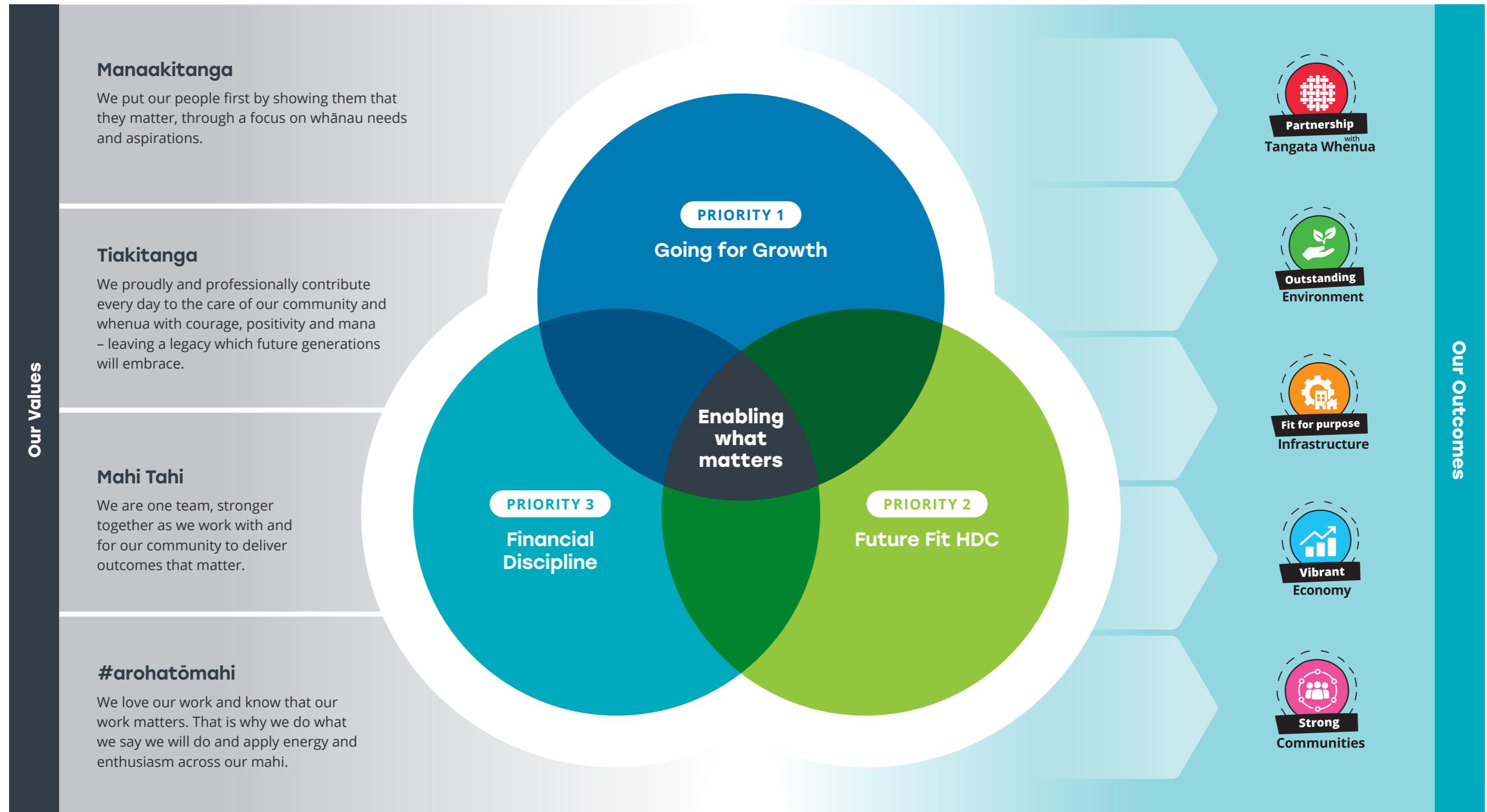


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Enabling what matters

Our Values

#arohatōmahi

We love our work and know that our work matters. That is why we do what we say we will do and apply energy and enthusiasm across our mahi.

Mahi Tahi

We are one team, stronger together as we work with and for our community to deliver outcomes that matter.

Tiakitanga

We proudly and professionally contribute every day to the care of our community and whenua with courage, positivity and mana – leaving a legacy which future generations will embrace.

Manaakitanga

We put our people first by showing them that they matter, through a focus on whānau needs and aspirations.

Our Priorities

Going for Growth

PRIORITY 1

What this means:

We see the opportunities that come with growth and want to ensure a return on investment that contributes to Horowhenua's liveability and prosperity.

What good looks like:

- Integrated growth planning informs infrastructure investment and key moves
- Levin Town Centre transformation acts as a catalyst
- Using Growth to position the District as a place to be and invest in
- Ōtaki to North Levin Expressway anchors our leadership and advocacy as we secure a fair revocation deal
- Growth delivers essential services communities can rely on and afford

Future Fit HDC

PRIORITY 2

What this means:

We will foster an agile, high-performing Council ready to meet future challenges of government reform while delivering fit-for-purpose services to our community.

What good looks like:

- Adapt to legislative and structural changes that redefine Council's role, scope, and size across reforms (Local Water, Resource Management, Simpler Local Government, Rates Capping, System Improvement)
- Position HDC as a leader in reform opportunities for funding and collaboration
- Ensure governance and decision-making frameworks remain robust and future-proof to support community voice

Financial Discipline

PRIORITY 3

What this means:

We will manage rates and funding wisely to keep services affordable and investments sustainable.

What good looks like:

- Strict budget monitoring and compliance with financial strategy, and balanced budget goals
- Review funding policies and settings to consider if rates and user fees and charges could be shared differently
- Advocacy for fair funding models and external investment opportunities
- Chase external funding opportunities

Our Outcomes



We will uphold Te Tiriti o Waitangi/The Treaty of Waitangi and its principles and recognise the role of Mana Whenua as kaitiaki of their rohe. We support them to maintain and enhance tikanga with their ancestral lands and waterways, wāhi tapu and other taonga, and build mutually respectful partnerships with tangata whenua, supporting whānau, marae, hapū and iwi in achieving their aspirations.



We contribute to improving our natural environment for current and future generations to enjoy, and protect the important natural features in our district. We ensure our built environment supports the wellbeing of our people and manage competing pressures on resources sustainably.



We provide efficient, reliable and affordable infrastructure, developing and maintaining facilities and infrastructure to meet the needs of current and future generations. Our community facilities and infrastructure are resilient, helping us to respond to climate change and natural hazards, working with partners to develop infrastructure that enables growth.



We are business friendly, supporting diversity and resilience in our local economy and work with others to make our economy grow. We aspire for economic security for all of our people and seize growth opportunities for our district.



We value the diversity of our people, and how our district's heritage shapes our community's sense of identity and pride.

We provide infrastructure, services, facilities and places to build resilient and connected communities where people of all ages and backgrounds feel included and safe. We are building collaborative relationships with service providers to enable all people to live positive, connected and healthy lifestyles, encouraging our people to participate in local decision making.