

## Memorandum

To District Development Committee  
From Matthew Mackay (Principal Policy Planner)  
Date 4 February 2026  
Subject **Planning Function Overview & RMA Update -11 February 2026**

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### **Purpose**

The attached presentation provides an overview on Council's Planning Functions and an update on recent changes to the Resource Management Act. This presentation is provided for information to the District Development Committee.

### **Background**

The District Development Committee Terms of Reference include the following responsibility:

*Receive the progress reports on the District Plan programme of work and escalate any strategic risks and make recommendations to Council for approval as required.*

The attached presentation provides an introductory overview of Council's Planning Function & a high-level overview of the three-year work programme. Note the work programme is subject to change based on confirmation of Government Reform. The presentation also summarises advice on the December 2025 changes to National Direction under the Resource Management Act.

### **Recommendation**

That the District Development Committee acknowledge receipt of the presentation *Planning Function Overview & RMA update 11 February 2026* for information.

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