

Schedule 1 – Summary of Commitments

1. Partnership for Growth: A long-term partnership to align priorities, integrate planning and coordinate delivery, unlocking Auckland’s full growth potential.

To ensure a long-term, integrated partnership between the public and private sector and long-term planning that is robust and stable, the following commitments form the basis of the Deal:

1. At least three meetings per year between the Prime Minister and the Mayor.
2. Regular meetings between the Mayor and senior Ministers to share views on policy settings for matters that affect Auckland (with each minister determining cadence between monthly to biannually).
3. Regular reporting and monitoring on agreed commitments.
4. Auckland Council and Central Government will together prepare to implement the new transport reform and resource management system in Auckland in advance of the new legislation being enacted. This includes:
 - The Government will continue to work with Auckland Council on PC120 and will take steps to deliver the council more flexibility around how and where Auckland grows as a part of this plan change.
 - Regional Spatial Plan with regulatory weight.
 - Elements of national direction such as standard zoning provisions.
 - A 30-year transport plan.
 - Key transport projects, including the Waitemata Crossing.

2. Innovation, technology and science: Commitments to grow Auckland’s globally competitive innovation economy, anchored in research, precinct development and advanced industries, with strong international positioning.

Joint Commitments

Auckland Council and Central Government will work together to support the growth of Auckland’s globally competitive innovation economy. This will include working together on:

1. Recognition of the national importance of Auckland as a centre for innovation.
2. Support for coordinating Auckland’s innovation ecosystem and precincts.
3. Policy and regulatory settings to support growth of the innovation economy.
4. Global positioning, international relationships and investment attraction.

The initial spatial areas that are recognised as an innovation focus for the Deal include:

1. City Centre to Newmarket Innovation Corridor (Wynyard – City Centre – Parnell – Newmarket).
2. Te Puna Creative Innovation Precinct (West Auckland).
3. Southern Manufacturing, Logistics & Energy Corridor.

Year-1 Joint priorities, Innovation

Auckland Council and Central Government will advance the following specific joint priority initiatives for Year 1 of the Deal:

1. Launch the NZ Institute for Advanced Technology (NZIAT) and pursue co-location with the NZ Defence Tech Accelerator and Research and Education Advanced Network New Zealand (REANNZ) to create a centre of excellence for research, startups and industry collaboration.

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Consider targeted support to enable University of Auckland's flagship Innovation Centre (including MedTech-iQ) building and associated development in Newmarket. 3. Development of a joint prospectus of Auckland's innovation ecosystem as a national and international showcase. 4. Consider how Auckland and Central Government can align and support their respective trade missions to India, China and Southeast Asia, including the role Auckland may play in a trade mission to India in 2026. 5. Support for Fisher & Paykel Healthcare's Drury campus. 6. Preparatory work with NZ Steel and Outset Ventures on the location of a major product accelerator at Glenbrook. 	
Auckland Council Commitments	Central Government Commitments
<p>Provide a competitive offer for negotiation with the NZIAT Board to locate the NZIAT Hub, potentially co-located with the Defence Tech Accelerator and REANNZ at 12 Madden Street to catalyse the cluster.</p> <p>Convene an Auckland Innovation & Tech Alliance, continue to deliver Tech Week / Startup Week, and lead the Tech Auckland brand/prospectus.</p> <p>Establish new tech-centred relationship with an Indian City and lead organisation of trade mission.</p> <p>Auckland Council will investigate a semi-permanent (or mobile) showcase that is open to the public to expose range of New Zealand innovations, technology and successful exporters, located in the central city to attract visitors and Aucklanders. Private sector funded.</p>	<p>Central Government will (via NIFFCO) consider the most appropriate way to support the University of Auckland in its Medtech development.</p> <p>Launch the NZIAT in Auckland and pursue colocation with other Crown entities.</p> <p>Support a city-led trade mission to India.</p> <p>Consult with Auckland Council as appropriate on key policy and regulatory settings.</p>

3. Global Trade, Tourism and Investment: Commitments to enhance Auckland's position as a global city and increase economic opportunities across the region.
<p>Joint Commitments</p> <p><i>Destination, tourism and major events</i></p> <p>Auckland Council will work with Central Government and industry to develop a co-designed destination and major events strategy for Auckland that sets targets and priorities for tourism, events and hospitality growth.</p> <p>Auckland Council will work with Central Government to provide marketing support for direct flights from India and South America to enable increased tourism, trade and travel.</p>

Auckland Council will work with Central Government to support Auckland to be a turnaround port for cruise ships.

