

Long-term Plan 2024–34



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I'm providing a submission (choose one): as an individual

Please let us know what ward you live in Paraparaumu

Do you want to speak to Council about your submission at our public hearings on 2 May? No

Are you happy for your name to be published with your feedback: My name can be published with my feedback

Submission

Proposal 1: Three waters funding
Which option should we choose? (select one option)

Option 2: Fund \$4.7 million shortfall by taking on debt each year.

Would you like to expand on your answer for option 2?

Option 3 - fund by user pays, eg, increase the per cubic meter rate

Proposal 2: Proactively reduce Council's debt
Which option should we choose? (select one option)

Option 3: Apply average rates increases of 6% per year from 2025/26 to 2033/34

Would you like to expand on your answer for option 3?

Not sure why we need to plan for disasters, should be covered by central government.

Proposal 3: Transfer Council's housing for older people Which option should we choose? (select one option)

Option 2: Older persons' housing is delivered by an existing Community Housing Provider with less influence from Council

Would you like to expand on your answer for option 2?

Not a council core service, leave it to central government to deliver.

New climate action rate

Which option should we choose? (select one option)

Option 2: Make no change to how we allocate funding our climate change activities

Would you like to expand on your answer for option 2?

All climate action programmes should be reviewed and only those that pay for themselves should be continued. Again is this a core council service? And what will we realistically achieve? We are in debt, likely through careless management, focus on only core activities.

If you have any views on these policies, please comment here:

All developer contributions should cover the costs, including future costs. Councils role is to ensure public money is spent correctly, not to help line developers pockets by subsidising their developments. Keep costs to rate payers down by making developers pay the true cost of adding to our infrastructure.

When you engage with us, listen to what the majority say, eg Māori ward (while i am for that, that's not what the majority of rate payers said)

If you have any views on these other items, please comment here:

Again ensure alcohol licensing pays for not only the costs of licensing, but towards the social costs as well. Look at ways to increase revenue through means other than increasing our rates.

Is there anything else you'd like to tell us about this LTP?

Would have been good to see a discussion on what are councils core roles, the ten or so priorities of this council seem to be more about the social aspects of the district rather than delivering core services. Would be interested to see what programmes could be cut in an effort to reduce rate increases, eg. Economic development, flying staff to promote Kapiti at expo's, at what cost and what return to the ratepayer?