

CENTRAL HAWKE'S BAY



I hereby give notice that a Meeting of Council will be held on:

Date: Thursday, 3 May 2018
Time: 9.00am
Location: Council Chamber
28-32 Ruataniwha Street
Waipawa

AGENDA

Council Meeting Deliberations of Long Term Plan submissions

3 May 2018

Our vision for Central Hawke's Bay is a proud and prosperous district made up of strong communities and connected people who respect and protect our environment and celebrate our beautiful part of New Zealand.

Monique Davidson
Chief Executive

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1 PRAYER

*"We dedicate ourselves to the service of the District of
Central Hawke's Bay/Tamatea and its people.*

*We ask for God's help
to listen to all
to serve all
and to lead wisely.
Amen."*

2 APOLOGIES**3 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST****4 STANDING ORDERS****RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the following standing orders are suspended for the duration of the meeting:

- 20.2 Time limits on speakers
- 20.5 Members may speak only once
- 20.6 Limits on number of speakers
- THAT 21.4 Option C under section 21 General procedures for speaking and moving motions be used for the meeting.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Nil

6 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT COMPLIANCE – PLANNING, DECISION MAKING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Council is required to make decisions in accordance with the requirements of Part 6 Subpart 1 of the Local Government Act 2002.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council has read the reports associated with items 9.1, 9.2, 9.3, 9.4, 9.5, 9.6, 9.10, 9.11, 9.12, 9.12, 9.14, 9.15, 9.16, 9.17, 9.18, 9.19, 9.20, 9.21, 9.22 and 9.23 and considers in its discretion under Section 79(1)(a) that sufficient consultation has taken place in addition to the Councillors knowledge of the items to meet the requirements of Section 82(3) in such a manner that it is appropriate for decisions to be made during the course of this meeting

7 CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT

Nil

8 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Nil

9 REPORT SECTION**9.1 SUBMISSION HEARING - LONG TERM PLAN 2018-2028 - FUNDING OUR DRINKING WATER AND WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE****File Number:** COU1-1400**Author:** Bronda Smith, Group Manager, Corporate Support and Services**Authoriser:** Monique Davidson, Chief Executive**Attachments:** Nil**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the submissions received on the Long term Plan consultation in relation to how we should fund drinking water and wastewater infrastructure. The report provides an analysis of the submissions and some options for Council to consider.

RECOMMENDATION

That, having considered all matters raised in the report:

- a) Council considers Option 1 – Retain the current funding for drinking water and wastewater with targeted rates for those connected to the network, or
- b) Council considers Option 2 – Change the funding of water and wastewater to have a District Wide Targeted Rate set on uniform basis of 5% of the total funding requirement. This would be paid by all ratepayers in the district whether or not you are connected to the network, or
- c) Council considers Option 3 - Change the funding of water and wastewater to have a District Wide Targeted Rate set on uniform basis of 7.5% of the total funding requirement. This would be paid by all ratepayers in the district whether or not you are connected to the network, or
- d) Council considers Option 4 – Change the funding of water and wastewater to have a District Wide Targeted Rate set on uniform basis of 0% to 7.5% of the total funding requirement. This would be paid by all ratepayers in the district whether or not you are connected to the network
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- e) Council considers Option 4 – Retain the current funding for drinking water and wastewater with targeted rates for those connected to the network and initiate a full Rating Review.
 - 2.
 - for addressing the matter. And that;
 - 3.
- f) Council thanks the submitters for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this reports is provided to the submitters

FUNDING OUR DRINKING WATER AND WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE**Submissions:**

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41	Sandra Cross	139	Margaret Palmer	247	Claire Glendinning & John Jamieson
42	Craig Jones	140	Orlando MacDonald	248	Di Minehan
43	Jones	141	Ismail & Kristin Yoldash	249	William A Macready
44	John McCullough	142	W D Illsley	258	Keren Lilburn
45	Michael and Susan Steele	143	BF & M Richardson	259	David John Williams
47	Terry Hare	144	Peter Butler	261	W M Henderson
48	Rachel Mackay	146	Wayne & Rita Kopua	262	Bill & Mary Legarth
49	Brian Gibbs	147	Catherine Pedersen	263	John Campbell
50	Kevin Clark	148	Donald Cooper	267	Gren Christie
51	Trevor Allan	149	Colin & Rosemary Prince	270	Jim Shand
52	Kathryn Bayliss	150	Colin & Helen Howell	271	Donna Dahm
53	Jenny Kingston	153	Kenneth & Yvonne Pike		
		156	Mo Pearce		

54	Kirsty Beagle	158	Gerard Pain	272	Rhea Dasent
55	Paul Frid	160	Rachel Pranker	273	Sharleen Baird
56	Unknown	161	Deborah Bonasich	274	Dan Elderkamp
57	Karl Eggers	162	Dennis Bonasich	275	Rose Hunt
58	Rose Chapman	163	Valerie Norris	277	Dr Trevor Le Lievre
59	WG & EH Stevenson	164	Shirley Turnwald	278	Kim Maitland
60	Craig Hope	165	Philippa Burne	280	Patricia Mary Phelvin
61	Clint Thomsen	166	Gill Tracy	281	Heather Morrison & Paul Predergast
62	Pamela Crawford	167	Rebecca Watt		
63	Caroline Wilamn	169	Nikki Whelpton		
64	Richard Wilman	170	Mark Holder		
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67	Jude Henry	172	Sharee Waite		
68	Ali McDougal	173	Kaye Harrison		
69	Chris Joseph	174	Kay Griffiths		
71	Robin Percy	175	Christopher Minehan		
72	Di Petersen	176	Jennifer Sears		
73	Jesse Singson	185	Karen Bothwell		
74	Michael Harrison				

Summary of Submissions:

How we fund our drinking water and wastewater was one of the key topics the council has sought public feedback on as part of the 2018-2028 Long Term Plan process. In total Council received 168 submissions on this consultation topic.

Analysis:

113 submitters supported option 1 – to retain the current funding for drinking water and wastewater. Some of the key matters raised by submitters in support of this option included:

- That rural ratepayers would be being charged twice if a district wide charge was introduced, as they had their own tank water and waste water systems that they already pay for on their properties
- That outlying towns were being asked to subsidise the bigger towns with no clear benefit to them
- That if rural ratepayers were to pay for urban water infrastructure, that they should be provided with a subsidy for their water systems
- That ongoing issues with water in Porangahau needed to be addressed
- That if the council were to introduce the district wide rate, that it would set a precedent for future funding which submitters were concerned about
- That it would be difficult for pensioners living on fixed incomes to be able to pay for rates increases

46 submitters supported option 2 – to change the funding of drinking water and wastewater to have a District Wide Targeted Rate set on a uniform basis of 5% of the total funding requirement, whether connected to the network or not. Some matters raised by submitters in support of this option included:

- That addressing the current infrastructure challenges is something the community as a whole needed to get behind to ensure growth and stability for the future
- That although rural ratepayers funded their own water that they did rely on town businesses so should all pay
- That some rural ratepayers are happy to share the load, but would prefer to have slight increases in rates over time up to a cap of \$50 after a few years
- Urban ratepayers should be required to install grey water tanks to ease the burden on the network
- Major infrastructure should be funded as a community as a whole, not in constituent “rural” and “urban” parts
- That council needed to provide an explanation about how current targeted water rates have been applied historically and why the recently identified work has not been met from those rates

6 submitters supported option 3 - to change the funding of drinking water and wastewater to have a District Wide Targeted Rate set on a uniform basis of 7.5% of the total funding requirement, whether connected to the network or not. Some matters raised by the submitters in support of this option included:

- That the introduction of water rates might make people consider conserving water more
- That the introduction of a region-wide rate would help to relieve the burden on the ratepayers directly connected to the infrastructure
- That the rate would reflect the contribution that effective wastewater treatment in particular can play in reducing nutrient and pathogen loads on waterways, thereby reducing the nutrient control requirements for farms
- That Council consider a differential regional-wide rate to be introduced, which would enable those with the greatest ability to contribute more to do so, leaving those families with the least ability to pay with more funds for other essential expenditure.

Another consideration raised in submissions was that the council should look at educating the district about ways to conserve water. Some submitters also mentioned that they felt that a bigger subsidy from central government was needed to help with the cost of the infrastructure.

Concern has been raised by several submitters about the future consultation which will be required to address the issues at the Waipawa and Waipukurau wastewater treatment plants.

Dr Le Lievre has realised questions around funding for wastewater treatment and that council need to collaborate with regional council and central government to address the issues.

Options:

Council is required to follow a process for establishing the funding of the Council activities. Section 101 (3) requires the Council to consider each of the following items as part of the funding of an activity.

- The community outcomes to which the activity primarily contributes to; and
- The distribution of the benefits between the community as a whole, any identifiable part of the community and individuals; and

- The period in or over which those benefits are expected to occur; and
- The extent to which the actions or inactions of particular individuals or a group contribute to the need to undertake the activity; and
- The costs and benefits, including consequences for transparency and accountability, of funding the activity distinctly from other activities; and
- Overall impact of any allocation of liability for revenue needs on the community.

Therefore, the Council needs to consider the benefits of an activity to the community at different levels. This includes an individual, part of the community and the community as a whole. Following this consideration, Council determines the appropriate funding for each activity. Therefore rating allocation is not set based on user pays. Council determines the rates allocation based on the allocation of benefit and the overall impact any allocation of liability for revenue needs on the community.

When considering the requirements for funding Water and Wastewater, Council discussed the benefits that the individuals connected to the Water and Wastewater systems received. This includes access to potable drinking water and safe disposal of wastewater for use in their homes and businesses. Inherent in this is the understanding that those that use the water and wastewater system derive the most benefit from the activity.

Council also then considered the benefits to the wider community of these two activities. Council considered that there is a wider benefit to the whole district in ensuring that the drinking water and wastewater infrastructure is fit for purpose.

- The safe disposal of wastewater minimises the otherwise harmful effects to the environment.
- Conservation of drinking water affects the summer flows of the rivers that the community use and enjoy.
- Businesses rely on durable infrastructure to provide products and services to the whole community.
- Smart growth requires quality infrastructure by allowing for the development of businesses and industries, which provide employment.
- Durable infrastructure ensures future generations are not burdened with paying for aging infrastructure due to underinvesting now

In recognising the wider benefits to the community, Council understood that a balance was needed between the district wide benefit, the benefits of the services for those connected to the network and the affordability of those services and investment in them.

Council also looked to other Councils to understand how the wider benefit to the community was considered.

Opotiki District Council considers there is a District Benefit to Council's Wastewater function with protection of the health and safety of residents within the district. Having a wastewater service also encourages migration into the district and town. With plans to extend the wastewater reticulation further there is a higher district benefit. The Council fund Wastewater activity with 20-30% from General and UAGC or a combination. Based on the same consideration, Council fund Water Supply with by 5-20% from General and UAGC or a combination.

Hastings District Council considered the community benefit of Wastewater Treatment and 20% of funding is derived from the UAGC.

Matamata Piako District Council considered the wider community benefit and the Council's ability to use general rate funding acknowledges the wider community benefits the activities generates and use General Rates of 0-6% for water and wastewater

Rangitikei District Council also considered the balance needed between the benefits to those connected to the Water and Wastewater schemes, to the wider community who use the facilities

and businesses dependent on activities and affordability and determined that 20-25% of funding comes from a targeted rate for all separately used or inhabited part of every rating unit in the district whether connected or unconnected.

Based on this analysis, Council consulted on the following options for drinking water and wastewater funding.

Option 1 – Retain the current funding for drinking water and wastewater with targeted rates for those connected to the network

Based on the current funding model where all rates required for water and wastewater are paid by those connected, there is no change to the way the rates are collected.

The annual water charge for the first 3 years of the LTP for those connected to the network would be

4.	2018/19	5.	\$669
6.	2019/20	7.	\$751
8.	2020/21	9.	\$795

The annual wastewater charge for the first 3 years of the LTP for those connected to the network would be

10.	2018/19	11.	\$883
12.	2019/20	13.	\$946
14.	2020/21	15.	\$1,019

Option 2 – Change the funding of water and wastewater to have a District Wide Targeted Rate set on uniform basis of 5% of the total funding requirement. This would be paid by all ratepayers in the district whether or not you are connected to the network.

This funding model will see 5% of the rates funding requirements for water and wastewater paid district wide. This has been proposed as a District Wide Targeted Rate set on uniform basis. This would be paid by all ratepayers in the district whether or not you are connected to the networks.

For both water and wastewater this totals

2018/19	\$49
2019/20	\$53
2020/21	\$57

The annual water charge for the first 3 years of the LTP including the 5% for those connected to the network would be

2018/19	\$648
2019/20	\$729
2020/21	\$771

The annual wastewater charge for the first 3 years of the LTP including the 5% for those connected to the network would be

2018/19	\$866
2019/20	\$928
2020/21	\$1,000

Further analysis showed the following breakdown of the funds generated from option 2 in the first year of the LTP. Based on the current number of connections for Water and Wastewater, the below table shows the funds received from those connected to the schemes vs those not connected.

	Water		Wastewater	
Connected to the Network	4,145	76,824	3,983	94,890
Unconnected to the Network	2,272	42,114	2,434	57,995
Total	6,417	118,938	6,417	152,885

Option 3 - Change the funding of water and wastewater to have a District Wide Targeted Rate set on uniform basis of 7.5% of the total funding requirement. This would be paid by all ratepayers in the district whether or not you are connected to the network.

This funding model will see 7.5% of the rates funding requirements for water and wastewater paid district wide. This has been proposed as a District Wide Targeted Rate set on uniform basis. This would be paid by all ratepayers in the district whether or not you are connected to the networks.

For both water and wastewater this totals

2018/19	\$73
2019/20	\$80
2020/21	\$85

The annual water charge for the first 3 years of the LTP including the 7.5% for those connected to the network would be

2018/19	\$643
2019/20	\$723
2020/21	\$764

The annual wastewater charge for the first 3 years of the LTP including the 7.5% for those connected to the network would be

2018/19	\$858
2019/20	\$919
2020/21	\$990

Council may also consider an option based on the Consultation

Option 4 - Change the funding of water and wastewater to have a District Wide Targeted Rate set on uniform basis of 0% to 7.5% of the total funding requirement. This would be paid by all ratepayers in the district whether or not you are connected to the network.

Council could then consider capping the total of the district wide water and wastewater to \$50 as part of the rate setting process in the Funding Impact Statement

For both water and wastewater this totals

2018/19	\$49
2019/20	\$50
2020/21	\$50

The annual water charge for the first 3 years of the LTP including the district wide rate for those connected to the network would be

2018/19	\$648
2019/20	\$730
2020/21	\$773

The annual wastewater charge for the first 3 years of the LTP including the district wide rate for those connected to the network would be

2018/19	\$866
2019/20	\$929
2020/21	\$1,002

As the number of SUIPs in the district increase the District Wider Targeted Rate would reduce as the funding requirement is spread over a larger number. For example, if the number of SUIP increased by 100 the Option 2 would change to the following

2018/19	\$48
2019/20	\$53
2020/21	\$57

To assist with the overall funding of these activities, funding from the options would be used to fund the operational and capital requirements of the activities. Therefore the funds would be used for the operation of the plants & reticulation, the repayment of capital and the yearly renewals required to maintain the schemes.

The above calculations have been based in the current number of Separately Used or Inhabited Part (SUIP). For the purposes of the Uniform Annual General Charge and the targeted rates above, a separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit is defined as a separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit includes any portion inhabited or used by [the owner/a person other than the owner], and who has the right to use or inhabit that portion by virtue of a tenancy, lease, licence, or other agreement.

This definition includes separately used parts, whether or not actually occupied at any time, which are used by the owner for occupation on an occasional or long term basis by someone other than he owner.

