

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?

Although Council claims that they know Kapiti families, pensioners business owners are doing it tough and economic times are going to be tough for the next few years, in reality they are only paying lipservice to this "acknowledgement". If Councillors and Council staff had any grip on reality that would realise that any rate rises in the current climate are unsustainable and what's more, go against what the majority of the promises that this Council were elected on (around bring council spending under control, reducing waste etc), so acutally border on the obscene and absurd. In times of scrimping to make ends meet nobody I know is looking at accelerating repayment of their debt. They are actually looking at ways to tighten their belt and try and cover the increased costs of living, interest rate rises etc etc. Now is not the time for Council to be funding this shortfall from rates . Council should be taking on my debt in the short term and using it's time more productively by advocating with Central Government to reduce the the rates burden caused by all the legislation pushed out to local authorities to administer without any funding in the past 10 to 20 years, alongside consulting the community around what levels of current services it wishes to reduce.

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?

Again, I have only ticked option 3 as you don't give a status quo - nil rates increase option. As per my discussion above. Now is not the time for accelerating the repayment of debt and increasing rates. This is even worse for a District that has one of the highest portions of its ratepayers on fixed incomes in the country. Although Council claims that they know Kapiti families, pensioners business owners are doing it tough and economic times are going to be tough for the next few years, in reality they are only paying lipservice to this "acknowledgement". If Councillors and Council staff had any grip on reality that would realise that any rate rises in the current climate are unsustainable and what's more, go against what the majority of the promises that this Council were elected on (around bring council spending under control, reducing waste etc), so acutally border on the obscene are repugnant to the majority of ratepayers. In times of nickel and diming to make ends meet nobody I know is looking at accelerating repayment of their debt. They are actually looking at ways to tighten their belt and try and cover the increased costs of living, interest rate rises etc etc. Now is not the time for Council to be funding shortfalls or increasing debt repayments from rates . Council should be taking on more debt in the short term and using it's time more productively by advocating with Central Government to reduce the the rates burden caused by all the legislation pushed out to local authorities to administer without any funding in the past 10 to 20 years, alongside consulting the community around what levels of current services it wishes to reduce. Why does this current LTP not have options and costs for reducing services and service levels? In the current climate Council's assumptions that service levels should be maintained needs to be tested with the community.

Proposal 3: Transfer Council's housing for older people

Which option should we choose? (select one option)

Option 1: Transfer our older persons' housing assets to a new Community Housing Provider

Would you like to expand on your answer for option 1?

I agree that this makes sense for all the reasons listed.

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?

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

Although Council claims that they know Kapiti families, pensioners business owners are doing it tough and economic times are going to be tough for the next few years, in reality they are only paying lipservice to this "acknowledgement". If Councillors and Council staff had any grip on reality that would realise that

any rate rises in the current climate are unsustainable and what's more, go against what the majority of the promises that this Council were elected on (around bring council spending under control, reducing waste etc), so acutally border on the obscene and are repugnant to the majority of Kapiti ratepayers. In times of scrimping to make ends meet nobody I know is looking at accelerating repayment of their debt or carrying out vanity projects are anything other than necessary maintenance. They are actually looking at ways to tighten their belt and try and cover the increased costs of living, interest rate rises etc etc. Now is not the time for Council to be funding shortfalls or new projects from rates . Council should be taking on more debt in the short term and using it's time more productively by advocating with Central Government to reduce the the rates burden caused by all the legislation pushed out to local authorities to administer without any funding in the past 10 to 20 years, alongside consulting the community around what levels of current services it wishes to reduce.

This LTP should have presented ratepayers with real options for reducing costs and services and let the ratepayers decide how nil rates increases would be implemented.

The fact that there are very few opportunities for working members of the community to engage in the consultation process also calls into account whether Council is actually meeting its consultation obligations.