Contribution to other Deal priorities and initiatives

In line with the commitment to enhance Auckland’s position as a global city and to support associated tourism investment, the Government will consider the accommodation levy policy in 2027, as outlined in the *Other Enablers of Growth* section below.

Auckland Council and Central Government will collaborate on the roofing and redevelopment of the Auckland Tennis Centre (Manuka Doctor Arena) to ensure its capability to host international events. Central Government, Auckland Council and the Auckland Tennis Centre will each contribute \$5m to the project.

Contribution to other Deal priorities and initiatives

This initiative aligns with Urban Development and Growth pillar, alongside the investment made into Colin Maiden Park and Eden Park.

Global Trade

Auckland Council will work with Central Government to design and support a strategy to develop Auckland’s position as an important South Pacific trading hub for sea and air trade, leveraging existing trade infrastructure.

Auckland Council will work with Central Government to improve access to the Port and Airport. This may include freight rail access to the Port, and development of the surface access system for the Airport Precinct.

Central Government will facilitate scoping work around national port and freight matters. Auckland Council will participate in the scoping work.

Auckland Council will work with Central Government to promote Auckland as a trade link for e-commerce and other exports between Southeast Asia and South America.

International relationships

Central Government will work in partnership with Auckland Council on NZ Inc’s relationship with India, China and Southeast Asia and particular cities.

Immigration and investment setting

Central Government will engage with Auckland Council on key policy decisions and regulatory settings, including immigration settings, where there are Auckland or region specific changes being considered.

Auckland Council Commitments	Central Government Commitments
<p>Auckland Council will continue to support investment in the Port of Auckland and cruise facilities, including extension of Bledisloe North.</p> <p>Auckland Council will support the Port and Airport by continuing to support management of reverse sensitivity.</p>	<p>The Ministry of Transport and Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade will support (but not direct) key stakeholders and commercial parties in the aviation industry to enable the establishment of a non-stop air service between New Zealand and India centred around Auckland by 2028.</p>

<p>On a case-by-case, extend an invitation to ministers and government to participate in city-led trade missions at political and official's levels.</p>	<p>The Ministry of Transport and Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade will support key stakeholders to leverage connections between New Zealand (centred around Auckland) and South America as a vital conduit for expanding business, tourism, education, and people-to-people links in the region.</p> <p>On a case-by-case, basis extend an Invitation to Auckland to participate in trade missions at political and official's levels.</p> <p>Support city-led trade missions, including by positively considering invitations/requests to send ministers on trade missions.</p> <p>Consider a longer-term extension of the coastal occupancy consent for the Port of Auckland.</p> <p>Progress regulatory work to enable bonded warehouses that would support e-commerce re-exports (e.g. enabling re-exported goods to remain free from duty if they are returned).</p> <p>Central Government will facilitate scoping work around national port and freight matters. Auckland Council will participate in the scoping work.</p>
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<p>4. Transport as an enabler of Growth: Commitments to enable a coordinated approach to transport investment that will allow a city of 1m residents to move easily.</p>
<p>Joint Commitments</p> <p>Auckland Council and Central Government will use the new legislative transport planning and decision-making mechanisms to jointly determine the nature of the transport priorities for Auckland. This will be achieved via the first iteration of a 30-year transport strategy, that contains a 10-year indicative investment programme.</p> <p>Both Auckland Council and Central Government agree that the Deal transport priorities are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Level Crossing removals. 2. To progress the delivery of Auckland's Rapid Transit Network, including as initial priorities progressing the Northwest Busway and Botany-to-Airport. 3. Smaller-scale initiatives to reduce congestion and make the transport system more efficient (including dynamic lanes). 4. Freight and trade connections to the Airport and Port. 5. NZTA will progress route protection and securing of the designation for the Mill Road corridor Stages 2 and 3.

Central Government will work closely with Auckland Council on other major transport projects in the Auckland region, including:

- Waitematā Harbour Connections project.

Central Government will work with Auckland Council to explore Auckland specific settings for key mode and behaviour tools, such as parking charging, Express lanes, dynamic lanes, and priority bus lanes and tolling. Central Government will work with Auckland Council on appropriate Central Government oversight to ensure such charges are not excessive given this may include a right to tax.

Central Government will work with Auckland Council to consider better integration of the operation and delivery of the city’s transport network, including local roads, state highways, Auckland Airport and the rail network. For example, coordinated control and operation of traffic signals between council and NZTA roads. This includes seeking to clarify roles and responsibilities.