Examples of separately used or inhabited parts of a rating unit include:

- For residential rating units, each self-contained household unit is considered a separately used or inhabited part. Each situation is assessed on its merits, but factors considered in determining whether an area is self-contained would include the provision of independent facilities such as cooking/kitchen or bathroom, and its own separate entrance.
- 16.
- Residential properties, where a separate area is used for the purpose of operating a business, such as a medical or dental practice. The business area is considered a separately used or inhabited part.

These examples are not considered inclusive of all situations.

In response to Federated Farmers submission based on the SUIP definition a farm with 3 occupied dwellings would be assessed as 3 SUIPs. Bare land that is not contiguous would also be assessed as 1 SUIP. If the bare land was contiguous, two or more rating units must be treated as 1 unit for setting a rate if those units are owned by the same person or persons; and used jointly as a single

unit such as part of a single farming unit; and contiguous or separated only by a road, railway, drain, water race, river, or stream, then the bare land would not be assessed for a SUIP.

The Development Contributions Policy is also in the process of being reviewed based on the outcome of the Long Term Plan and will be consulted with the district prior to adoption by Council. As part of this review, Council can consider the addition of Development Contributions for new connections.

As part of the overall funding of Water and Wastewater, Council continues to discuss the issue with Central Government and has been proactively meeting with Ministers about the challenges of funding Water and Wastewater infrastructure. Officers continue to discuss other options for Central Government assistance.

A number of submitters commented that rural rate payers would be paying twice as they also pay to buy water from the stand pipes during dry seasons and for the disposal of waste from septic tanks. Officers will further investigate the revenue obtained from these fees and table this as further information. As part of the investigation of the Waipukurau and Waipawa Wastewater upgrades the Wastewater Bylaw and resulting Fees and Charges will be reviewed.

A number of submitters commented on water conservation. As part of the Council's commitment to the environment and water conservation, Council will be reviewing its Water Conservation and Management Strategy and will be looking at the impacts different options may have on water conservation in the district. Grey water tanks have been highlighted by Council as an option for consideration in both the Strategy and the review of the District Plan.

A number of submitters also discuss the type of rate that the Council has proposed and the future use of a similar type of rate. Councils are required to review the Revenue and Financing Policy as part of the funding and rate setting process. Based on this review, the Council sets the Revenue and Financing Policy that is considered the most appropriate for the community. As circumstances and changes occur within a community, the Revenue and Financing Policy may need to be amended to reflect the appropriate funding required for the Council.

Based on the submissions for the Long Term Plan, should Council consider that the overall impact of any allocation of liability for revenue needs on the community including affordability is no longer appropriate, a Rating Review could be considered by the Council. A rating review could also take into account submission included in other Deliberation Reports such as differentials for Land Transport.

RECOMMENDATION

That, having considered all matters raised in the report:

- g) Council considers Option 1 – Retain the current funding for drinking water and wastewater with targeted rates for those connected to the network, or**
- h) Council considers Option 2 – Change the funding of water and wastewater to have a District Wide Targeted Rate set on uniform basis of 5% of the total funding requirement. This would be paid by all ratepayers in the district whether or not you are connected to the network, or**
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- l) Council thanks the submitters for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this reports is provided to the submitters**

9.2 SUBMISSION HEARING - LONG TERM PLAN 2018-2028 - THE BIG WATER STORY - MAKING SURE INFRASTRUCTURE IS FIT FOR THE FUTURE

File Number: COU1-1400

Author: Josh Lloyd, Group Manager - Community Infrastructure and Development

Authoriser: Monique Davidson, Chief Executive

Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the submissions received on the Long Term Plan consultation in relation to how to make sure our three waters infrastructure is fit for the future. It provides an analysis of the submissions and some options for Council to consider.

20. RECOMMENDATION FOR CONSIDERATION

That having considered all matters raised in the report:

- a) Council proceed with Option 1 as outlined in the Long Term Plan and carry out proposed works in the first 10 years such as the second supply to Waipukurau, or
- b) Council proceed with Option 2 as outlined in the Long Term Plan and carry out the proposed works over a longer period. This would include delaying some key projects such as the Waipukurau second supply and the spreading of upgrades to pipe networks, or
- c) Council proceed with Option 3 as outlined in the Long Term Plan and maintain existing assets only as required for renewals based on historical expenditure levels and accept likely reductions in service levels.
- d) Council thanks the submitters for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained within this report is provided to the submitters.

THE BIG WATER STORY – THREE WATERS INFRASTRUCTURE FIT FOR THE FUTURE

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60 Craig Hope	157 Steve Hanrahan	261 W M Henderson
62 Pamela Crawford	158 Gerard Pain	263 John Campbell
63 Caroline Wilamn	159 Bill and Mary Legarth	265 Rex Graham James Palmer
64 Richard Wilman	160 Rachel Prankerd	271 Donna Dahm
66 Janine and Martin Green	161 Deborah Bonasich	273 Sharleen Baird
67 Jude Henry	162 Dennis Bonasich	274 Dan Elderkamp
68 Ali McDougal	163 Valerie Norris	275 Rose Hunt
69 Chris Joseph	164 Shirley Turnwald	277 Dr Trevor Le Lievre
71 Robin Percy	165 Philippa Burne	
72 Di Petersen	166 Gill Tracy	
	167 Rebecca Watt	

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Summary of Submissions:

Investment in Three Waters Infrastructure was one of the key topics the Council has sought public feedback on as part of the 2018-2028 Long Term Plan process. In total Council received 152 submissions on this consultation topic.

Analysis:

66 submitters supported option 1 – that council Invest based on the Big Water Story Plan. Some of the key matters raised by submitters in support of this option included:

- Water management continued to be a major issue for the district
- A risk and resilience-based approach to planning is required
- ‘Cathedral thinking’ is required whereby Council plan now for the long term beyond the life of primary assets
- That it is important to improve the water infrastructure now, rather than continue to put it off and risk not having enough safe water for the area in the long term.
- That the council needed to be bold in planning for three waters to fix up years of underfunding in this area
- That if we want the area to grow, we need a supply that can provide for that growth

43 submitters supported option 2 – that council invest over a longer time frame. Some of the key matters raised by these submitters included:

- Developers should be paying 100% of the cost of providing necessary infrastructure for new subdivisions
- That it is good to see the council facing up to continuing investment in a very important asset
- Council needs to be mindful of the impact on ratepayers and investing over a longer timeframe would help to ease this burden
- That balance must be found between what is desirable and what is economically sustainable
- Investing over a longer period allows infrastructure to be planned with a little more flexibility
- That by investing over a longer timeframe, it gives council time to fix existing issues then look at future expansion of the network as capacity and budgets allow

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33 Submitters supported option 3 – to continue maintaining the existing assets. Some of the issues raised by these submitters included:

- That the district needed to clear current debt for water and sewerage loans before taking on any more
- That council should maintain current assets or invest over a longer time frame putting the charge on the users as a user pays system

- That a call should respond when infrastructure is nearing capacity
- Council should maintain current assets until we have a clear picture of what three waters infrastructure actually needs in order to be fit for the future

Some other common themes from submitters included the fact that although upgrades are needed, that there is general concern about the associated increases in rates. Several submitters also mentioned that they felt that a bigger subsidy from central government was needed to help with this.

A number of rural ratepayers who are not connected to the network have indicated that Council should take a user pays approach to water, given that they already have to pay for maintenance of their own tank water and septic tank systems.

It is important to note that none of the three proposed options include ceasing the chlorination of urban water supplies or providing access to non-chlorinated supplies in urban areas. This topic was raised during hearings.

It is also important to note that none of the proposed options include consideration for the significant extension of reticulated drinking water schemes. A number of submitters wrote and spoke of the limitations of the current privately-owned water schemes in Tikokino and Ongaonga. The extension of reticulated schemes, or creation of new centralised reticulated schemes in these rural communities is not planned for consideration in the LTP and has been investigated so far as to understand the likely costs and hurdles involved in developing such a scheme. Should these schemes be considered for further investigation, significant modelling would be required and it is the expectation of Officers that resource consent from the HBRC would be unlikely.

While the focus of options discussed further in this report is on maintaining the reliability and security of supply through the timely replacement, maintenance and upgrade of assets, water quality and compliance is a key focus for Officers. The ability to deliver safe water to the quality specified in the Drinking Water standards and regulated by the Ministry of Health is a test of the effectiveness of the complete water treatment and distribution system/s. Drinking water must meet tight quality guidelines and data from test results is sent to the District Health Board routinely to ensure compliance. Investment is required across the districts treatment plants and distribution networks to ensure and maintain compliance. Upgrades to Waipukurau's treatment plant are underway and upgrades to Porangahau and Takapau are scheduled in the five-year period under options 1 and 2 listed below. These upgrades will ensure the compliance of these systems and conversely, Council is at risk of non-compliance if these upgrades are not initiated.

Council consulted on the options listed below to make three waters infrastructure fit for the future. All options seek to take a risk-based and 'resilience planning' approach by considering both the likelihood and consequences of events.

The deliverability of each option has been considered against known constraints in contracting resource markets and against the shortfall in internal resources to manage these complex projects. The three options are considered deliverable so long as project management and project planning resource is established within Council early to allow the creation and effective scheduling of work programmes. Work beginning between Hawke's Bay Councils to align work programmes and communicate more effectively about contractor resource constraints will further support the delivery of the three options.

Option 1 – Invest based on the Big Water Story Plan

This option presented to meet the current and future needs of the district based on the known condition of the assets, known issues with capacity and security of supply and expectations and projections for growth.

Option 1 meets the known constraints of the network in terms of reliability and security of supply.

Reliability of supply is related to the condition of assets. Condition is known on many key assets and age is used as a proxy for other assets where condition is not known. The condition of critical drinking water infrastructure, particularly in main urban centres (Waipawa and Waipukurau) is known to be deteriorating. Whilst the reservoirs are in suitable condition to provide confidence in their longevity and reliability, pipe networks are ageing and in poor condition in many parts of the network.

Security of supply is related to the ability to maintain supply in normal and contingency events under different demand scenarios. Simply put, security of supply with respect to drinking water is often attributed to the number of pipes feeding an area of the network or an individual property. Where there are multiple pipes, security is greater, where there is a single pipe, security is lower. The link between security of supply and reliability/condition becomes evidently important as less secure areas of the network must have better condition assets to avoid the risk of failure.

Critically, key parts of the network/district have poor security of supply. There is only a single pipe feeding the Waipukurau reservoir and only a single pipe feeding the township from that reservoir.

The constraints outlined above in terms of asset condition and security are directly due to under-investment in asset maintenance and replacement. This has left Council in a vulnerable position of requiring to 'catch up' on works that have historically been deferred.

Option 1 is designed to improve both the reliability and security of supply by addressing known poor condition assets first and addressing key security risks such as Waipukurau. Based on the known condition, it is believed that this work must be carried out in the short term to avoid unnecessary risk.

Affordability was raised as a concern by many residents with respect to option 1 and whilst a programme of investment and proposed funding option has been presented in this LTP, Officers will continue to seek alternate funding and investment options throughout the period of the plan. An avenue already identified for further investigation with respect to funding is a signalled review of CHBDCs Development Contributions Policy.

Option 2 – Invest over a longer period

This option presented to maintain and service the infrastructure as outlined in Option 1 but over a longer time frame subsequently taking on more risk until known required works are carried out.

This option considers the same factors considered in option 1 of reliability and security of supply based on condition and redundancy but spreads investment over a longer period. In simple terms this option takes a higher risk tolerance by delaying investment on infrastructure that is known to be deteriorated or under capacity to meet fluctuating or growing demand. An example of the higher risk tolerance taken on by this option is the deferral of the Waipukurau second supply by 4 years. During this period Waipukurau residents will be at risk of losing supply in the event of a failure of any of several key pieces of infrastructure (pump, pipes, reservoir). This item is considered the greatest risk with Option 2.

Option 3 – Continue maintaining the existing assets

This option presented only to maintain existing assets at current service levels in the primary interest of avoiding costly investment. This option presents a risk to current residents from compromised reliability and security of supply and does not allow for growth of the district.

This option does not consider many of the factors deemed important under options 1 or 2 or what would be considered good asset management practice. This option focuses on managing cost rather than assets and by seeking to maintain existing investment levels will see a decrease in service levels experienced by connected residents and communities. Importantly this option does not allow for growth in the district or the increasing and diversifying expectations of our ratepayers.

22. RECOMMENDATION FOR CONSIDERATION

That having considered all matters raised in the report:

- a) Council proceed with Option 1 as outlined in the Long Term Plan and carry out proposed works in the first 10 years such as the second supply to Waipukurau, or**
- b) Council proceed with Option 2 as outlined in the Long Term Plan and carry out the proposed works over a longer period. This would include delaying some key projects such as the Waipukurau second supply and the spreading of upgrades to pipe networks, or**
- c) Council proceed with Option 3 as outlined in the Long Term Plan and maintain existing assets only as required for renewals based on historical expenditure levels and accept likely reductions in service levels.**
- d) Council thanks the submitters for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained within this report is provided to the submitters.

9.3 SUBMISSION HEARING - LONG TERM PLAN 2018-2028 - UPGRADING THE WAIPAWA AND DISTRICT CENTENNIAL MEMORIAL BATHS

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Attachments:

1. Waipawa and District Centennial Memorial Baths Project Charter
2. Waipawa and District Centennial Memorial Baths - Proposed Phase 1 Concept Plan - Final Draft

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the submissions received on the Long Term Plan consultation in relation to upgrading the Waipawa and District Centennial Memorial Baths. The report provides an analysis of the submissions and some options for Council to consider.

RECOMMENDATION

That, having considered all matters raised in the report:

- a) Council upgrades the 25 metre pool and constructs a splashpad only at a cost of \$870,000 with Council loan funding \$650,000 and the balance being fundraised by the community; or
- b) Council upgrade the 25 metre lap pool only at a cost of \$700,000, which is fully loan funded by Council; or
- c) Council proceeds with Option three of the Draft Long Term Plan for the Waipawa Pool, being that a staged approach estimated at \$1.72 million is adopted, with Council contributing funding of \$650,000 in Year 1 of the Long Term Plan for the construction of a new 25 metre pool and learn to swim pool/playpool and filtration, at a value of \$900,000 with the remaining funds to be funded by the Central Hawke's Bay Community; and further:
- d) Council underwrites from Reserves, any community funding shortfall to ensure the development of the new 25 metre pool and learn to swim pool/playpool and filtration can be completed in the first year of the Long Term Plan.
- e) Council thanks the submitters for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters.

