporating the outcomes and vision of Councils strategic documents.
- Collaborate and contribute to Council's strategy work programme to ensure Infrastructure considerations are incorporated and implementation plans are able to be implemented.
- Develop strategic business case documents and coordinate their submission, review and consideration by senior management and governance.
- Collaborate with internal and external stakeholders, including local government and state agencies and developers, to align strategic infrastructure priorities with land use outcomes and resolve infrastructure blockages.
- Implement a monitoring framework for our infrastructure planning and ensure it is maintained and informs future Council Infrastructure Strategies and other relevant strategies
- Apply lateral thinking and develop innovative solutions across a wide range of highly complex information and situations that have long standing, organisation-wide impact.
- Facilitate conversations with technical and non-technical groups. Ensure key stakeholders are effectively engaged in strategy development and asset management plan updates.
- Engage and manage external professional service providers and contractors as required.
- Contribute to a team culture aligned to our Tikanga, Mission and Vision.

What we all do

- Demonstrate a commitment to cultural awareness in all aspects of work and development.
- Demonstrate a commitment to Council's Diversity policy in all aspects of work and development.
- Embrace training and professional development opportunities for continuing improvement.
- Undertake Civil Defence Emergency Management responsibilities if required.

Customer service

- Demonstrate a "customer first" culture within the team, department and in the wider organisation.
- Act as a Customer Advocate in the team, department and in the wider organisation.
- See customer feedback as an opportunity to improve service.
- Develop partnerships within the organisation to meet customer needs.
- Contribute to the development of customer focused policies and procedures.

Health and safety

- Accurately and promptly report all accidents, incidents and risks by the end of the working day.
- Keep yourself and others safe.
- Adhere to all Council Health & Safety policies, procedures and guidelines.

What you will bring

- A tertiary level qualification or recognised equivalent in Business Management, infrastructure or related fields.
- Broad infrastructure / strategy / asset or financial planning experience.
- 5 Years post graduate experience.
- Can demonstrate experience in policy development, research and/or data/financial analysis that demonstratively assists infrastructure decision making.
- Experience in business case development and in particular Better Business Case methodology or equivalent.
- Experience of working in a political or highly complex organisation.
- Experience in cost estimation and budgeting.

- Knowledge of New Zealand local government legislation, practices and standards is desired including the Resource Management Act.
- Excellent writing and formatting skills, using innovative communication skills were required.

Additional Information

Financial responsibilities – Nil

Position Grade – 16

Organisation Chart – see below