Auckland Council Commitments	Central Government Commitments
<p>Lead delivery of targeted interventions that improve network performance quickly and cost-effectively.</p> <p>Auckland Council will partner with the Crown on funding for transport through funding sources including rates, IFFA, targeted rates and developer levies.</p>	<p>In GPS 2027 the Crown will reflect the agreements in the CRD including the priority transport projects (North-West Rapid Transit project, CRL grade separation level crossings, Botany to Airport public transit and Mill Road) unless changed by the jointly agreed 30-year transport plan with the indicative 10-year investment plan or the NLTF prioritisation process. The NZTA Board will be responsible for approving funding from the NLTF.</p> <p>Central Government and Auckland Council will agree to the allocation of net revenue raised from time of use charging to be used for transport projects and activities jointly agreed by Central Government and Auckland Council in line with legislative requirements.</p>

	<p>Central Government will continue to progress legislation to support greater use of tolling. All new roads, including the Auckland roads of national significance, will be assessed for tolling to support investment in their construction and maintenance. Auckland Council will be consulted on each relevant tolling proposal in line with statutory requirements for public consultation.</p>
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<p>5. Natural Environment & Harbour</p>
<p>Joint Commitments</p> <p>Central Government and Auckland Council will work together to realise the aspirations of Predator Free 2050, Pest-Free Auckland, the Auckland Indigenous Biodiversity Strategy and to restore the biodiversity of the Hauraki Gulf.</p> <p>Auckland Council will continue to lead the delivery of Pest-Free Auckland and other environmental initiatives it is responsible for in Auckland. Central Government will investigate the resource it can bring to this opportunity, including in relation to Central Government land.</p>

<p>6. Urban Development and Growth: Enable quality urban growth through targeted density, transport-oriented development, and sustainable greenfield expansion, supported by sequencing, funding, and infrastructure investment.</p>
<p>Joint Commitments</p> <p>Central Government and Auckland Council have a shared commitment to develop a more responsive housing system that boosts affordability, productivity, and economic growth.</p> <p>Overall, the Government’s position is that New Zealand needs to grow up and out to make housing more affordable and to lift economic growth and prosperity – we need bigger cities, and we need more homes.</p> <p>Auckland’s position is that the city should grow up and out in a way that protects and lifts long-term living standards. Most growth should occur within the existing urban area, where demand is strongest and where development supports a more productive, liveable, and affordable city with better access to jobs, services, and infrastructure. Greenfield development also has a role and should be enabled where it can be serviced affordably, without undermining existing commitments or causing significant congestion or service failures. Auckland Council is clear that growth has never paid for growth in the past and acknowledges the positive work the Government is doing to change this, together with council.</p>

Both parties commit to working together on a jointly prepared Regional Spatial Plan for Auckland, including considering how the Spatial Plan aligns with infrastructure investment and Crown-delivered services.

The Government is also establishing a flexible infrastructure funding and financing system to match our new flexible planning system – including replacing Development Contributions with a new Development Levy system and amending the IFF Act. The intent is to better enable growth to pay for growth and give councils greater flexibility to recover growth costs, significantly reducing the burden on ratepayers.

Below is a set of principles, jointly agreed by Central Government and Auckland Council on when greenfield development should be supported.

Principle 1 – Growth pays for growth.

- The growth-related costs of infrastructure needed to enable new development (including the proportionate cost of upgrading network and bulk infrastructure) are met by those who benefit from that development, not by existing communities elsewhere in the region, or by general ratepayers.
- This could look like the capital expenditure necessary to provide capacity for growth being fully funded by any or all of: Infrastructure Growth Charges; Development Contributions/Levies; Infrastructure Funding and Financing Levies; targeted rates; upfront developer-led funding, or developers committing to provide services necessary to enable development (where those services meet agreed standards).

Principle 2 – *Market-led and economically efficient*

- Economics drive the development. The location of development is market demand-led, based on demand and commercial feasibility, and informed by clear and efficient price signals about the costs and constraints of providing infrastructure and services to support the development.
- For prices to drive economic efficiency, they need to reflect the full costs of growth (including operational and network-wide impacts). Where they do not, planning and sequencing remain important to ensure efficient outcomes.

Principle 3 – Credible and timely delivery commitments.

- Developers have a robust, credible, and appropriate plan for Greenfield development – including the timely provision of and/or payment for infrastructure that is necessary to provide capacity for growth. Developers action their plans in a timely manner, particularly where a private plan change has been sought.

Principle 4 – Accounting for current and future capacity.