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Submissions:

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5	Roland Hund	93	Barry and Glenda Wade	209	Diane Seager
6	Ray Sievert	94	Ana Deckard	211	Jess Trew
7	Sam Christiansen	95	C J Foley	212	Genevieve Bennett

8	George Harper	96	Teresa Robertshaw	213	Sarah Hamilton
9	Junette Sanderson	97	Peter Robertshaw	217	Catherine Hobbs-Turner
10	Kohine Rata	98	Paige Matenga	221	Helen Walker
11	Ian Southward	99	Joe Baker	223	Willie Smith
12	Rex Pickering	100	Cheryl Paul	224	Ted O'Brien
13	Andrew Williams	101	Legacy	226	Shelly Birdsall
14	Marie Mihaka	102	Kearn Cudby Page	227	Dave Spark
15	Catherine Bentley	103	Kiera Muller	228	Warwick Greville
16	Kevin Davidson	104	Easton	229	Coral Hook
17	Darren Cooper	105	Nkosana Ncomanzi	231	John Albert Rumbal
18	Julie Elliot	106	Eden	232	Russell Greville
19	M Swinbanks	107	Charlie	235	Terry Kingston
20	Michael Severinsen	108	Michael August	236	Amo Eru-Chapman
22	Coralie Cooper	110	Lucy Malcolm	237	Lewis Chapman
23	Mark Williams	111	Melissa Williams	238	Tony Treacher
24	Alistair Ford	113	Misty Schaumkel	239	Joanne Treacher
25	Kevin Pike	114	Angus Hunter	240	Lily Wilcox
28	Claire Hatfield	115	Phoenix	241	Hannah Morrah
29	Hadley Boyle	116	Jock	242	R R Fraser
34	M Davis	117	Sabrina Horrocks	243	Tikokino Country Hotel t/a Sawyers Arms
35	Janice Osborne	118	Max Giddens	244	Robert Buchanan
37	Leanne Horrath	119	Mike Isaacson	245	Sally Butler
38	Mary Anne Reidy	120	Mike McCormick	247	Claire Glendinning & John Jamieson
39	Richard Thomas	121	Lathan Wroe	248	Di Minehan
40	Max Chatfield	122	Dillan Bellamy	249	William A Macready
41	Sandra Cross	123	Lachlan Brown	250	Anita Telea
42	Craig Jones	124	Seth Ireland	251	Rebecca Turfrey
43	Jones	125	Ryan Death	252	Maddie Higgins
44	John McCullough	126	Cali	253	Helen Smith
45	Michael and Susan Steele	128	Michael	254	Karla Hain
46	Anthony Hales	129	David Bartlett	255	Linda Jeffery
48	Rachel Mackay	130	Bruce Stephenson	256	Margaret Franklin
49	Brian Gibbs	131	Andrew Renton-Green	257	Sarah Chote
50	Kevin Clark	134	Sheryll Freeman	258	Keren Lilburn
52	Kathryn Bayliss	135	Carl Tippet	259	David John Williams
53	Jenny Kingston	137	Tony Robson	261	W M Henderson
54	Kirsty Beagle	138	Terry Palmer	263	John Campbell
55	Paul Frid	139	Margaret Palmer		

56	Unknown	141	Ismail & Kristin Yoldash	264	Mark Aspden
58	Rose Chapman	142	W D Illsley	267	Gren Christie
59	WG & EH Stevenson	143	BF & M Richardson	271	Donna Dahm
60	Craig Hope	145	Lesley Selby	273	Sharleen Baird
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64	Richard Wilman	148	Donald Cooper	277	Dr Trevor Le Lievre
65	Rachel Coxhead	149	Colin & Rosemary Prince	278	Kim Maitland
66	Janine and Martin Green	153	Kenneth & Yvonne Pike	279	Fred Howley
67	Jude Henry	154	Waipukurau Mobility Scooter Group	280	Patricia Mary Phelvin
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79	Annette Cooper	169	Nikki Whelpton		
80	Clint Deckard	170	Mark Holder		
81	Catherine Tilby	171	Johanna Bevin		
82	Sam Robinson	172	Sharee Waite		
83	Mataweka Marae	173	Kaye Harrison		
84	Penne Chote	174	Kay Griffiths		
88	L Guy R Bell	176	Jennifer Sears		
90	Sarah Lumb				

Summary of Submissions:

Upgrading the Waipawa and District Centennial Memorial Baths was one of the key topics the Council has sought public feedback on as part of the 2018-2028 Long Term process. In total Council received 193 submissions on this consultation topic.

Analysis:

27 submitters supported Option 1 – upgrade to a 25m pool and Splashpad at a cost of \$870,000 with council loan funding \$650,000 and the balance to be fundraised by the community. Some of the matters raised in these submissions were:

- That this project should be a priority for the council
- That although there was support for the pool to be rebuilt, that it should be a user pays facility

- That although the idea of a staged upgrade was supported, that submitters were conscious that other issues such as water needed to be addressed
- That this asset is a key focus of Waipawa
- That although there was support for the pool to be upgraded, that the learner pool would cost too much

It is to be noted that although one submitter selected this option on the submission form, their subsequent comment indicated that the pool should be closed rather than upgraded.

13 submitters supported Option 2 – upgrade to a 25m lap pool only at a cost of \$700,000 which is fully loan funded by Council. Some of the matters raised in these submissions included:

- That the pool needed to be fixed properly but should not be an expense for Otane residents
- That the district has a good facility in Waipukurau which did not need to be duplicated in Waipawa
- That council should either just fix the pool or fill it in
- That although the pool is a great asset to the community, a splash pad is not important
- That a pool was needed, given that the river is no longer swimmable but wastewater treatment should be a higher priority than another Splashpad

76 submitters supported Option 3 – A stage upgrade estimated at \$1.72 million with Council loan funding \$650,000 and the remainder being fundraised and completed as funds become available. Some of the matters raised in these submissions included:

- That this option would get pool users up and running in the shortest time possible
- That the upgrades would be very positive for the Central Hawke's Bay community
- That the pool is in a prime location for locals to be able to walk from home and that people passing through may also stop by to use the facilities, generating out of town income for the district
- That residents of Waipawa should fundraise for the pool themselves, as they would be the primary users of it
- That residents of Tikokino use the facility in Waipukurau and will not use the Waipawa pool
- That this is a community wide project and that the history behind the baths needs to be acknowledged
- That if long term the council could consider solar heating, that this may extend the swimming season.
- That it is important that children have the opportunity to learn to swim
- That the immediate cost would be reduced with this option and that the bus to Waipukurau should continue while repairs are taking place
- Reopening the pool in Waipawa would reduce the carbon footprint of people having to travel to Waipukurau
- That submitters would like to see that the community is involved with planning and fundraising
- That facilities for swimming are important for health by promoting physical activity, swimming lessons and water safety and social connection

4 of the submitters who supported this option also made the following comments:

Wouldn't it be cheapest to put in a new pool instead of lap pools and BBQ areas, put your money into sewerage pipes.

Surely there is a way for the pool to be done without spending so much. Not everything has to be upgraded to such a high level. Sometimes just making sure it'll work without needing to be so fancy is the best.

People can't always afford what they want and perhaps the council needs to prioritise what is more important, therefore perhaps they should forget about the pool upgrade altogether and make better use of the AW Parsons pool and put the money towards the water and wastewater systems.

Close Waipawa baths as not used often. We have our own pool at Tiko school and fund it ourselves

A number of submitters did not support any of the options, but commented that the pool should be closed for different reasons including:

- That the cost to upgrade the pool could not be justified
- That funds would be better allocated to cleaning up our waterways and other infrastructure and priority projects
- That there was already a great facility that the community could use in Waipukurau
- Specifically, 12 people sought that the Waipawa Pool should be permanently closed.

There were also a large number of submitters who generally supported the pool being reopened. Some of the reasons expressed in these submissions included:

- That kids needed to have ability to learn to swim
- That it was important to have this kind of facility in the community for general health reasons
- That it gave people a place to meet with their friends
- That by having a pool in Waipawa, it would reduce the carbon footprint of people driving to Waipukurau to use the facility there
- That people who used the pool would also use the businesses in Waipawa

Options:

The Waipawa and District Centennial Memorial Baths were opened in 1962, thanks to significant fundraising by the Central Hawke's Bay community. The baths have an outdoor non-heated 33m pool that is open in the summer months. The paddling pool has not been operational for a number of years.

In late 2017, Officers discovered significant age related defects and cracks in concrete and plaster works when the old paint work was taken off for repainting prior to the 2017/18 summer season, making the pool inoperable. The filtration plant condition is in poor condition. Prior to the discovery of the state of the outdoor pools, Council had started investigation work on the development of the Waipawa Baths. Over the 2017/18 summer season, buses were provided transporting people from Waipawa to the A.W. Parsons Memorial Pool in Waipukurau.

Three years ago, when the pools were last operational and all pools were open for the full season, some 6,500 admissions were recorded into the complex. Admissions have been in the low thousands in recent years, with the closure of the paddling pool and plant and reticulation regularly failing resulting in a shortened season impacting on admissions.

In December 2017, a community meeting was held with over 150 people attending in support of the important role that the Waipawa Pool plays in providing access to clean, accessible and safe swimming and active recreation in the Central Hawkes Bay Community. Because of this ground swell of support, Council made a commitment at the public meeting that this would be included in the Long Term Plan for urgent consideration.

Following this community meeting and without predetermining the Elected Councils decision at this point, the Chief Executive Officer was instructed to begin engagement with key groups in the community. Work was also instructed to ensure the Waipawa Pools could be re-opened for the 2018/19 summer season, in the event that Council approved the project in the 2018-2028 Draft Long Term Plan.

A project reference group has been established and has met twice. The project reference group is made up of representatives of the community from across Central Hawke's Bay. The Group is chaired by well-known community leader Bruce Stephenson. The initial meeting of the group developed scope, discussed the purpose of the reference group and talked through general points. The second meeting, sought to sign off on the scope of the project through the Project Charter. At their second meeting, the group also created two special advocacy roles, one specifically focussing on accessibility and the second being youth and younger people.

The group have created a Community Funding Co-ordinator role and are ready and are keen to begin fundraising the minimum contribution community-funding portion of \$275,000 required for the project. They have some great initial ideas and concepts for fundraising. The project reference group are awaiting confirmation of the project by Council to commence fundraising.

The project reference group, last week endorsed the Project Charter, which confirms the community requirements for the project. The Project Charter is now ready to be signed off by the Chief Executive formally initiating the project subject to Council approval of funding for the project. A copy of the project charter is **attached**, which confirms the key deliverables of the project.

From the engagement undertaken with the project reference group, school and from feedback from the Community in the consultation on the Long Term Plan, the preferred option is option 3. Option 3 is the development of a 25m lap pool and 7 metre learn to swim pool available for the 2018/19 season, with the balance of development being a longer-term approach. This longer-term approach will provide an opportunity for other future development, including Town Centre Planning and reserve planning at Madge Hunter park adjacent to the complex, to provide a comprehensive approach to development of the wider area.

The Project Reference Group have confirmed and advocated for ramps in the design for accessibility, not just into the 25 metre lap pool, but also the 7-metre playpool/learn to swim pool as part of the project scope for phase 1.

The 25-metre lap pool is a standard competitive race length, however this is not the focus for providing a 25 metre pool. The focus is on recognising 25 metres is the standard length for swim training and play of other sports nationally, including water polo and other water based sport. There is no benefit or significant cost savings reducing the size of the lap pool to 20 metres for example. Reducing the lap pool size would only create difficulties in the future, if the District wanted to host a local outdoor triathlon for example.

At this time, heating of the pools is not in scope, however future proofing for heating is. The heating of the 7-metre playpool will be the priority development for the Project Reference Group to community fundraise for, beyond the immediate development of the pool bodies.

The two key deliverables for the first phase of the project outlined in the Project Charter that the Project Reference Group are focussed on delivering, should council approve the project are:

Deliverable 1: Delivery of new filtration and reticulation, Learn to swim/play pool and 25-metre lap pool for structured swimming with a focus on family fun and accessibility, by 1 December 2018 that is future proofed for future heating, plant and equipment additions.

Deliverable 2: An overarching master plan for future development of the Waipawa Pool and surrounding areas, as part of Madge Hunter Park and future Town Centre development.

An alternative, however less held community view, is that no development is warranted at the Waipawa pools, with the cheapest and most appropriate option being to fill the pools in. To this end, the view is that Council should be investing in other investment priorities including the Big Water Story.

Officers have also made enquiry to local funding agencies and have submitted a funding application to contribute a portion to the community funded aspect of the project. Officers will be working closely with the Project Reference Group to source the balance of funding.

Officers have begun project management planning for the development of the Waipawa Pool in the background in the event the project is approved. Council will be required to approve a contract for works relatively quickly following the adoption of the Draft Long Term Plan, in order to meet a pool opening for the summer season. If the project is deferred or halted, the work already undertaken can be picked up at a later date easily for implementation.

If Council were of a view to significantly decrease the level of Council funding allocated to the project, this is an option, however this option would likely trigger Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, requiring Council to again consult on the proposal with the community.

Any reduction in funding is almost certain to impact on the likelihood of Council being able to deliver the project for the 2018/19 Summer season and seeking external Trust funding retrospectively is very difficult.

In their verbal submission, Mataweka Marae noted the importance of recognising the history and commemorating the memorial aspects of the project. This important aspect will be considered if the project is approved by Council, by the project reference group.

Council consulted on the following options for upgrading the Waipawa and District Centennial Memorial Baths, with the preferred option being option three. The three options were:

Option 1 – Upgrade 25 metre pool and Splashpad

Upgrade the pool with a 25 metre pool and splashpad at a cost of \$870,000 with Council loan funding \$650,000 and the balance to be fundraised by the community.

Option 2 – Upgrade 25 metre pool only

Upgrade of the pool to a 25 metre lap pool only at a cost of \$700,000, which is fully loan funded by Council. This would provide no facility for junior or young children in Waipawa.

Option 3 – Full development project

A staged upgrade to the pool estimated at \$1.72 million, with Council loan funding \$650,000 and the remainder being fundraised and completed as funds become available.

Option three was Council preferred option identified by Council in the Draft Long Term Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

That, having considered all matters raised in the report:

a) Council upgrades the 25 metre pool and constructs a splashpad only at a cost of \$870,000 with Council loan funding \$650,000 and the balance being fundraised by the community; or

b) Council upgrade the 25 metre lap pool only at a cost of \$700,000, which is fully loan funded by Council; or

c) Council proceeds with Option three of the Draft Long Term Plan for the Waipawa Pool, being that a staged approach estimated at \$1.72 million is adopted, with Council contributing funding of \$650,000 in Year 1 of the Long Term Plan for the construction of a new 25 metre pool and learn to swim pool/playpool and filtration, at a value of \$900,000 with the remaining funds to be funded by the Central Hawke's Bay Community; and further:

d) Council underwrites from Reserves, any community funding shortfall to ensure the development of the new 25 metre pool and learn to swim pool/playpool and filtration can be completed in the first year of the Long Term Plan.

e) Council thanks the submitters for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Waipawa and District Centennial Memorial Baths Project Charter**
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Project Charter

**Waipawa and District Centennial Memorial Pool
Redevelopment Project**

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PROJECT CHARTER

1. Executive Summary

The Waipawa and District Centennial Pool redevelopment project is a key project for the Central Hawke's Bay District Council and Community. Successful delivery of the project will see the construction of a new outdoor 25metre lap pool and a play pool/learn to swim pool with new reticulation and treatment, as well as the delivery of a master plan for the future development of the Waipawa Pools and surrounding area.

The outcome of the deliverables are new pools that are clean, safe, reliable and accessible and surrounding development long term will uniquely reflect the character and place of Waipawa, ultimately resulting in increased utilisation of the complex.

The current pool shells and infrastructure have failed and investment is required and demanded from the community to return the pools to operation.

Funded by the Central Hawkes Bay District Council and through community funding, the new pools will be open for operation by 1 December 2018, with a master plan for the complex and surrounding area adopted by the community for implementation as a later phase, by 1 July 2020.

2. Project Description

2.1 Background

The Central Hawke's Bay community opened the Waipawa and District Centennial Memorial Baths in 1962 thanks to significant community fundraising. The pools have an outdoor non-heated 33m pool that is open in the summer months. The paddling pool is not operational.

In late 2017, Officers discovered significant age related defects and cracks in concrete and plaster works when the old paintwork was taken off for repainting prior to the 2017/18 summer season, making the pool inoperable. The filtration plant condition is poor. Prior to the discovery, Council had started investigation work on the development of the Waipawa Baths. Over the 2017/18 summer season, buses were provided transporting people from Waipawa to the A.W. Parsons Memorial Pool in Waipukurau.

In December 2017, a community meeting was held, with over 150 people attending in support of the important role that the Waipawa Pool plays in providing access to clean, accessible and safe swimming and active recreation in the Central Hawkes Bay Community. Because of this ground swell of support, Council made a commitment at the public meeting that this would be included in the 2018 – 2028 Draft Long Term Plan for urgent consideration.

