

Long-term Plan 2024–34



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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?

Three waters are a crucial part of the services provided by KCDC and all our budgets must allow for appropriate funding of these services. As part of the long term plan KCDC should look closely at employee costs and make sure these are not out of balance with paying for services like water and /waste water. In the short term while we look at getting salaries under control we need to fund 3 waters and can do this by debt. The recent decision to increase the CE salary by almost the average wage is misguided and will affect salaries right across the council staff.

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?

I feel that KCDC can better prioritise their spending so that annual increases of 6% will provide enough freeboard to reduce debt

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?

It is important that older people have good housing. This should be encouraged through appropriate district plan provisions. Outside of this Community Housing Providers should be encouraged. KCDC can support these providers financially to some extent but support needs to be affordable and measured.

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?

There are going to be endless climate action initiatives calling for funding. The KCDC needs to be very prudent about how much money it commits to these calls. We can't fund everything today. In the interim we need to make sure our emergency response teams are well trained and well supported.