- The location of development is informed by the jointly prepared Regional Spatial Plan and the capacity and timing of key infrastructure networks, including transport, water, and social infrastructure, so development occurs where it can be serviced effectively without creating unacceptable impacts or service failures. Where development is out-of-sequence, this includes identifying when permanent local solutions are feasible and required.

To give effect to these principles, Central Government and Auckland Council will work together to ensure the new funding and financing system operates consistently with the goals of growth paying for growth and efficient price signals.

Both parties will collaborate in good faith to address any gaps where this is not yet achievable in practice. Both parties will work to improve transparency around infrastructure costs, constraints, and timing to better support informed market decisions.

Auckland Council and Central Government will work together on priority urban development locations (including as set out below), with a shared commitment to coordinated planning and delivery. Both parties will seek to align their work to ensure the programme identifies and implements a full set of enabling actions, including changes to Plans, designations, zoning, regulatory frameworks, and the timely delivery and sequencing of supporting infrastructure (Crown, council and private sector).

Auckland Council Commitments

Central Government Commitments

Auckland Council will revisit the Future Development Strategy, the long-term plan to manage growth across 15,000 hectares of Future Urban areas (rural land zoned to accommodate growth) as part of the joint Spatial Plan.

To better support growth, the new planning system will introduce a legally binding regional spatial planning framework to identify future growth areas, alongside a flexible land release mechanism to respond appropriately to market-driven demand. The latter will enable Auckland Council to release land for development without a plan change process, provided key conditions like infrastructure standards and expectations are met (including that growth pays for growth).

Auckland Council will continue to deliver or receive, and then operate, maintain, and provide for the future replacement of infrastructure in current greenfield areas. Current plans include \$13.6 billion of infrastructure, with investment subject to council's budget and planning processes and in some cases Crown / NZTA co-investment.

Central government will continue to explore new Crown funding for councils through Pillar 3 of Going for Housing Growth.

Auckland Council will improve transparency for developers by publishing updated maps of infrastructure constraints and hazards, and seeking to provide timely, evidence-based cost estimates for the infrastructure needed to support urban development and subdivision opportunities.

Central Government will provide Auckland Council and developers with strengthened funding and financing tools, including for unanticipated or out-of-sequence developments. These tools will enable Auckland Council to charge Development Levies based on the expected cost of supporting development in an area based on the best available evidence, and without a requirement for these costs to be substantiated from a schedule of past, current, and anticipated projects.

Auckland Council will actively support urban development and growth through:

1. using new spatial planning and flexible land release mechanisms that are enabled under the new resource management system,
2. applying the proposed new flexible toolkit for infrastructure funding and financing, including the proposed development levy mechanism

Auckland Council will work with central government to ensure successful design and delivery of the new system.	
<p>Joint Commitments</p> <p>Ministry of Education (and the NZ School Property Agency where needed) and Auckland Council will work together to consider joint planning and investment to support education and community activities. Through this initiative:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Central Government will support the improved integration of planning and delivery of facilities that can benefit schools and the wider community. 2. Auckland Council will continue to invest in shared facilities with schools through reciprocal agreements, aligning with national practices. <p>A Terms of Reference guiding collaboration will be developed, building on the Statement of Intent signed in December 2024. This includes seeking more opportunities for the community to access school facilities, and for schools to access community council facilities, where this is to mutual advantage.</p>	

7. Priority Growth Areas: the Parties have agreed to work together to pursue urban development and growth objectives of the Auckland Deal in specific growth areas. The following are the initial identified growth areas:

A. Place Based Partnerships –Identified Growth Area #1 Drury

<p>Joint Commitments</p> <p>Auckland Council and Central Government will work together, and with private developers, on an agreed development and investment plan and sequencing for Drury (building on the work undertaken by the existing Drury Working Group) including the development of an industrial and commercial strategy, focusing on partnership between public and private sector, alongside iwi investment opportunities.</p> <p>The parties will support coordinated greenfield development in Drury:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Auckland Council will provide leadership on an infrastructure programme, identifying Auckland Council and Central Government infrastructure requirements and trigger points, and development yields and timeframes as much as possible consistent with a growth-pays-for-growth approach. 2. An oversight group will be established with mandated representatives from Auckland Council and Central Government, iwi and private developers to oversee the programme. 3. Jointly investigate the use of Infrastructure Funding and Financing to support the provision of infrastructure in the area. <p>Contribution to other Deal priorities and initiatives</p> <p><i>This partnership aligns with Urban Development (coordinated, growth-pays greenfield delivery), Transport as an enabler of growth (Mill Road and rail investment), innovation (for example, F&P Healthcare, advanced manufacturing), and Global Trade & Investment (logistics and employment hub).</i></p>