2.2 'The Project'

The project has been broken into two phases.

Phase 1

Phase 1 of the project is to develop an upgraded 25-metre and play pool/learn to swim pool for structured swimming, with upgraded reticulation and water treatment by 1 December 2018, with a master plan being developed for the wider complex and

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surrounds for later implementation by 1 July 2020. Stage 1 has committed funding of \$650,000 from the Central Hawke's Bay District Council with the balance of \$275,000 being sourced from the community.

Phase 2

Phase 2 of the project will be completed in further stages and community and council funding becomes available to deliver on the master plan for the Waipawa Pools complex.

3. Project Purpose/Justification

3.1 Business Need/Case

The following needs and demand have been identified for this project.

- The pools, reticulation and treatment have reached the end of their economic life with many components already failed or have failed requiring replacement.
- The community have a strong voice that the need for aquatic services in Waipawa are justified even with services available in Waipukurau, fulfilling a unique and niche market for the Central Hawke's Bay Community.
- Council has Town Centre Planning proposed for Waipawa, the nearby Waipawa School Pool requires significant redevelopment having also reached the end of its economic lifecycle, and the community and Elected Council have a desire to see a consolidated and considered approach to services and activities near the pool.
- New facilities need to be affordable in relation to Councils and the communities' ability to fund the capital costs of development, but also that the ongoing operation of the centre is affordable – both from an ongoing renewal, operations and access perspective.
- A long-term durable infrastructure solution that is low cost to maintain and financially sustainable for our community.

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3.2 Business Objectives

The Waipawa Pool Project delivers on four of the seven community outcomes developed during Project Thrive. How the project will achieve these are set out in more detail below.

- **Durable infrastructure** will result as part of the project, with new filtration, reticulation and pool shells providing robust and reliable equipment.
- Through opportunities to community fundraise for the project, we will build **strong communities**, however also opportunities for families to come together to celebrate the success of the new pool.
- A redeveloped pool will support a **prosperous district** and as part of the wider comprehensive area redevelopment, will create an attractive and unique place for people to enjoy the Central Hawke's Bay District.
- Once constructed and open, local events and opportunities for collaboration at the Waipawa Pools will bring people together, resulting in **connected citizens**



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4. Project Scope

4.1 Project Objectives and Success Criteria

We have developed three project objectives for the Waipawa Pool project. The three objectives are based on feedback from a workshop held with the Project Reference Group in March 2018. At this workshop, we established what success looked like and what the key outcomes of the Waipawa Pool Project were.

The three project objectives are in the below table:

1. To provide clean, safe, reliable and accessible bodies of water for recreation and active water sport in Waipawa by 1 December 2018.
2. To enable facilities that will provide a unique 'Central Hawke's Bay' range of activities and opportunities based in Waipawa that will double historical attendances within the first 12 months of operation.
3. To develop a master plan for Waipawa Pool and surrounds that has the approval of the community for future implementation by 1 July 2020.

4.2 High Level Requirements

This project must meet the following list of requirements in order to achieve success:

- New filtration, water treatment and reticulation
- New 25 metre lap pool and playpool/learn to swim pool for structured swimming
- Pools are delivered and available for use by 1 December 2018
- Future proofed for additional development in the future such as heating and future development
- Facilities and the pools layout are accessible to all, family focussed, fun, with a focus around safety
- The facilities can be managed with limited inputs, particularly around staffing
- Outdoor water play areas with a unique point of difference that makes the facility unique for Central Hawke's Bay.

4.3 Major Deliverables

The two major deliverables of this project identified by the Project Reference Group are listed below.

Deliverable 1: Delivery of new filtration, Learn to swim/play pool and 25-metre lap pool for structured swimming with a focus on family and accessibility by 1 December 2018 that is future proofed for future heating, plant and equipment additions.

Deliverable 2: An overall master plan for future development of the Waipawa Pool and surrounding areas, as part of Madge Hunter Park and future Town Centre development.

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4.4 Boundaries

We have summarised the aspects of both Phase 1 and 2 of the project that are specifically in scope and out of scope. The project boundaries are listed in the table below:

Phase 1:

In scope:

- New water treatment and reticulation for all new pools
- New pool shells and facilities for the learn to swim/play pool and lap-pool
- Future proofing for future heating opportunities
- Development of a master plan for Phase 2

Out of scope:

- Upgrades or renewals of the existing amenity blocks and facilities
- Surrounding concourse, gardens and barbeque areas
- Wet-deck and other additional water play facilities
- Heating
- Any development work planned as part of Phase 2

Phase 2:

In scope:

- Wet-deck, additional fixed pool toys, slides and other aquatic activities
- Development of surrounding area including skate-park
- Toilets and all amenities
- Landscaping and other areas
- Heating options

Out of scope:

- Significant redevelopment or modification of new pools installed in phase 1.

5. Project Duration

5.1 Timeline

The total timeline of the project is 18 months, with an initial deliverable in Phase 1 of the project due by 1 December 2018 and the balance of deliverables of Phase 1 due 1 July 2020.

We expect the project requirements for acceptance by the Sponsor to be completed by 1 July 2020.

No timeframe is proposed for the implementation of Phase 2, with Phase 2 deliverables specifically excluded from the scope of deliverables of this project.

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5.2 Summary Milestone Schedule

The following milestones have been identified for the project.

Summary Milestone Schedule – List key project milestones relative to project start.	
Project Milestone	Target Date
• Establishment of Project Reference Group	March 18
• Sign off of requirements and project charter by Project Reference Group	23 April 18
• Completion of detailed design	31 May 2018
• Approval of project as part of Draft Long Term Plan by Council	31 May 2018
• Ordering of Myrtha Pool	1 June 2018
• Approval from Council to enter into contract for Pool	July 2018
• Consents and approvals obtained	August 2018
• Contractor Confirmed	August 2018
• External Funding Confirmed	31 August 2018
• On site construction begins	3 September 2018
• Open to the public	1 December 2018
• Draft Master Plan developed	1 October 2019
• Consultation with community on master plan commences	1 November 2019
• Final Master plan adopted by Council	1 July 2020

6. Budget Estimate

6.1 Funding Source

Council has proposed in the 2018 – 2028 Draft Long Term Plan funding of \$650,000 as the initiator of the project. The balance of funding - some \$275,000 we are proposing to seek through external and community funding.

Central Hawke's Bay District Council	\$650,000
External Community Funding	\$275,000

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6.2 Estimate

The estimated costs of the Phase 1 aspect of the project are \$925,000. The significant component of cost is the supply and install of the Myrtha pool, reticulation and new filtration and treatment.

The balance of the project as Phase 2 including the proposed wet-deck and surrounding amenity refurbishment upgrades being estimated at \$1.72m – an additional \$820,000 and are not included in this Phase 1 estimate.

We have a moderate to high level of confidence in the project budget estimate.

Summary Budget – List component project costs	
Project Component	Component Cost
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 1 Professional Services, Approvals and Insurances 	\$75,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical Construction Costs 	\$850,000
TOTAL	\$925,000

7. Assumptions, Constraints and Risks

7.1 Assumptions

The following are a list of assumptions. Upon agreement and signature of this document, all parties acknowledge that these assumptions are true and correct:

- The reticulation of the both pools are in poor condition and need significant upgrading.
- There is sufficient electrical capacity to sustain the new plant operations
- There are no unknown ground conditions under the proposed pool.
- We will attain the \$275,000 of external funding and Council will fund the \$650,000 of Council funding for the project in Year 1 of the Draft Long Term Plan.

7.2 Constraints

The following constraints pertain to the ***Waipawa and District Centennial Memorial Pool Redevelopment Project***

- The ability to seek significant external funding maybe limited by the number of Trust funds in the Central Hawke's Bay District.

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- The ability to have the facility open to the public by 1 December makes the timeline ambitious with limited ability for slippage.
- There is a limited amount of internal capacity for the project, with existing resource already highly committed.

7.3 Risks

The following risks for the ***Waipawa and District Centennial Memorial Pool Redevelopment Project*** have been identified. The Project Manager will determine and employ the necessary risk mitigation/avoidance strategies as appropriate to minimise the likelihood of these risks:

- Project Contingency Budget – there is minimal project contingency in the current budget. This poses the risk that in the event poor ground conditions or similar are found the only means to counter this, is to seek additional external funding community funding, which could be difficult.
- Inability to fund projects retrospectively – Few (if any) Trust funders provide Trust funding for projects that have begun. This places the project in a difficult position, whereby if an unknown variable is identified the only option for Council to seek the funding is through local community funding or Council rating.

8. Project Organisation

8.1 Roles and Responsibilities

The following table summarises the key roles and responsibilities of the project.

Name	Title	Project Role
Monique Davidson	Chief Executive Officer	Project Sponsor – overall responsibility for delivery of project objectives
Doug Tate	Group Manager – Customer and Community Partnerships	Project Manager – internal management of project and responsibility for implementation of project.
Toby Mason	Director – Create Ltd	Professional Services and Construction Lead – Leading the physical planning, preparing and implementation of works
Bruce Stephenson	Project Reference Group Chair	Project Reference Group Chair – Be the responsible spokesperson for

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Pip Burne	Community Funding Co-Ordinator	the Group and lead meetings, and overall community aspects of the project. Community Funding Co-Ordinator – With support from the project manager, co-ordinate, activate and seek community funding for the project.
TBC	Disability Reference Group Advisor	To provide specific guidance and consideration of accessibility on the overall project.
Michele Hayes Paul Jamieson Jacqui Cudby Toots	Project Reference Group Members	Support the Project Reference Group Chair and project team in the delivery of the project
TBC	Youth and Young People Advisor	To support previous youth and young people engagement to ensure they are supported in considering the outcomes of the project.

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8.2 Stakeholders

The following key stakeholders have been identified for the project.

Stakeholder	Influence Level	Stakeholders Major Need/Concern That Must Be Met for Success
Immediate community and Users of the Waipawa Pool	High	Understanding of what is going on, opportunity to be involved in future development of pool, retention of Waipawa Pool, access to pool.
Potential funders of the Waipawa Pool	High	Confidence the project is being managed with rigour and is of value and benefit to the Central Hawke's Bay Community. Understanding of how to contribute financially and why their contribution is required.
Elected Councillors	High	As a key stakeholder and representative of the community, they need to understand scope of development and key project status data.
Waipawa School and Aqua Management	High	As primary users and operators, the facility meets their primary requirements and the facility can be sustainably operated.
Wider Central Hawke's Bay Community	Medium	Updates on progress, what is happening when and why?
Waipawa Kohanga Reo/Play centres	Medium	Understanding of what provision has been made for little people in the development. Success is that assets are safe and provision is available for little people.

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9. Project Approval Requirements

The project will have reached a successful completion when it has achieved the following requirements.

Success for the ***Waipawa and District Centennial Memorial Pool Redevelopment Project*** will be achieved when:

- A new 25 metre and playpool/learn to swim pool and filtration, treatment and reticulation for structured swimming are operational and available for public use, with any funds underwritten by Council fully funded by community funding;
- A master plan for the future, adopted by the Community for the Waipawa Pool Complex is complete and ready for implementation.

10. Project Approval

Approval is sought for:

1. Acceptance of the Project Charter and its justification; and
2. That the project proceeds to the detailed project planning and implementation phase.

Approved
Project Sponsor





9.4 SUBMISSIONS HEARING - LONG TERM PLAN 2018-2028 - PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE FOR OUR TOWNS AND COMMUNITIES

File Number: COU1-1400

Author: Doug Tate, Group Manager Customer and Community Partnerships

Authoriser: Monique Davidson, Chief Executive

Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the submissions received on the Long Term Plan consultation in relation to planning for the future for our towns and communities. It provides an analysis of the submissions and options for Council to consider.

23. RECOMMENDATION FOR CONSIDERATION

That having considered all matters raised in the report:

- a) That Council proceeds with its preferred option of the delivery of the Town Centre and Community Planning Programme as set out in the Draft Long Term Plan.
- b) That Council thanks the submitters for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters.

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5 Roland Hund	76 Arthur Rowlands	171 Johanna Bevin
6 Ray Sievert	77 Tony Murphy	172 Sharee Waite
7 Sam Christiansen	78 J Williams	173 Kaye Harrison
8 George Harper	79 Annette Cooper	174 Kay Griffiths
9 Junette Sanderson	80 Clint Deckard	175 Christopher Minehan
10 Kohine Rata	81 Catherine Tilby	176 Jennifer Sears
11 Ian Southward	83 Mataweka Marae	177 D-Rae Bennett
12 Rex Pickering	84 Penne Chote	185 Karen Bothwell
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69 Chris Joseph	163 Valerie Norris	278 Kim Maitland
71 Robin Percy	164 Shirley Turnwald	
72 Di Petersen	165 Philippa Burne	
73 Jesse Singson	166 Gill Tracy	
74 Michael Harrison	167 Rebecca Watt	
	169 Nikki Whelpton	

Summary of Submissions:

Planning for the future for our towns and communities was one of the key topics the Council has sought public feedback on as part of the 2018-2028 Long Term Plan process. In total Council received 143 submissions on this consultation topic.

Analysis:

46 Submitters supported option 1 – that council address plans and issues for the town centres and communities at the time of each issue. Some of the key matters raised by submitters in support of this option included:

- Money could go to better use than developing plans
- Funds would be better spent on infrastructure
- That \$50,000 for plans is a waste of ratepayer money
- That more detail is needed on why \$50,000 is required to develop plans
- That it is not easy to know what the future will look like and that it may be best to see what trends there are in relation to this matter before deciding on how to respond
- That the council needs to prioritise properly
- That council seems to want spend money on making communities more like the busy towns that people who moved here are wanting to get away from
- Often needless and costly long term planning is undertaken but not implemented
- The demographics of our communities are changing all the time with new and different issues needing to be addressed
- That elected members needed to be more visible in the smaller communities

93 submitters supported option 2 – that council develops Town Centre Plans for Waipukurau and Waipawa and Community Plans for Tikokino, Onga Onga, Takapau, Porangahau and Otane. Some of the matters raised by these submitters included:

- That the plans needed to be uncomplicated so as not to create extra cost
- That plans needed to include the rural community and be specific to their needs
- That the council needed to think ahead and envision what the area could look like in 10 or 20 years
- That plans needed to include rural development and provide opportunities to increase the areas production and production value
- That developing long term strategies that map the path we want to take is a sensible approach
- That this would be a positive move for our communities
- That this would help the district to have pride and identity in their communities
- That council needs to consider how plans will best capture the whole community
- That council needed to look at how to make Waipawa and Waipukurau more attractive towns.
- That plans needed to concentrate on basic services rather than beautification
- That plans should consider expanding smoke free areas

- That the plan for Porangahau should start with the concept plans which have been drawn up for outside their town hall

Options:

Currently there is no localised clear voice or strategic direction 'owned' by our local communities, whether the large urban centres or rural communities in our District.

In many of our communities, we have individuals or groups often working towards a certain outcome or direction, however despite their best intentions the outcome or direction does not necessarily have the support of or reflect the direction of the wider community.

The concept of community planning seeks to support communities to develop a shared vision for their community. It provides a mechanism for collaboration between Communities, Council and other agencies to implement change and give a community a clear future direction. While the perception is that Community plans are only about improvements, they are actually about building capacity to create vibrant, resilient and strong communities.

Outcomes that are expected to result from a successful community planning programme include:

- Having a clear strategic direction for each community, reflecting each community's unique characteristics, challenges and opportunities
- Providing a path for a community's vision to be reflected in Council's and other agencies strategies and work plans
- Increased community spirit, resilience, and an ability to attract and retain residents.
- The ability for residents to create the communities they want
- To further develop constructive working relationships between councillors, village residents, businesses, council staff and other agencies.

