

# 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?**

Council reviews the LTP every 3 years. In today's current climate where rate payers household costs including every day cost of living, mortgage payments, static salaries, potential redundancies and increases in food and petrol, council should focus on providing minimum increases to rates while focusing on back to basics and core functions. When council next reviews the LTP in 2027, the market will have likely stabilized and provided reductions to household daily costs and it would be appropriate to then request feedback on significant rates increases.

**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?**

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

Option 3: Older persons' housing continues to be delivered by Council with no option to grow the portfolio

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

Council has a social obligation to look after its elderly community. Transferring ownership to either a new CHP or an existing one is short sighted loss of control over existing land owned by council. While it could be seen that suggesting keeping the portfolio doesn't enable growth is incorrect as there are many other ways council can grow its older persons housing without shirking its responsibilities to our aged community.

**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?**

In today's financial market and the costs facing rate payers it would make sense for council to keep the status quo for another 3 years. Including not increasing council staff salaries or CEO salary when rate payers are facing increased costs, job uncertainties and pay freezes.

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

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

I believe council should look to limit spending, limit rates increases and to go back to basics of how a council was meant to support its communities, and concentrate on core roles.