Auckland Council Commitments	Central Government Commitments
<p>Auckland Council will progress a private plan change to enable the development of the Fisher and Paykel campus in Drury.</p> <p>To enable a coordinated development, Auckland Council will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. establish and resource a dedicated Drury Programme Office and governance board to lead the joint investment plan and coordination; 2. provide the secretariat, programme management and reporting functions for the joint plan; 3. mandate representatives for the governance group; 4. mandate CCOs to align planning horizons, budgets and sequencing with the joint plan. <p>Auckland Council plans to deliver or receive, and then own, operate and maintain, an estimated \$3.5b programme of local growth infrastructure for Drury (transport, stormwater, parks, community facilities). This funding is subject to council's budget and planning processes and in some cases Crown / NZTA co-investment.</p>	<p>The Ministry of Education will work with the region and central government to coordinate the growth and planning of the school network in the Drury area over the next 10-years. This will include the initial planning and delivery of a primary and secondary school, as well as the expansion of existing schools where necessary. Further requirements will be drawn from the agreed development and investment plan.</p> <p>Health New Zealand will commit to pursuing the development of a new hospital in Drury. An RFI has been released to identify opportunities for the purchase of land. A business case is planned to go to Cabinet in early 2026, followed by a planned tender process for procurement or financing arrangement. Health NZ will undertake detailed planning and seek a decision on the build of the hospital in the early 2030s.</p> <p>NZTA will progress route protection and securing of the designation for the Mill Road corridor Stages 2 and 3. Central Government will investigate plans for the provision of additional social infrastructure such as Police/Fire and Emergency New Zealand/Ambulance services.</p> <p>To enable a coordinated development, Ministry of Housing, Urban and Development will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Participate in the Drury Programme Office and co-chair the governance board. 2. Allocate representatives for the governance group. 3. Work within existing agency/department planning processes to, where possible, enable agencies to align planning horizons, budgets and sequencing with the joint plan (NZTA, Kāinga Ora, Health NZ, MoE, MBIE, MoT, Kiwirail, Treasury).

B. Place Based Partnerships – Identified Growth Area #2 Maungawhau–Kingsland–Morningside CRL Growth Corridor (including Eden Park)

Joint Commitments

CRL Growth Corridor – CRL led urban growth opportunity and a new vibrant vision for this well-connected area

Auckland Council will progress the Auckland housing planning instrument (Plan Change 120), in accordance with Central Government’s direction and legislation and the principles outlined above, to enable significant additional density within the walkable catchments of the Maungawhau (Mount Eden), Kingsland, and Morningside Stations.

Auckland Council and Central Government will develop a coordinated urban development programme for the Maungawhau–Kingsland–Morningside CRL Growth Corridor, enabling a shared vision for the area. This will include considering sequencing of level crossing removal.

Auckland Council will work with Central Government to ensure that the urban development programme includes identified actions for changes to Plans, designations, zoning, any potential regulatory setting changes needed, precinct and urban development tools.

Auckland Council and Central Government will review landholdings and infrastructure programmes in the Corridor (including council-owned sites, Crown sites, and Eden Park’s No. 2 Ground) for potential inclusion in a coordinated urban development programme where this supports the shared vision for the Corridor.

Eden Park Precinct – securing our national stadium for world-class events and realising the growth potential of Eden Park precinct

Auckland Council and Central Government will work together on a specific precinct development and infrastructure plan for Eden Park and the surrounding transport hub (integrating Eden Park and the transport hub and associated development/redevelopment of land in both) to achieve a shared vision for the area that incorporates the stadium, residential development and amenity, transport access, and vibrant mixed-use spaces.

Auckland Council will work with Central Government and the Eden Park Trust to develop a future model for Eden Park, including modernising the Trust Deed, and to advance the following objectives:

1. Secure Eden Park’s future as New Zealand’s premier national stadium, hosting world-class sport, concerts, and cultural events.
2. Align governance and ownership to public value (removing specific obligations to individual codes that reduce commercial and public value).
3. Establish a single operator to manage agreed stadiums in Auckland, applying a “venue of best fit” approach.
4. Ensure a sustainable funding and commercial model, minimising unreasonable burden or risk to ratepayers and taxpayers.
5. Ensure fit-for-purpose and financially sustainable regional facilities for Auckland Cricket and Rugby outside of Eden Park.
6. An enabling planning framework to support integrated precinct development and better use of the stadium, including better connecting Eden Park to Kingsland Station and making the best use of the No. 2 Ground vacated by Auckland Cricket.