Community planning programmes have been initiated in many communities throughout New Zealand and internationally and have provided a platform for communities to build their own local capacity to solve local problems. The presence of a single clear community voice makes advocacy for actions or responding to significant issues such as earthquake prone buildings, improving cell phone reception or policing matters, easier to communicate and argue for. For Council, Community Plans also provide a clear reference point for a community in the development of strategic documents, such as growth strategies or informing how best to support a communities social and economic need. This in-turn creates opportunities for our local community to unlock both social and economic opportunities required for our District to prosper.

For Central Hawke's Bay District, Community planning focussed on Town Centre Planning, will be particularly important for the Main Streets and immediate town centres of Waipawa and Waipukurau, as Council implements the Building (Earthquake-prone Buildings) Amendment Act 2016. This legislation gives building owners only 7.5 years to have their building strengthened or demolished, once identified as being earthquake prone. Ensuring we can provide a strategic context for our communities in these locations to respond, ensuring we have strong, vibrant and prosperous town centres and give building owners the confidence to reinvest, will be a key outcome of the community plans for the town centres. Further, it is possible some Regional Economic Funding could be sourced to further supplement and implement this work. This would need to further explored.

While initiated by Council, Community plans are the Community's plans - created by the Community for the Community. The most successful community plans are those plans led by and championed by their local community, with the support of partnering agencies including Council. The vehicle for this could be an expanded local hall community, improvement society or newly established community committee.

An alternate to not having Community plans, is that Communities continue on in the ad-hoc status-quo manner. For communities this makes being able to look to the future difficult, particularly where as a community they may be facing multiple pressures including population growth or loss of character. For our Town Centres, this planning work could be the difference between reigniting and unlocking economic potential, or having poorly design town centres that do not encourage economic spend.

Upon Council approving the project, a project charter will be developed and workshopped with Council for their formal adoption. This will confirm key requirements and deliverables, programme, timing and expectations of what success looks like for the project.

Council consulted on the following options for planning for the future of our towns and communities:

Option 1 – Undertake planning as issues arise

Address plans and issues for the Town Centre and Communities at the time of each issue.

Option 2 – Deliver the Town Centre and Community Planning Programme

Develop Town Centre Plans for Waipukurau and Waipawa and Community Plans for Tikokino, Onga Onga, Takapau, Porangahau and Otane. This option was Council preferred option in the Draft Long Term Plan.

RECOMMENDATION FOR CONSIDERATION

That having considered all matters raised in the report:

- c) That Council proceeds with its preferred option of the delivery of the Town Centre and Community Planning Programme as set out in the Draft Long Term Plan.**
- d) That Council thanks the submitters for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters.

9.5 SUBMISSIONS HEARING - LONG TERM PLAN 2018-2028 - FUNDING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

File Number: COU1-1400

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Authoriser: Monique Davidson, Chief Executive

Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the submissions received on the Long Term Plan consultation in relation to funding emergency management. It provides an analysis of the submissions and some options for Council to consider.

RECOMMENDATION FOR CONSIDERATION

That having considered all matters raised in the report:

- a) **That Council proceeds with Option 1 and proceeds with the costs of Civil Defence being funded by the Regional Council through Hawkes' Bay Regional Councils rate for addressing the matter.**
- b) **That the submitters are thanked for their comments and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters.**

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Summary of Submissions:

Funding emergency management was one of the key topics the Council sought public feedback on as part of the 2018-2028 Long Term Plan process. In total Council received 139 submissions on this consultation topic.

Analysis:

101 submitters supported option 1 – that council should fund the costs of Civil Defence through the Hawke's Bay Regional Council rate. Some of the matters raised in these submissions included:

- That the district needs to have a coherent, organized and professional provincial plan that has the power to call on national government at a time of crisis.
- That this needed to be a regional effort, as an emergency effects everyone in the wider Hawke's Bay area
- That this is supported only if it does not lead to a much higher rate for emergency management from the regional council
- That an all-inclusive approach is better provided that Central Hawke's Bay is well represented and the large centres do not dominate in the event of an emergency.
- That there are some reservations about whether local personnel would be available in the event of a local emergency
- That the regional council has the resources and knowledge to manage civil defence
- That Tsunami warnings for local coastal communities may require local contribution
- That region-wide planning would be good so long as there is some consideration given to local needs
- That the regional council could provide economies of scale. That although cost saving to ratepayers may be neutral, they may be able to make the money go further
- That this will improve Hawke's Bay's readiness, response and recovery from emergencies

36 submitters supported option 2 – that council continues to fund Civil defence through the general rate. Some of the matters raised in these submissions included:

- That there was some uncertainty about this, as there is a lack of infrastructure around Civil Defence in our area
- That there are a number of dwellings in the district where emergency vehicles do not have clear access or the means to get to quickly
- That it does not matter which body extracts the rates
- That overall it would be preferable to be a regional payment, but not with the current regional council
- That HBRC needed to be able to provide clear costings for rates, which are not currently available
- That central government should pay for emergency management
- That regional rates are already increasing enough as it is
- That there is no confidence in the regional council to provide adequate emergency management
- That it is better to be in control and deal with these issues locally
- That if we go through the Regional Council they won't care about Central Hawke's Bay
- That Central Hawke's Bay District Council will put plans in action in the time of an emergency for Central Hawke's Bay which will work for the district

Many of the points raised that are not in support of the regional rate, while the valid opinion of our community, are not necessarily factually correct. The rationale for a regional rate for emergency management is based on the shared service model for Civil Defence Emergency Management across the region.

In early 2017, the Group adopted a common structure with all civil defence staff now working in the same organisation, administered by Hawke's Bay Regional Council. Consequently, the existing fragmented funding model now constrains the Group's cooperative and collaborative intent to increase Hawke's Bay's overall resilience to disasters.

All of the Councils across Hawke's Bay are consulting to bring the funding and operation of Civil Defence Emergency Management together.

Council consulted on the following options for funding emergency management:

Option 1 – Fund the costs of Civil Defence through Hawke's Bay Regional Council rate.

Option 2 – Continue to fund Civil Defence through the General Rate.

There are no other options readily available to Council if they choose not to fund the rate themselves or through the Regional rate.

In the event that Council chooses to not proceed with the regional rate for emergency management, the full cost of emergency management will need to be incorporated into the general rate, resulting in an increase of \$128,000 to the budget or an increase in the general rate of \$19.94 on average.

RECOMMENDATION FOR CONSIDERATION

That having considered all matters raised in the report:

- c) That Council proceeds with Option 1 and proceeds with the costs of Civil Defence being funded by the Regional Council through Hawkes' Bay Regional Councils rate for addressing the matter.**
- d) That the submitters are thanked for their comments and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters.**

9.6 SUBMISSION HEARING - LONG TERM PLAN 2018-2028 - FINANCE**File Number:** COU1-1400**Author:** Bronda Smith, Group Manager, Corporate Support and Services**Authoriser:** Monique Davidson, Chief Executive**Attachments:** Nil**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to present to Council, submissions received on the Long Term Plan consultation in relation to Finance matters. It provides an analysis of the submissions.

RECOMMENDATION

That having considered all matters raised in the report:

- a) That Council proceeds with Option xxx in relation UAGC charges
- b) That Council proceeds with Option xxx in relation to assistance from council for rural ratepayers
- c) That Council proceeds with Option xxx in relation to Rates Relief
- d) That the submitters are thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters.

FINANCE**Topics for consideration**

Topic One	Rates and Service levels
Topic Two	Rates Increases and Affordability
Topic Three	Transparency of rates
Topic Four	Debt levels
Topic Five	Financial Strategy and Limits
Topic Six	Cost saving opportunities
Topic Seven	General Rate
Topic Eight	Land Transport rate
Topic Nine	Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC)
Topic Ten	Economic Development Rate
Topic Eleven	Allocation of water revenue
Topic Twelve	Water rates for commercial users
Topic Thirteen	Water Meters
Topic Fourteen	Rates for Sports Clubs
Topic Fifteen	Assistance from the council for rural ratepayers
Topic Sixteen	Rates Relief

Topic One: Rates and Service Levels**Submissions:**

5 Roland Hund, 13 Andrew Williams, 14 Marie Mihaka, 15 Catherine Bentley, 18 Julie Elliot, 26 Anneke Vandenburg, 29 Hadley Boyle, 51 Trevor Allan, 59 WG & EH Stevenson, 74 Michael Harrison, 129 David Bartlett, 281 Heather Morrison and Paul Predergast

Summary of Submissions:

These submitters raise concern over increasing rates given the limited council services being provided to them with a number specially talking about Tikokino, Ongaonga, Porangahau and Takapau.

Analysis:

Council officers are concerned that the above ratepayers do not see the value in the services being offer to their communities. Along with the services that are provided directly "to the ratepayer's door" Council is concerned that the services provided to the District as a whole such as Russell Park, the District Halls, the Cemeteries and other services are not valued or well understood.

Along with providing better communication of the services that are provided, the addition of the Community Plans for the different townships will assist with understanding and communicating the services delivered by Council.

Recommendation:

That the submitters are thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters.

Topic Two : Rates Increases and Affordability**Submissions:**

10 Kohine Rata, 12 Rex Pickering, 13 Andrew Williams, 14 Marie Mihaka, 15 Catherine Bentley, 18 Julie Elliot, 25 Kevin Pike, 29 Hadley Boyle, 32 Stephen Shaw, 33 Kathryn Bayliss, 47 Terry Hare, 51 Trevor Allan, 59 WG & EH Stevenson, 60 Craig Hope, 71 Robin Percy, 77 Tony Murphy, 92 Di Murphy, 121 Lathan Wroe, 127 Anthony Gilbert, 132 Leslie John Bridgwater,

35 Janice Osbourne, 43 Jones, 52 Kathryn Bayliss, 130 Bruce Stephenson, 134 Sheryl Freeman, 137 Tony Robson, 139 Margaret Palmer, 142 WD Illsley, 150 Colin and Helen Howell, 153 Kenneth and Yvonne Pike, 155 Kim Steffert, 167 Rebecca Watt, 223 Willie Smith, 244 Robert Buchanan, 281 Heather Morrison and Paul Predergast

Summary of Submissions:

These submitters raise concern over rates increases and the effect they could have on the community.

A number of submissions raise concern over affordability of rates, given that many residents are on a fixed or limited income.

A number of submissions raise the point that as a district we need to live within our means and only provide essential services, to reduce the burden on ratepayers.

Analysis:

As part of Project Thrive the community gave a strong indication, it is important for Council to balance affordability with creating a thriving district. The Council has listened to this feedback and has reviewed what the district needs to promote a prosperous district, enable smart growth and deliver durable infrastructure. This means the Council has the challenge of maintaining services levels while ensuring affordability and managing the growth projected for the district.

Council considers the affordability of rates as a high priority and has charged Officers with continually reviewing the way services are delivered. As part of the review of all budgeted items, any opportunities to make savings has been included in the 10 year budgets. Council continually looks to provide services in a more efficient and effective manner as required by Section 10 of the Local Government Act. On page 4 of the Consultation Document, it was noted that Council understands the need to spend the funds it receives prudently and continues to review its expenditure as part of a number of processes such as best practice procurement of contracts and Section 17A reviews of services including shared services.

Council will also look to ensure that ratepayers are aware of scheme such as the Rates Rebate scheme

Recommendation:

That the submitters are thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters.

Topic Three: Transparency of rates**Submissions:**

81 Catherine Tilby, 93 Barry and Glenda Wade, 272 Rhea Dasent – Federated Farmers New Zealand

Summary of Submissions:

Submitters raise concern about the council not being transparent and making full summaries of potential rates increases readily available to ratepayers.

Ms Dasent seeks that transparency of the Rates Samples is improved by showing how much each example property will contribute to individual rating mechanisms.

The submitter also seeks that transparency is improved by showing how much each rating mechanism will change over the 10 year life of the Long Term Plan.

Analysis:

Council officers have considered the submissions and take on board the concerns of the submitters. Rating information in the Consultation Document and Supporting Information of the Long Term Plan is continually being reviewed. The Rates Sample made available in the Consultation Document has been considered and other options for providing rates information to the community will be reviewed for any future plans. The information required by the Schedule 10 of Local Government Act 2002 has been included as part of the Consultation Document and Supporting Information.

Recommendation:

That the submitters are thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters.

Topic Four: Debt levels**Submissions:**

14 Marie Mihaka, 18 Julie Elliot

Summary of Submissions:

Ms Mihaka raises the need to clear current debt before taking on any more

Ms Elliot indicates that the Otane community is still paying for the last upgrade to water

Analysis:

Council takes into account the useful life of the asset and the use by future generations in the funding of the capital expenditure. Debt funding is used by Council to spread the cost of delivering services across a longer period based on the use of the asset by generations of rate payers. Currently the debt level at Council is considered low and utilisation of debt for funding the future capital expenditure is seen as the most appropriate funding mechanism for the capital expenditure programme included in the Consultation Document of the Long Term Plan.

Based on the above, Council has used debt funding for a number of Water Supply upgrades in the community including the upgrade for Otane in 2008. This will be repaid in 2022.

Recommendation:

That the submitters are thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters.

Topic Five: Financial Strategy and Limits**Submissions:**

158 Gerard Pain

Summary of Submissions:

The submitter notes concern about the council staying within the required financial limits as outlined in the consultation document.

He also notes concern about the consultation document's statement that more investment will be needed at the Wastewater Treatment Plants and consulted on later.

Analysis:

As part of the development of the proposed Long Term Plan and the Draft Financial Strategy, Council reviewed the Financial Limits based on the proposed budgets and expenditure within the Long Term Plan. As part of this review, Council has determined the Financial Limits as set as part of the Financial Strategy based on the requirements of the plan. Council believes these limits are achievable as demonstrated by the information included within the Draft Financial Strategy.

Council is in the process of reviewing the requirements of the Waipukurau and Waipawa Treatment Plants. At the Council meeting on 5 April 2018, the Terms of Reference for the project were adopted by Council. Reviews of what work is required, how much it will cost, how it will be

prioritised and how it could be funded will be carried out during 2018 and 2019. This is likely to result in an amendment to this Long Term Plan sometime over the next 1 to 2 years. This amendment will include the review of the Financial Limits included within the Draft Financial Strategy.

Recommendation:

That the submitter is thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

Topic Six: Cost saving opportunities

Submissions:

277 Dr Trevor le Lievre

Summary of Submissions:

The submitter raises concern that the Long Term Plan did not state whether internal budget savings had been investigated and highlights suggestions that council could consider in this regard.

Analysis:

As part of the review of all budgeted items, any opportunities to make savings has been included in the 10 year budgets. Council continually looks to provide services in a more efficient and effective manner as required by Section 10 of the Local Government Act. On page 4 of the Consultation Document, it was noted that Council understands the need to spend the funds it receives prudently and continues to review its expenditure as part of a number of processes such as best practice procurement of contracts and Section 17A reviews of services including shared services.

Recommendation:

That the submitter is thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

Topic Seven: General Rate

Submissions:

272 Rhea Dasent – Federated Farmers New Zealand

Summary of Submissions:

The submitter seeks that the General rate is reported accurately.

That where ratepayers receive the same level of service from an activity, such as district planning, that funding is shifted from the general rate to a fixed charge to reflect the equal benefit received.

Analysis:

The presentation of the rates on page 3 of the Funding Impact Statement is a rounded figure for presentation purposes as stated at the bottom of the table. The amount charged per cents in the dollar is fully reported as required as part of the Funding Impact Statement on page 5. However, to ensure there is clarity, the 2018/19 Rates Factors table will be updated to include the full decimal places in the Funding Impact Statement.

Council is required to follow a process for establishing the funding of the Council activities. Section 101 (3) requires the Council to consider each of the following items as part of the funding of an activity.

