

# Item 1: Approach to central government proposals open for consultation, and overall advocacy

**SESSION TYPE:** Workshop

**PURPOSE/DESIRED OUTCOME:**

The purpose of this workshop is for councillors to discuss the following proposals:

- Simplifying Local Government draft proposal
- Rates capping
- RMA replacement bills
- Development levies initial exposure draft
- Changes to the Infrastructure Funding and Financing Act

Direction to is sought from councillors to inform submissions on the above central government reforms.

**DATE/START TIME:**

Monday, 26 January 2026 at 9.30am

**TIME BREAKDOWN:**


Brief presentation on each topic, with majority of time allocated for discussion.

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

A	Workshop Slides
B	Back to basics summary
C	Simplifying Local Government
D	DIA Presentation to CO, QL, Mayors and CEs
E	Briefing note RM replacement bills*
F	Rates target model A3
G	Rates target model consultation document

H	Rates capping cabinet papers*
I	Rates capping RIS*
J	Rates capping Briefings DIA to Minister*
K	Taituara rates capping draft submission*
L	Rates capping DIA webinar slides
M	Rates target model Minister letter to Mayors
N	Development Levies consultation document
O	Development Levies RIS*
P	Development Levies cabinet papers*
Q	Development Levies supplementary analysis report*
R	Exposure draft of LG (Infrastructure Funding) Amendment Bill*

\* Items marked with an asterisk have not been previously circulated to Council due to timing of their release, or updates to workshop content.