A staged transition for Auckland Cricket to Colin Maiden Park

Auckland Council will work with Central Government, the Eden Park Trust and Auckland Cricket to implement an interim solution from the 2026/27 cricket season, that enables Auckland Cricket’s partial exit and enables high-value concerts and events at Eden Park.

Colin Maiden Park will be developed into a permanent home for Auckland Cricket, providing first-class facilities, high-performance training capability, and community access. This will support cricket’s growth and high-performance pathways in Auckland, deliver lasting legacy infrastructure, and ensure that the resolution of Eden Park’s governance and use arrangements creates a win-win for cricket, the Ōrākei Local Board, the wider region, and the nation.

Contribution to other Deal priorities and initiatives

This work program is a flagship for Transport (CRL benefits and level-crossing removals), Urban Development (transit-oriented intensification), Global Trade, Tourism & Investment (Eden Park as a premier events anchor), and Funding & Financing (major events funding, asset recycling and precinct value capture).

Auckland Council Commitments	Central Government Commitments
Maungawhau–Kingsland–Morningside CRL Growth Corridor	
<p>In conjunction with the Central Government, progress the Auckland housing planning instrument (Plan Change 120), to enable significant additional density within the walkable catchments of the Maungawhau (Mount Eden), Kingsland, and Morningside Stations.</p> <p>Establish and resource a dedicated Maungawhau–Kingsland–Morningside CRL Growth Corridor Programme Office to lead the planning and coordination for this area. Provide the secretariat, programme management and reporting functions for the joint plan.</p> <p>Work with private developers to encourage quality development and remove barriers.</p> <p>Consider utilising available council-owned land and incorporate council’s infrastructure programme into the coordinated development plan. Deliver local infrastructure to support growth in the area.</p>	<p>Participate in and co-chair the Corridor governance, mandating active support from relevant agencies (NZTA, MHUD, MBIE, Treasury).</p> <p>Consider utilising Crown land along-side infrastructure investment as part of the coordinated urban development programme.</p>

Eden Park – securing our national stadium for world-class events

Auckland Council will assist with securing Eden Park’s No.2 Ground for the coordinated urban development programme by resolving its mortgage.

Auckland Council will contribute financial and other forms of support (e.g., land) to, regional facilities for Auckland Cricket and Auckland Rugby, with this funding contributing to the satisfaction of Auckland Cricket and Auckland Rugby’s rights at Eden Park.

Auckland Council will establish a new single stadium operator entity to manage agreed stadiums in Auckland on a venue of best fit and best for New Zealand basis and include Crown/Eden Park representation.

Auckland Council will enter a sustainable funding arrangement with the stadium operator as part of its long-term plan (LTP) process (Auckland Council will not assume sole responsibility for renewal or upgrade of the national stadium Eden Park.)

Council to consider writing off the \$54m loan (\$48.75 drawn down) to the Eden Park Trust, subject to the full and satisfactory resolution of current issues and a sustainable future model.

Central Government will recognise Eden Park as the National Stadium of NZ.

Central Government will work to resolve the Trust Deed rights of Auckland Cricket and Auckland Rugby consistent with the shared objectives for a future model.

Central Government will assist with securing Eden Park’s No. 2 Ground for the coordinated urban development programme via resolution of Auckland Cricket and Auckland Rugby’s rights.

Central Government will assist with moving to the single operator model, including in obtaining:

1. Eden Park Trust’s agreement, e.g. through a concession arrangement with necessary approval under the Commerce Act.
2. Central Government will consider Eden Park’s request for funding to enable an upgraded stadium and asset renewal.

Central Government will consider whether the planning framework for Eden Park is positively providing for economic growth and employment opportunities.

Interim solution for Eden Park and a long-term home for cricket

Auckland Council will commit \$5m to the development of Colin Maiden Park to enable the staged transition of Auckland Cricket to Colin Maiden Park, as an advanced payment in partial satisfaction of Auckland Cricket's rights at Eden Park.

Auckland Council will provide a long-term concessionary lease for the land to enable Colin Maiden Park, including managing the displacement impact for community sport.

Auckland Council will continue to support the development of Colin Maiden into a permanent home for Auckland Cricket, providing first-class facilities, high-performance training capability, and community access. This will support cricket's growth and high-performance pathways in Auckland, deliver lasting legacy infrastructure, and ensure that the resolution of Eden Park's governance for and use arrangements creates a win-win for cricket, the Ōrākei Local Board, the wider region, and the nation.