- The community outcomes to which the activity primarily contributes to; and
- The distribution of the benefits between the community as a whole, any identifiable part of the community and individuals; and
- The period in or over which those benefits are expected to occur; and
- The extent to which the actions or inactions of particular individuals or a group contribute to the need to undertake the activity; and
- The costs and benefits, including consequences for transparency and accountability, of funding the activity distinctly from other activities; and

Once Council has considered this for each of the activities, Council then considers the overall impact of any allocation of liability for revenue needs on the community.

Council is required to do this as part of the Revenue and Financing Policy review. Should Council consider that the overall impact of any allocation of liability for revenue needs on the community including affordability is no longer appropriate, a Rating Review would be considered by the Council.

Recommendation:

That the submitter is thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

Topic Eight: Land Transport rate

Submissions:

33 Kathryn Bayliss, 52 Kathryn Bayliss, 65 Rachel Coxhead, 174 Kay Griffiths, 259 David John Williams, 272 Rhea Dasent – Federated Farmers New Zealand

Summary of Submissions:

The submitters raise concern about the land transport rate

Ms Bayliss raises concern that rural ratepayers have to pay a larger share of the land transport rate because it is based on land value.

Ms Coxhead raises that land transport accounts for a large portion of the rates without a breakdown of what this includes.

Ms Griffiths suggests that if rural ratepayers contribute to water infrastructure, then urban ratepayers should be required to pay for roading.

Ms Dasent requests that a hybrid funding model be introduced for funding roads, consisting of a district-wide targeted uniform charge as well as the existing land value general rate

Analysis:

Council is required to follow a process for establishing the funding of the Council activities. Section 101 (3) requires the Council to consider each of the following items as part of the funding of an activity.

- The community outcomes to which the activity primarily contributes to; and

- The distribution of the benefits between the community as a whole, any identifiable part of the community and individuals; and
- The period in or over which those benefits are expected to occur; and
- The extent to which the actions or inactions of particular individuals or a group contribute to the need to undertake the activity; and
- The costs and benefits, including consequences for transparency and accountability, of funding the activity distinctly from other activities; and

Once Council has considered this for each of the activities, Council then considers the overall impact of any allocation of liability for revenue needs on the community.

Council is required to do this as part of the Revenue and Financing Policy review. Should Council consider that the overall impact of any allocation of liability for revenue needs on the community including affordability is no longer appropriate, a Rating Review would be considered by the Council. Options highlighted by Federated Farmers may be considered if a Rating Review was conducted.

Based on current land valuations, rural ratepayers contribute 87% of the Land Transport rates. Rural roads are 94% of the Roding Network.

Land Transport activity is part of the Draft Infrastructure Strategy and a breakdown of the expenditure required for the activity has been included as part of the Strategy. A high level capital expenditure summary is included on page 19 of the Consultation Document with reference to the Infrastructure Strategy being part of the supporting information.

Recommendation:

That the submitters are thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters.

Topic Nine: Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC)

Submissions:

15, 32, 33, 42, 43, 50, 52 Kathryn Bayliss, 81 Catherine Tilby, 129 David Bartlett, 130 Bruce Stephenson, 176 Jennifer Sears, 272 Rhea Dasent – Federated Farmers

Summary of Submissions:

These submissions raise concern over the Uniform Annual General Charge increases

Mr Stephenson suggests that the breakdown of the charge needs to be more transparent.

Ms Dasent has requested that the Council reports its level of UAGC utilisation clearly and the mechanism used to calculate it and that the council fully utilises the UAGC mechanism at 30% of the total rates income to provide equity between ratepayers by shifting district planning off the general rates and into the UAGC.

Analysis:

Council is required to follow a process for establishing the funding of the Council activities. Section 101 (3) requires the Council to consider each of the following items as part of the funding of an activity.

- The community outcomes to which the activity primarily contributes to; and

- The distribution of the benefits between the community as a whole, any identifiable part of the community and individuals; and
- The period in or over which those benefits are expected to occur; and
- The extent to which the actions or inactions of particular individuals or a group contribute to the need to undertake the activity; and
- The costs and benefits, including consequences for transparency and accountability, of funding the activity distinctly from other activities; and

Once Council has considered this for each of the activities, Council then considers the overall impact of any allocation of liability for revenue needs on the community.

Council is required to do this as part of the Revenue and Financing Policy review. Should Council consider that the overall impact of any allocation of liability for revenue needs on the community including affordability is no longer appropriate, a full Rating Review would be considered by the Council.

As part of the Funding Impact Statement, Council includes the breakdown of the activities funded from the UAGC. It includes Community leadership, including administration, cost of democracy, community voluntary support grants, and economic and social development, a portion of the cost of Solid Waste, Libraries and Swimming Facilities.

The main increases in the expenditure covered by the UAGC is detailed below.

Community Leadership Group increased by \$435K. This includes increases for:

- Mayor & Councillor Expenses
- Risk & Audit Independent Member
- Maori Engagement
- Thrive proactive engagement
- Grants (net of Subsidies and Grants Revenue)
- Civic Functions
- Economic Development including the Regional Economic Development Expenditure and Hawkes Bay Tourism
- Social Development including Youth Development and Safer Communities CHB

Libraries – increase of \$86k

- Library Operational Expenditure
- Update to Library Software

Pools – decrease of \$55K

- Decrease in Capital Renewal for painting pool budgeted for last year.

The level of UAGC also affects the affordability of rates for lower and fixed income and therefore the use of the UAGC as a tool needs to be considered in the overall allocation of liability for revenue. The rates revenue sought by a local authority in any year from rates set uniformly must not exceed 30% of the total revenue from all rates. Currently the UAGC makes up 11.56% of the total rating requirement. However uniform rates for Water and Wastewater are not included in the 30% allocation therefore the UAGC is 16.46% of the rates requirement for 2018/19 year excluding these activities.

As part of the Revenue and Financing Policy, Council details the funding mechanisms that Council sets as appropriate for the funding of activities. Council then considers the most appropriate use of the funding mechanisms as part of the setting of the rates within the Funding Impact Statement. Based on the submissions received by Council and legal advice received, a review of the use of

the funding mechanisms, the level of the UAGC is able to be completed as part of the finalisation of the Long Term Plan.

For example, Council may decide to utilise General Rates for the funding of Economic and Social Development. If 50% of the funding for Economic and Social Development was funded using General rates, the UAGC would change to \$360.28 for each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit within the District and the General Rate would be 0.1259 cents per dollar based on the capital value of each rating unit. Therefore the increase in the UAGC from \$79.92 to \$30.47.

Other changes are expected based on changes to allocations and changes in overheads.

In response to the submission by Federated Farmers, Animal Control is funded by dog owners.

Recommendation:

a) Council considers the setting of the UAGC as part of the finalisation of the Long Term Plan prior to adoption.

b) That the submitter is thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

Topic Ten: Economic Development Rate

Submissions:

52 Kathryn Bayliss

Summary of Submissions:

The submitter seeks that the economic development rate charged to all commercial industrial rating units should be retained.

Analysis:

Previously Council has levied an Economic Development Rate to assist with the funding of the Economic Development activity. This was levied on Separately Used or Inhabited Part of a Non Residential and Non Rural Rating Unit. For 2017/18, the budgeted rates were \$ 26,517 excl GST.

As part of the review of the Revenue and Financing Policy, Council considered that the activity of Economic Development had a wider community benefit and have included the rate within the UAGC.

Recommendation:

That the submitter is thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

Topic Eleven: Allocation of water revenue**Submissions:**

47 Terry Hare

Summary of Submissions:

This submitter mentions that at a council meeting last year that it was asked where previous rates for water had been allocated and this was not responded to.

Analysis:

The collection of rates for the Water Supply activity is a targeted rate set for the Water Supply activity only. Based on this, any rates collected for a targeted rate are spent within the Water Supply activity.

Recommendation:

That the submitter is thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

Topic Twelve : Water rates for commercial users**Submissions:**

49 Brian Gibbs, 141 Ismail and Kristin Yoldash

Summary of Submissions:

The submitter raises that commercial users should be required to pay for water usage.

Analysis:

As part of the Water Bylaw, extraordinary users, including commercial users, have a water meter installed. Based on the current Water Supply Rate, the first 300m³ are provided as part of the rate and any usage over this amount is charged a volumetric water rate based on the rate included within the Funding Impact Statement.

Recommendation:

That the submitter is thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

Topic Thirteen: Water Meters**Submissions:**

13 Andrew Williams, 15 Catherine Bentley, 36 Margaret Fletcher, 81 Catherine Tilby, 100 Cheryl Paul, 135 Carl Tippet, 225 Amber Lengyel, 274 Dan Elderkamp, 277 Dr Trevor Le Lievre

Summary of Submissions:

These submitters suggest that the council considers using water meters as an option to charge users for water.

Analysis:

As part of the Water Supply Bylaw, any new connections and extraordinary users, including commercial users, have a water meter installed. Based on the current Water Supply Rate, the first 300m³ of water are provided as part of the rate and any usage over this amount is charged a volumetric water rate.

A number of submitters commented on water conservation. As part of the Council's commitment to the environment and water conservation, Council will be reviewing its Water Conservation and Management Strategy and will be looking at the impacts different options may have on water conservation in the district. Grey water tanks have been highlighted by Council as an option for consideration in both the Strategy and the review of the District Plan.

As part of the development of the Water Conservation and Management Strategy, Council may look at the implementation of water meters for all connections across the district and the funding required. This has been estimated at \$1.7million based on the number of non-metered full charge connections across the district. This would trigger significance and require future consultation with the community if it is to form part of the future work of Council.

Recommendation:

That the submitter is thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

Topic Fourteen: Rates for Sports Clubs**Submissions:**

25 Kevin Pike

Summary of Submissions:

This submitter asks whether or not rugby, cricket and soccer clubs pay rates and whether golf clubs pay rates or are subsidised by the council.

Analysis:

All rateable land within the district is charged rates based on the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 and the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002. Council then offers a Community Contribution and Club Rebate Remission Policy that allows for Clubs to receive a rebate based on meeting the policy criteria.

The ownership of the land will determine if the Club pays rates directly to the Council. Waipawa, Waipukurau, Ongaonga and Takapau Golf Clubs pay rates to the Council.

Recommendation:

That the submitter is thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

Topic Fifteen: Assistance from the council for rural ratepayers**Submissions:**

13 Andrew Williams, 14 Marie Mihaka, 68 Ali McDougal, 77 Tony Murphy, 82 Sam Robinson, 131 Andrew Renton-Green, 161 Deborah Bonasich

Summary of Submissions:

These submitters request that rural ratepayers should be given support from the council in regard to water and waste water.

Mr Murphy and Mr Robinson seek lower dumping rates at the wastewater treatment station for emptying septic tank contents.

Mr Robinson also seeks that council consider waiving the charge for potable water provided to tankers.

Analysis:

As part of the funding of an activity, Council reviews the Fees and Charges and the overall funding required for the activity. Any changes to Fees & Charges has a direct impact on the funding required from Rates. Based on the outcome of the Consultation of the Funding for Water and Wastewater, it may require a review of the Fees & Charges for both Water and Wastewater.

Hawke's Bay Regional Council is consulting on the extension of the HeatSmart scheme to include measures that allow homes across the region to become more sustainable, such as solar heating, PhotoVoltaic cells, domestic water storage and septic tank replacement. This scheme would be available for rural rate payers.

Recommendation:

a) It is for elected Members to determine the most appropriate approach Council wishes to take

b) That the submitter is thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

Topic Sixteen: Rates Relief**Submissions:**

68 Ali McDougal,

Summary of Submissions:

Ms McDougal asks whether the council will consider rates relief for farmers affected by Farming Environmental Management Plans where land may need to be retired due to the fencing requirements imposed.

Analysis:

Council needs to consider the impact any rates relief for land retired would have on the overall impact of any allocation of liability for revenue needs on the community and would need to be considered as part of the funding and financial policies set by Council. The scale of the amount of land that may be need to be estimated and the mechanisms that could be utilised would need to be reviewed. It is anticipated that this would trigger significance and require future consultation with the community if it is to form part of the future work of Council

Recommendation:

That the submitter is thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

9.7 SUBMISSION HEARING - LONG TERM PLAN 2018-2028 -MISCELLANEOUS**File Number:** COU1-1400**Author:** Doug Tate, Group Manager Customer and Community Partnerships**Authoriser:** Monique Davidson, Chief Executive**Attachments:** Nil**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the submissions received on the Long Term Plan consultation in relation to Miscellaneous Matters (ie submission points that do not fit comfortably within a Council Activity). It provides an analysis of the submissions.

RECOMMENDATION

That, having considered all matters raised in the report:

a) That the submitters are thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**Topics for consideration**

Topic One	Growth
Topic Two	Valuations and council records
Topic Three	Condition of buildings in district
Topic Four	Porangahau Street names
Topic Five	Publicity and Marketing
Topic Six	Provision for broadband and mobile coverage
Topic Seven	Hazards Planning and Whangaehu Coastal hazards sign

Topic One: Growth**Submissions:**

13 Andrew Williams, 40 Max Chatfield, 244 Robert Buchanan, 260 Brian Setter

Summary of Submissions:

Mr Williams requests that the council concentrate on maintaining populations needs with some planning for population increase, not actively encourage growth.

Mr Chatfield, Mr Buchanan and Mr Setter indicate that the district needs more ratepayers.

Analysis:

Council is legally required under the Resource Management Act to appropriately plan for and manage growth. This planning can include retreat, but in most cases as Central Hawke's Bay is currently experiencing, it is planning for future growth to ensure home and land availability, affordability and choice of scope and location is available to the community.

In this Long Term Plan, Council has predicted growth for our region, as the District becomes an increasingly desirable location to live and play. An increase in general rate payers also spreads the burden of rates across more ratepayers, recognising that Central Hawke's Bay only has a limited number of property owners to spread the cost of services unlike larger centres.

Recommendation:

That the submitters are thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters.

Topic Two: Valuation and council records

Submissions:

18 Julie Elliot

Summary of Submissions:

The submitter asks about valuations in Otane and why the valuation of her property did not go up given that it is based on council information provided to QV.

Analysis:

Council is required to have the Rating Database Valuations reviewed every three years. This was completed in 2015 and took affect from 1 July 2016. The valuations are due to be reviewed later in the current calendar year with a date of 1 September 2018 and will be effective for rating from 1 July 2019.

QV are the current providers of the service to the Council and they utilise a mass valuation process which is an assessment of the current market values. This valuation is audited by the Valuer General. Council provides to QV the updated information around changes to properties such as new Building Consents on an annual basis. If QV consider that they need to review the property, they are able to visit the property to gain further information to enable updating individual properties. As part of the process, any rate payers are able to object to their valuation if they believe it to be incorrect.

Topic Three: Condition of buildings in district

Submissions:

62 Pamela Crawford

Summary of Submissions:

The submitter seeks that the council asks shop owners to tidy up their buildings, including painting and cleaning of them

Analysis:

Council has no regulatory ability to enforce building owners to tidy up and clean their shop fronts other than from an insanitary or dangerous building perspective under the Building Act 2004, where in this instance a shop front is insanitary or has the potential to cause a risk to person or property.

Shop owners have a level of personal responsibility to ensure their own shop frontage is tidy and reflects the image that they want to portray for their business. This is something however that officers can raise with local business networks for consideration and can be built on as part of the Town Centre and Community Planning Programme proposed in this Draft Long Term Plan.

Recommendation:

That the submitter is thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

Topic Four: Porangahau Street Names**Submissions:**

146 Wayne and Rita Kopua

Summary of submissions:

The submitters seek that street names in Porangahau are changed to native tree and bird names.

Analysis:

Street names often have an underlying historic meaning or the name often relates to those forebears that subdivided and vested the roads in Council. It is unclear what historical meaning lies behind the street names in Porangahau at the time of writing.

Concepts such as this are a great initiative to be developed for the community and could be included for wider community consideration in documents such as the Community Plans, proposed in the 2018 Draft Long Term Plan.

Recommendation:

That the submitters are thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters.

Topic Five: Publicity and Marketing**Submissions:**

226 Shelly Birdsall, 263 John Campbell

Summary of submissions:

Ms Birdsall seeks that the council website contains listings for all services, clubs, groups, schools and other information in the district.

Mr Campbell seeks that council ensures better marketing and publicity.

Analysis:

Council is currently investigating options for a single comprehensive approach for the collation of local sports clubs and businesses, using a local community organisation.

Officers are also currently reviewing the outline communications strategy into a comprehensive communications and branding strategy for Council and District, with the aim of achieving better communications and branding for Council and the community as a whole. This will be brought to Council later in the 2018 calendar year.

Recommendation:

That the submitters are thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters.

Topic Six: Provision for broadband and mobile coverage**Submissions:**

93 Barry and Glenda Wade, 268 Robo McLean

Summary of submissions:

These submitters seek that high speed broadband and cell phone coverage is increased in the district.

Analysis:

It is noted that large areas of the District have little or no cellphone coverage or internet, relying on satellite phone or internet. While Chorus have announced Ultra Fast Broadband investment in some regional centres including Central Hawkes Bay in the near future, investment to fund local rural infrastructure in these areas in the foreseeable future is unlikely, with Chorus relying on wireless internet providers to cater for this gap in provision. This is an option for our rural communities, although usually at a slightly higher installation rate.

Community Planning, proposed in the Draft Long Term Plan provides a vehicle for in particular rural communities to create a single connected voice to advocate for development of services such as increased cellphone coverage, receiving endorsement from wide sectors of the community.

Recommendation:

That the submitters are thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters.

Topic Seven: Hazards Planning and Whangāehu Coastal hazards sign**Submissions:**

268 Robo Mclean

Summary of submissions:

The submitter notes that provision in law should be made to modify coastlines to encourage business after natural disasters and that a coastal hazard sign was installed without consultation of locals as to the appropriate location.

Analysis:

The Resource Management Act creates a framework of rules and required prior approvals where an activity does not meet the framework of rules. The ability to be permitted to dynamite a path through a natural coastal area for a sole business or trade as desired, is unlikely to ever be a permitted activity.

The points relating to the installation of the Regional Council hazard warning sign are noted.

Recommendation:

That the submitter is thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

9.8 SUBMISSION HEARING - LONG TERM PLAN 2018-2028 - ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

File Number: COU1-1400

Author: Doug Tate, Group Manager Customer and Community Partnerships

Authoriser: Monique Davidson, Chief Executive

Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the submissions received on the Long Term Plan consultation in relation to Economic and Social Development. It provides an analysis of the submissions and provides some options for Council to consider.

RECOMMENDATION

a) That Council – XXX Insert preferred option relating to Helicopter Trust or delete.

b) That the submitters are thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Topics for consideration

Topic One	Attracting Investment and Business
Topic Two	Increasing Production Value
Topic Three	Business Operating Hours
Topic Four	Council supporting creation of jobs
Topic Five	Supporting tourism and visitor experience
Topic Six	Visitor Centres
Topic Seven	Keeping youth in the district
Topic Eight	Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement
Topic Nine	Services for people over 65
Topic Ten	Pay equity
Topic Eleven	Sport Hawkes Bay
Topic Twelve	Request for sponsorship – Hawke's Bay Rescue Helicopter Trust
Topic Thirteen	Request for continued funding – Business Hawke's Bay

Topic One: Attracting Investment and Business

Submissions:

20 Michael Severisen, 39 Richard Thomas, 274 Dan Elderkamp

Summary of Submissions:

These submitters highlight that the district needs to attract investment and new business.

Mr Elderkamp suggests that council could look to attract business by offering assistance with consents and a temporary rates holiday. He raises that those businesses that the district needs should be low impact, sustainable and high tech and would require ultra-fast broadband services.

Analysis:

Council is developing a local economic development strategy later in the 2018 calendar year. Feedback and ideas such as those raised by the submitters, are good context to be considered and to inform the development of the local strategy.

Recommendation:

That the submitters are thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters.

Topic Two: Increasing Production Value**Submissions:**

29 Hadley Boyle

Summary of Submissions:

This submitter raises suggestions about including options for increasing the area's production value as part of the proposed community planning.

Analysis:

Community planning provides opportunities for communities to identify innovation or niche opportunities that will support growth or visitor numbers to the area. This coupled with the development of a local economic development strategy, will create opportunities for such options as those raised by the submitter, to be more fully explored.

Recommendation:

That the submitter is thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

Topic Three: Business Operating Hours**Submissions:**

41 Sandra Cross

Summary of Submissions:

The submitter suggests that Central Hawke's Bay needs to be advertised more and that restaurants and cafes should be open for longer hours.

Analysis:

Council this calendar year will be developing a local economic development strategy. The outcome of the strategy is to enable opportunities for businesses to grow and prosper and to build confidence so businesses can see the value in remaining open for longer hours. We intend to develop the plan in the 2018 calendar year.

Recommendation:

That the submitter is thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

Topic Four: Council supporting creation of jobs**Submissions:**

52 Kathryn Bayliss

Summary of Submissions:

The submitter does not support investment by the council in the creation of 50 net new jobs every year. The activity should be deleted/stopped.

Analysis:

A new performance measure set out in the Draft Long Term Plan Groups of Activities and Performance Measures, sets a new target of supporting the creation of 50 net new jobs within the District each year of the first four years of the Long Term Plan.

Supporting Job creation, while not a core service of Council can be achieved in many means, including encouraging Youth into workplace training or supporting new business to establish or relocate to our district. This supports our local economy and supports a positive and vibrant local community.

Recommendation:

That the submitter is thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

Topic Five: Supporting tourism and visitor experience**Submissions:**

157 Steve Hanrahan – Tourism Industry Aotearoa, 260 Brian Setter

Summary of Submissions:

Mr Hanrahan outlines that the tourism industry makes a significant contribution to regional economic development. They express the important role councils play in ensuring a good visitor experience. The submitter seeks that council planning considers the needs of visitors and residents so that the community can reap benefits of visitor economy.

Mr Setter outlines that the district needs to attract visitors.

Analysis:

Council has an existing policy adopted in May 2017 that they will support Hawke's Bay Tourism, subject to funding being available in any Long Term Plan or Annual Plan for expenditure. Council has historically supported Tourism Hawke's Bay, recognising the significant contribution that tourism makes in supporting the Central Hawke's Bay Economy.

Local Tourism provision will be a key activity for consideration as Council develops its local Economic Development Strategy later in the 2018 calendar year.

Recommendation:

That the submitteras are thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters.

Topic Six: Visitor Centres**Submissions:**

273 Sharleen Baird

Summary of Submissions:

The submitter seeks that visitor centres should be part of a combined strategy and deliver more including bike hire, event ticketing and promotional mail outs.

Analysis:

Council Officers are currently working with CHB Promotions and Hawke's Bay Tourism to consider options in the shorter term to improve the visitor information experience for visitors to our District. The role of tourism will be a key activity for consideration as Council develops its local Economic Development Strategy later in the 2018 calendar year.

Recommendation:

That the submitter is thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

Topic Seven: Keeping youth in the district**Submissions:**

277 Dr Trevor Le Lievre

Summary of Submissions:

The submitter seeks that council actively pursue employment generating opportunities in order to keep young families in the district.

Analysis:

Council are working actively in this space, recently adopting the Youth Initiatives Action Plan for implementation. Council officers are already working with partner organisations on funding opportunities to identify and create transitional opportunities for youth into employment, however we recognise more can always be done.

Recommendation:

That the submitter is thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

Topic Eight: Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement**Submissions:**

133 Greg Rzesniowiecki

Summary of Submissions:

The submitter seeks that council adopt a suggested resolution to encourage the government to conclude negotiations on the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement. Refer to submission for full proposed resolution.

Analysis:

It is for Council to determine whether it chooses to have a political view for the District on the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP).

The New Zealand Government signed the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) in March 2018, recognising that four signatories withheld their support for the TPP. Some 22 items from the original TPP were suspended in order for the CPTPP to be

executed by the participating countries. The submitter makes no note of this, referring to the TPP only.

Recommendation:

That the submitter is thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

Topic Nine: Services for people over 65

Submissions:

241 Hannah Morrah

Summary of submissions:

The submitter indicates that over the next 30 years one third of the community will be over 65 and asks what services will be available to accommodate this in future.

Analysis:

In April 2018 Council adopted the Positive Ageing Action Plan, which superseded the Positive Ageing Strategy (2012) to support our community to age positively. This updated plan places Council in a strong position to be able to advocate for and consider current and future people in our community over 65.

As good practice in the development of asset management plans, Council should be focussing specifically on changing demographics and demand trends to inform future investment in assets. The next generation of asset management plans to be prepared for the 2021 Long Term Plan, will have an increased level of asset management sophistication, specifically addressing any demand trends that will result from the changing demographic.

Recommendation:

That the submitter is thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

Topic Ten: Pay equity

Submissions:

168 Scarlett Hobbs-Turner

Summary of submissions:

The submitter seeks that the council encourages businesses in Central Hawke's Bay to work towards pay equity and that there is support in CHB for people who are suicidal or in dangerous family situations.

Analysis:

The writer is not aware of any businesses in Central Hawke's Bay that provide the 'living wage' however, Council can its role as advocates for the community, advocate and encourage businesses to be equitable and fair in their approach to pay equity for the benefit of the District.

Council also supports a number of social initiatives, with the recent adoption of the Community Well-being Strategy Action Plans a key initiative supporting the health and well-being of our community.

Recommendation:

That the submitter is thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

Topic Eleven: Sport Hawke's Bay – Support for Sports and Active Recreation**Submissions:**

264 Mark Aspden Chief Executive Officer – Sport Hawke's Bay

Summary of Submissions:

The submitter thanks Council on its ongoing funding and partnership with Sports Hawkes Bay.

Analysis:

Sport Hawkes Bay is the leadership organisation for the Sport and Active Recreation Sector in Hawkes Bay, with Central Hawkes Bay District having a local community Sports Advisor in our District promoting and advocating for local Sport.

Council has an existing contractual service arrangement with Sport Hawke's Bay. Sports Hawke's Bays submission simply reiterates the value Council receives from the arrangement and thanks Council for that ongoing support.

Recommendation:

That the submitter is thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

Topic Twelve: Request for sponsorship – Hawke's Bay Rescue Helicopter Trust**Submissions:**

152 Ian Wilmot - Hawke's Bay Rescue Helicopter Trust

Summary of Submissions:

Mr Wilmot raises that the council has provided ongoing annual sponsorship of \$5000 + GST for some time and requests that council give consideration to increasing this amount.

Analysis:

Council has funded the Helicopter it understood from the inception of the Helicopter Trust in 1990. This value has in those years remained at \$5,000 being directly funding from the Councils Community Voluntary Organisation Scheme. The scheme is fully funded by Council, with the total pool of funding being \$35,000 in the 2018/19 year.

The Hawke's Bay Rescue Helicopter Trust is a registered charity, established to provide a dedicated Rescue Helicopter service to the Hawke's Bay. Each year their crew assists in over 300 missions within the region, with over 80% of these missions providing urgent medical assistance at accident scenes or inter-hospital transfers for the critically ill. Unlike some other Emergency Services, the Rescue Helicopter is a registered charity and they need to raise around \$1.3 million each year to remain operational. It is only with the generous support of individuals and businesses in the community that they are able to continue saving lives.

Their website lists some 119 other sponsors, not including their Principal, Associate or Community Funders and Supporters.

Options for Council to consider include:

1. Retaining funding at \$5,000
2. Increasing funding to a number of Councils discretion, with the increasing coming from rates or reducing the pool of funding available in the Community Voluntary Organisation Scheme.
3. Withdrawing or reducing the funding.

Recommendation:

a) It is for elected members to determine the most appropriate approach Council wishes to take on the matter.

b) That the submitter is thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

Topic Thirteen: Request for continued funding – Business Hawke's Bay

Submissions:

215– Business Hawke's Bay and Hawke's Bay Business Hub

Summary of submission:

It is requested that a continuation of council support and funding of \$10,000+ GST per annum occurs.

Analysis:

Council has historically funded Business Hawke's Bay, with funding being an operational grant towards Business Hawke's Bay supporting businesses across the region and supporting the implementation of aspects of Matariki - Regional Economy Development Strategy where they are identified as the Lead Agency.

Funding for Business Hawke's Bay has been included in operational budgets that have formed the Draft Long Term Plan. Business Hawke's Bay support Central Hawke's Bay businesses in a number of different ways, particularly at a 'macro' level supporting businesses through collaborative opportunities. With the creation of a new Economic Development role for Central Hawke's Bay District Council, this will create further opportunities to deliver opportunities to the Central Hawke's Bay District through Business Hawke's Bay.

There is no resolution required of the Council unless Council wishes to withdraw or amend funding to Business Hawke's Bay. If Council chose not to fund Business Hawke's Bay, it is likely that while not significant, it would still have an overall impact on the Business Hawke's Bay's ability to deliver locally.

Recommendation:

That the submitter is thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

9.9 SUBMISSION HEARING - LONG TERM PLAN 2018-2028 - DISTRICT PLANNING**File Number:** COU1-1400**Author:** Helen O'Shaughnessy, Senior Planner**Authoriser:** Monique Davidson, Chief Executive**Attachments:** Nil**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the submissions received on the Long Term Plan consultation in relation to District Planning. It provides an analysis of the submissions.

RECOMMENDATION

That, having considered all matters raised in the report:

- a) That Council thanks the submitters for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters.

DISTRICT PLANNING**Topics for consideration**

Topic One	Development on Porangahau Road
Topic Two	Encouraging High density housing
Topic Three	Rezoning on Racecourse Road
Topic Four	Minimum parking requirements
Topic Five	Allowing rural and residential subdivisions
Topic Six	Supporting good quality subdivisions
Topic Seven	District Plan requirement for Grey Water Supply Tanks

Topic One: Development on Porangahau Road**Submissions:**

20 Michael Severinsen

Summary of Submissions:

The submitter seeks that the council stop development down Phau road during the course of the District Plan Review.

Analysis:

Development adjacent to Phau (presumed to be an abbreviation for Porangahau Road) is controlled by two separate zones in the Operative District Plan as Porangahau Road transcends the Urban and Rural Environment Zones. Both zones provide for development in relation to the activities are permitted within each zone. The current District Plan review has specifically addressed the nature of land use activities permitted within both the Urban and Rural

Environments and the draft Plan includes new and revised provisions for the general Porangahau Road area.

Porangahau Road and adjacent environs is also included as part of the Urban Growth Strategy prepared by Council. This document assesses the projected growth and development demands likely to be experienced by the District and makes recommendations regarding where that growth should be directed. The recommendations from the Urban Growth Strategy have been included as a source document for the District Plan review.

Recommendation:

That Council thanks the submitter for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

Topic Two: Encouraging High density housing

Submissions:

40 Max Chatfield

Summary of Submissions:

The submitter raises the suggestion that planning rules be changed to enable higher density housing.

Analysis:

Density of development in the District's main urban centres of Waipawa and Waipukurau is one of the matters addressed through the Urban Environment section of the District Plan review. The density of development in the Rural Townships has also been considered and assessed as part of the review.

Council officers are aware through consultation with the community on the Urban Growth Strategy that the community supports more choice in the diversity of urban lifestyles. One of the options considered was adjusting some of the current rules in the Residential Zone to provide greater opportunities for development within the Residential Zone, where infrastructure is already in place and without requiring additional existing land.

Existing controls on subdivision and development are now reasonably dated and the reviewed District Plan seeks to respond to contemporary and future needs for residential living within established residential areas.