Central Government will commit \$5m to the development of Colin Maiden Park to enable the interim solution, and as an advanced payment in partial satisfaction of Auckland Cricket's rights at Eden Park.

C. Place Based Partnerships – Identified Growth Area #3 Auckland City Centre

Joint Commitments

Auckland Council will work with Central Government to prepare a revised city centre action plan that provides a single consolidated plan for investment in the city centre, including specific initiatives for further investment and clear points of collaboration between Central Government and Auckland Council.

This plan will seek to leverage the projected pipeline of \$6.8 billion in private investment, and transformational public investment in projects such as the City Rail Link and Central Interceptor and build on the city centre as a thriving heart for commerce, trade, education, innovation & technology, civic and cultural institutions, hospitality and living.

As part of this plan, Auckland Council, supported by Central Government, will lead the development and implementation of:

1. City Centre Revitalisation Plan to stimulate economic activity and visitation and support the city centre following the opening of the City Rail Link.
2. Aotea Quarter Regeneration Plan, recognising its importance as the civic heart of Auckland and national contribution.
3. Port and Waterfront Strategy, which includes improving freight access to the Port and development of the Central Wharves.
4. Completion of the Wynyard Quarter development.

Auckland Council will work with Central Government to consider what interventions are required to enable office-to-residential conversion in the city centre, including considering regulatory changes such as to the fire code. Central Government will participate in this work and consider amending rules to enable more conversions.

Central Government (Ministry of Education) will work with Auckland Council on the potential feasibility of a primary school in the City Centre. This will:

1. Include Auckland Council investigating potential suitable buildings (including building that it owns, such as the central library).
2. Outline what property or other support Auckland Council may be able to contribute.

This work will occur following an updated analysis of need and an assessment of whether the need indicates a requirement for a new primary school and/or for further investment in the current school network. This assessment will include the city centre, city fringe and the CRL stations of Maungawhau and Kingsland.

Central Government will work with Auckland Council to resolve the ownership of the Cloud and Queens Wharf.

Contribution to other Deal priorities and initiatives

The place-based action plan ties directly to Transport (CRL opening), Urban Development (office-to-residential and mixed-use), Innovation (Wynyard–Newmarket corridor), and Global Trade, Tourism & Investment (port access and destination uplift).

Auckland Council Commitments	Central Government Commitments
<p>Investment in growth and enabling residential intensification</p> <p>Auckland Council will continue to deliver growth-related infrastructure investment in city centre and capital and operating projects in the City Centre Redevelopment Programme over the next decade, funded via the City Centre Targeted Rate. This is currently estimated at \$1billion for growth related infrastructure, and \$300m for the targeted rate funded City Centre Redevelopment Programme. This level of funding is subject to council's budget and planning processes and in some cases Crown / NZTA co-investment.</p> <p>Auckland Council plans to continue to resource a dedicated City Centre team to lead the development and implementation of the Action Plan.</p> <p>Auckland Council will include zoning that seeks to maximise residential land use in the next Auckland Unitary Plan review or as the opportunity presents.</p>	<p>City centre revitalisation post CRL opening</p> <p>Central Government will support the City Centre Revitalisation Plan, including leading a coordinated plan to address homelessness in the city centre.</p> <p>The Ministry of Housing & Urban Development has contracted \$750k for one year for co-funding of the Te Tāpui Atawhai Day Programme with Auckland City Mission to address the homelessness challenge. The Ministry will be responsible for any decisions beyond this contract on further funding.</p>

City centre revitalisation post CRL opening

Auckland Council plans to deliver a City Centre Revitalisation Plan following the opening of the City-Rail Link, with City Centre Targeted Rate-funding (at a cost of approximately \$60 million), including:

1. Coordinated reopening and reinstating midtown
2. Activation, public realm and events

Auckland Council will consider continuing its support for targeted safety and wellbeing initiatives (including homelessness liaison and compliance wardens).

Aotea Quarter regeneration

Auckland Council will oversee the completion the St James Theatre Restoration, including Government funding.

Auckland Council will consider the use of the Central Library building and relocation of the library to support revitalisation of the mid-town precinct.

Waterfront transformation

Auckland Council will progress long-term programme to renew and reconfigure the central wharves, including Quay Street, Queens Wharf, and Captain Cook Wharf, to improve ferry and cruise, and provide outstanding public spaces.

Auckland Council will progress the Wynyard Quarter development, including the headland park.

Central Government is committed to taking stronger action to tackle antisocial behaviour and its impact on Auckland communities. Ministry of Justice, Police and the Department of Internal Affairs will work in partnership with Auckland Council to support enforcement tools and powers, including through strengthened bylaws and legislative change where required. Government expects agencies to act decisively to curb repeat and serious antisocial behaviour, restore public confidence, and ensure Aucklanders can feel safe and respected in their city.

Waterfront

Central Government will work with Auckland Council to consider what infrastructure investments may be required to improve access to the Port and reduce the Ports' impact on the urban environment. This includes an investigation to confirm the long-term form and function of SH16 Grafton Gully.

Steering Group

Central government will participate in the cross-agency, private sector and Auckland Council steering group.

D. Place Based Partnerships – Identified Growth Area #4 Auckland Airport Precinct

Joint Commitments

Auckland Council will work with Central Government and Auckland Airport to prepare a development and investment plan in the Airport precinct, seeking to improve surface access to this major trade, freight and industrial employment hub.

Initial priorities

Auckland Council will work with Central Government and Auckland Airport to advance the following initial priorities for this area:

1. Improving freight and people access to the Airport, including at the Landing Intersection and Southeastern Access (Puhinui Road and the Pukaki Bridge) (which both involve connection points between roads owned by the Airport, Council and Government).

2. Considering appropriate funding and financing tools available for these projects.

This initiative advances Transport (freight and access upgrades), Global Trade, Tourism & Investment (gateway connectivity and air-cargo/logistics), and Funding & Financing (fit-for-purpose pricing tools to optimise existing and future infrastructure).

8. Other enablers of Growth:

IFFA and Asset Recycling

Joint Commitments

Auckland Council will work with Central Government to identify the use of IFFA levies to support infrastructure investment required in the region.

Auckland Council Commitments

Auckland Council will explore asset recycling or net new funding from other sources (not from BAU or LTP) to attract an uplift in funding from the central Government over and above BAU funding. This will be discussed with the Crown on a case-by-case basis.

Auckland Council will seek to optimise the use of targeted rates and other value capture mechanisms for greenfield and brownfield developments.

Council will explore the use of IFFA, targeted rates and business rate levies to support the cost of transport infrastructure where benefits involve transport users and the transport network.

Central Government Commitments

For specific projects, central government will consider, on a case-by-case basis, contributing funding where the council raises new funding for the project significantly above the current LTP and BAU funding levels (for example from asset recycling or new revenue streams such as targeted rates).

The uplift rate and total amount of Crown funding will be considered on a case-by-case basis for specific project and funding proposals. Specific projects that will be considered include those focused on development, accelerating transport projects and application to major innovation projects.

Time of Use Charging:

Joint Commitments

Central Government will support the development of time of use charging policy and legislation nationally and for Auckland.

Central Government and Auckland Council agree for the allocation of net revenue raised from time of use charging to be put in a hypothecated fund and be used for strategic transport projects and activities jointly agreed by Central Government and Auckland Council.

Auckland Specific tools plus tolling	
<p>Joint Commitments</p> <p>Central Government and Auckland Council will jointly consider Auckland specific settings for key mode and behaviour tools, such as parking charging, Express lanes, dynamic lanes and priority bus lanes and tolling.</p> <p>Central Government and Auckland Council will work together on appropriate Government oversight to ensure such charges are not excessive along with continued development of policy and legislative work for tolling.</p>	
Accommodation Levy:	
<p>Joint Commitments</p> <p>Central Government and Auckland Council will work together on the appropriate funding arrangements for destination and major event activities, with a joint goal of establishing sustainable long-term arrangements for these activities from 2027.</p>	
Auckland Council Commitments	Central Government Commitments
Auckland Council will consider appropriate resourcing for core event prospecting/attraction and convention bureau functions, working with MBIE; as well as investment in venue infrastructure.	<p>Central Government has announced funding to boost the attraction of major events – while funding is not ring fenced for Auckland; opportunities exist for the region to access the funding.</p> <p>Central Government will explore an accommodation levy policy in 2027.</p>
Surplus or Underdeveloped Land	
<p>Joint Commitments</p> <p>Auckland Council and Central Government will explore opportunities for surplus or underdeveloped Central Government and Auckland Council land that may be suitable for development, including where Government and Council land is adjoining.</p>	
Development Contributions	
<p>The Crown will continue to work with Auckland Council and local government on development contribution tools and settings to facilitate self-funding growth and development.</p>	