The recommendations from the Urban Growth Strategy have been included as a source document for the District Plan review. The Strategy considered a range of locations where residential infill could provide an effective way of providing for future growth and development of the District's residential environments.

Recommendation:

That Council thanks the submitter for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

Topic Three: Rezoning on Racecourse Road

Submissions:

71 Robin Percy

Summary of Submissions:

The submitter is concerned about the proposal for rezoning Racecourse Road from rural to a town zone.

Analysis

The District Plan Review currently being undertaken by Council has considered a number of options to provide for anticipated population growth in a sustainable way. These considerations are based on the recommendations of the Urban Growth Strategy that identifies a number of locations where, based on infrastructure provision, as well as other factors, future development may occur.

Any areas of the district that are proposed to be rezoned to provide for future growth and development will be subject to a submission and hearing process enabling those that could be potentially affected by the change in zoning to raise their concerns.

Recommendation:

That Council thanks the submitter for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

Topic Four: Minimum Parking Requirements**Submissions:**

109 Andy Smith et al Living Streets Aotearoa

Summary of Submissions:

The submitter seeks that the District Plan considers removing minimum parking requirements, increasing density where there is good public transport and requiring new subdivisions to have provision for people on foot, with separate infrastructure for cycling.

Analysis:

Council is currently undertaking a review of the District Plan that is scheduled to be complete as a draft by 31 October 2018. The review is structured into separate sections to ensure that the important resource management issues are appropriately addressed.

The Land Transport Chapter of the review is due to be assessed in June/July 2018 when Council officers will assess the transport and parking requirements for each zone. The recommendations of the Land Transport Asset Management Plan will also form part of the assessment of the general transport and parking provisions of the Plan. Any amendments and/or introduced provisions relating to transport and parking and general infrastructure for transport will be in line with current best practice guidelines.

Recommendation:

That Council thanks the submitter for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

Topic Five: Allowing rural and residential subdivisions**Submissions:**

263 John Campbell

Summary of Submissions:

The submitters seek that the council does not curtail rural and residential subdivisions as they provide for growth.

Analysis:

Council officers have recently completed the Rural Environment Zone review of the District Plan. The review considered the matters of rural character and amenity as well as the protection of productive and versatile soils in the Rural Zone. As part of this assessment, officers also considered the demand for rural residential development within the rural zone and the demand for this style of rural living.

A spatial assessment of rural lifestyle subdivisions was undertaken by Council to inform the review in relation to the demand for rural residential development. This matter has also been included in and assessed as part of the Urban Growth Strategy. Public submissions on the Strategy have highlighted the desirability to provide for people who wish to live in a rural environment without the need to own an operation rural property.

These considerations have been taken into account and incorporated in the provisions of the draft District Plan.

Recommendation:

That Council thanks the submitter for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

Topic Six: Supporting good quality subdivisions**Submissions:**

260 Brian Setter

Summary of Submissions:

The submitters seeks that the council continue to encourage and support good quality subdivisions

Analysis:

Council is currently undertaking a review of the District Plan that is scheduled to be complete as a draft by 31 October 2018. The review is structured into separate sections to ensure that the important resource management issues are appropriately addressed.

The Subdivision Chapter of the review is due to be assessed in May/June 2018 when Council officers will assess the provisions in the Operative District Plan relating to subdivision and make recommendations for any amendments to these provisions. It is anticipated that the draft Plan will incorporate a number of new performance standards and rules relating to subdivision to ensure that any new zones or categories of land use activities are appropriately managed to mitigate adverse effects. Servicing and access to each new site will be priority considerations in this assessment.

Recommendation:

That Council thanks the submitter for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

Topic Seven: District Plan Review and Greywater supply tanks**Submissions:**

During verbal submissions, a number of submitters have questioned and noted the need for greywater supply tanks or grey water retention tanks to be included in the current District Plan Review.

Analysis:

Council is currently undertaking a review of the District Plan that is scheduled to be complete as a draft by 31 October 2018. The review is structured into separate sections to ensure that the important resource management issues are appropriately addressed. The Urban Environment Review was the first section of the Plan to be reviewed when the review commenced in August 2017.

As part of the Urban Environment Review, completed in November 2017, a new chapter called Sustainable Subdivision and Building was introduced into the Draft District Plan. The inclusion of the new Sustainable Subdivision and Building chapter encourages innovative and environmentally sensitive approaches to subdivision and building where the incorporation of water and energy use efficiency, onsite management of storm water and sustainable building design features are a significant part of avoiding adverse effects on the environment and contributing towards managing the effects of climate change.

The inclusion of the new Sustainable Subdivision and Building Chapter was also partially a response to issues raised during the Draft Long Term Plan and Project Thrive, relating to a desire to see tanks installed in new development for water supply and wastewater management. This includes either stormwater tanked mechanically pumped to grey water systems such as toilets and washing machines or grey water stored and irrigated in gardens, required in new urban development. The District Plan is the most appropriate regulatory tool to implement such a requirement, rather than a bylaw or other means.

The ten-year review of Council's District Plan review process is a legislative requirement of the Resource Management Act and the Act, through Schedule 1, establishes a process, which must be followed when reviewing a District Plan. The purpose of the Act is to promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources and Council must provide for these matters as part of the review.

At this stage of the review the Sustainable Subdivision and Building Chapter provides a policy framework only and does not include rules and performance standards. This approach was considered the most appropriate way for the Council to introduce the issue of sustainability and how this could be applied to building and development to the Central Hawkes Bay Community before a regulatory approach is adopted. Reaction to the introduction of the new Sustainable Subdivision and Building Chapter through the draft public consultation process will determine how this particular issue is progressed as part of the Notified District Plan.

The following extract is taken from the Urban Environment Review adopted by Council in 2017;

3.1A SUSTAINABLE SUBDIVISION AND BUILDING

Sustainable subdivisions and buildings are characterised by;

- Significantly reduced energy consumption;
- Improved resource efficiency;
- Reduced environmental impacts;
- Improved building indoor environment;
- Lower impact on local infrastructure; and

- Being easier to manage.

3.1A.2 ISSUE

3.1A.2.1 Energy efficiency and sustainability of buildings and subdivisions

New urban development can have adverse effects on the environment (including cumulative effects) through, for example, increased stormwater runoff or increased water or energy consumption.

Explanation

Urban subdivision and development needs to be undertaken in a way that:

- optimises the efficient use of existing infrastructure, energy and resources;
- maintains and enhances the quality of the urban environment, both natural and built; and
- provides for the health and wellbeing of the District's people and communities.

3.1A.3 OBJECTIVE

Promote sustainable subdivisions and buildings in the District.

3.1A.4 POLICIES

1. *To encourage subdivision design and building development that optimises efficient resource and energy use and conservation measures through improved subdivision and building design, including by orientation to the sun and utilising principles of low impact urban design.*
2. *To encourage use of on-site stormwater attenuation measures where appropriate, including rainwater harvesting devices, green roofs, site landscaping, rain gardens, wetland treatment systems and low impact stormwater attenuation systems.*
3. *To encourage sustainable building design that:*
 - i. *uses durable low maintenance and energy efficient materials;*
 - ii. *inert exterior cladding (avoiding the use of materials containing copper or zinc);*
 - iii. *maximises access to sunlight (including the location of outdoor living areas) and natural ventilation; and*
 - iv. *incorporates mechanical and electrical systems that optimise energy efficiency.*
4. *To encourage water recycling (grey water) and the installation of water-saving devices.*
5. *To encourage implementation of principles of sustainable building practice through provision of advice and information.*

Chapter 3.1A is included as part of the Draft District Plan which will be released for public comment when the draft review is completed in October 2018. Any amendments or changes made to the draft prior to the release of the Notified District Plan in 2019 will incorporate comments and reactions made through the public submission process.

Recommendation:

That Council thanks the submitter for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

9.10 SUBMISSION HEARING - LONG TERM PLAN 2018-2028 - LAND USE AND SUBDIVISION CONSENTS**File Number:** COU1-1400**Author:** Helen O'Shaughnessy, Senior Planner**Authoriser:** Monique Davidson, Chief Executive**Attachments:** Nil**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the submissions received on the Long Term Plan consultation in relation to Land Use and Subdivision Consents.

RECOMMENDATION

- a) That the submitters are thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in the report is provided to the submitters.

LAND USE AND SUBDIVISION CONSENTS**Topics for consideration**

Topic One	Infrastructure/Demand on Services
Topic Two	Development Contributions for new connections
Topic Three	New subdivisions to have own water supply

Topic One: Infrastructure/Demand on Services**Submissions:**

14 Marie Mihaka

Summary of Submissions:

The submitter raises that the new subdivision in Bell/Dee and White Road, Otane should have sufficient infrastructure to ensure that it does not place too great a demand on current services.

Analysis:

The consents granted and the design/engineering plans for the Otane subdivision have been developed in a way to ensure that the current infrastructure is not negatively impacted. Some measures included in the current consent requirements and plans include:

- Upgrade of existing water and waste water networks to accommodate new demand (cost contributions received from developer)
- Installation/development of new water and waste water networks to service the development
- Future-proofing for further expansion
- 'Neutral' impact design for storm-water network

Recommendation:

That the submitter is thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in the report is provided to the submitter.

Topic Two: Development Contributions for new connections**Submissions:**

17 Darren Cooper, 46 Anthony Hales, 127 Anthony Gilbert, 170 Mark Holder, 234 Neil White, 235 Terry Kingston

Summary of Submissions:

These submitters raise the need for new connections to pay development contributions

Mr Holder suggests that costs for upgrading water infrastructure needs to be passed on to developers

Mr White and Mr Kingston both suggest that new housing needs to have increased fees for water connection

Analysis:

CHBDCs Development Contributions Policy (the Policy) sets how and when developers pay contributions to water, waste water and storm water reticulation. The Policy sets contribution levels depending on the scale of the impact the development will have on existing networks whilst acknowledging that existing users benefit from any upgrade works also. The Policy is being reviewed in 2018.

Recommendation:

That the submitters are thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in the report is provided to the submitters.

Topic Three: New subdivisions to have own water supply**Submissions:**

43 Jones, 46 Anthony Hales 74 Michael Harrison,

Summary of Submissions:

These submissions raise the point that new subdivisions should have their own water supply and site self-sustainability

Analysis:

This issue has been addressed as part of the Urban Environment Phase of the District Plan Review. The Subcommittee considering the development of new subdivisions has taken a particular interest in the sustainability of residential development and the implementation of low impact urban design.

The public will have the opportunity to comment on the review and how new subdivisions are to be serviced when the draft Plan is completed later this year.

Recommendation:

That the submitters are thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in the report is provided to the submitters.

Topic Four: Use of Grey Water**Submissions:**

216, CHB Forest and Bird Society

Summary of Submissions:

The submitter seeks that the use of grey water systems is promoted within the district in order to reduce demand on reticulated waste water networks, reduce demand on drinking water and for the perceived environmental/sustainability benefits.

Analysis:

The disposal, use and management of grey water is an activity only controlled in the district by the requirements of the Building Act 2004. In all but a handful of known exceptions in the district, and as is common across New Zealand, grey water is discharged routinely into the available waste water system (be it reticulated or on-site septic systems).

More sustainable ways of managing grey water are becoming increasingly available with several new technologies, processes and methods on the market now. These approaches pose potential opportunity and risk for Council and ratepayers. These schemes have the potential to reduce demand and impact on waste water systems posing significant benefit for Council. These systems however also pose potential health risks to land-owners.

Whilst this LTP does not include provision for a review of how grey water is managed, the development of the Environmental Strategy in 2018/19 will facilitate further consideration of grey water and how it is managed.

Further, the District Plan, currently under review, includes the creation of a new chapter on Sustainable Subdivision and Building. The District Plan is considered the most appropriate regulatory tool to implement such requirements for grey water schemes, rather than a bylaw or other means. At this stage of the review the Sustainable Subdivision and Building Chapter provides a policy framework only and does not include rules and performance standards. This approach was considered the most appropriate way for the Council to introduce the issue of sustainability and how this could be applied to building and development to the Central Hawkes Bay Community before a regulatory approach is adopted. Reaction to the introduction of the new Sustainable Subdivision and Building Chapter through the draft public consultation process will determine how this particular issue is progressed as part of the Notified District Plan.

Recommendation:

That Council thanks the submitter for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

9.11 SUBMISSION HEARING - LONG TERM PLAN 2018-2028 - BUILDING CONTROL**File Number:** COU1-1400**Author:** Josh Lloyd, Group Manager - Community Infrastructure and Development**Authoriser:** Monique Davidson, Chief Executive**Attachments:** Nil**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the submissions received on the Long Term Plan consultation in relation to Building Control. It provides an analysis of the submissions.

RECOMMENDATION

- a) That the submitter is thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

BUILDING CONTROL**Topics for consideration**

Topic One	Timeframes for processing consents
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Topic One: Timeframes for processing consents**Submissions:****26 Anneke Vandenberg****Summary of Submissions:**

The submitter raises concerns over the processing time for a building consent

Analysis:

The Building Control team at CHBDC is regulated to a maximum 20-day turnaround from receipt for consent applications as per the Building Act 2004. CHBDC internally monitor compliance against this timeframe and are externally measured for compliance by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment.

CHBDC has not received negative feedback or serious/repeated breaches of the 20 day timeframe from MBIE and in the rare exception where dates have been exceeded these have been communicated with affected parties.

Recommendation:

That Council thanks the submitter for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

9.12 SUBMISSION HEARING - LONG TERM PLAN 2018-2028 - PUBLIC HEALTH**File Number:** COU1-1400**Author:** Doug Tate, Group Manager Customer and Community Partnerships**Authoriser:** Monique Davidson, Chief Executive**Attachments:** Nil**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the submissions received on the Long Term Plan consultation in relation to Public Health. It provides an analysis of the submissions.

RECOMMENDATION

a) That Council xx – insert preferred option

b) That the submitter is thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

PUBLIC HEALTH**Topics for consideration**

Topic One	Making provision for a smoke free Central Hawke's Bay
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Topic One: Making provision for a smoke free Central Hawke's Bay**Submissions:****112 Johanna Wilson Hawke's Bay Smokefree Coalition****Summary of Submissions:**

That submitter seeks that the council look to make footpaths smoke free and include a 10m smoke free zone around bus depots and shelters.

Analysis:

Council has a Smoke-free policy last amended in April 2017 that covers smoke-free outdoor public places, in particular Council owned playgrounds, parks including sportsgrounds and complexes, swimming pools and surrounding area. This policy is not extended to other open area including footpaths, bus stops and street dining.

During their verbal submission, the submitter provided a compelling personal story about how smoke in bus-stops has personally affected her.

Options for Council to consider include:

1. Noting the submission
2. Including the points raised for considering at the next review point in April 2020

3. Undertaking a review of the policy in the 2019/20 calendar year to consider the inclusion of footpaths and bus-stops and shelters and other public places, being led by the Community Development Committee.

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Recommendation:

a) It is for elected Members to determine the most appropriate approach Council wishes to take

b) That the submitter is thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

9.13 SUBMISSION HEARING - LONG TERM PLAN 2018-2028 - ANIMAL CONTROL**File Number:** COU1-1400**Author:** Gina McGrath, Customer Experience Lead**Authoriser:** Doug Tate, Group Manager Customer and Community Partnerships**Attachments:** Nil**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the submissions received on the Long Term Plan consultation in relation to Animal Control. It provides an analysis of the submissions.

RECOMMENDATION

a) That the submitters are thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters.

ANIMAL CONTROL**Topics for consideration**

Topic One	Feral and Domestic Cats
Topic Two	Dog registration and microchipping
Topic Three	Rural dog fee structure

Topic One: Feral and Domestic Cats**Submissions:**

24 Alistair Ford

Summary of Submissions:

The submitter suggests that council manage feral and domestic cats to encourage native birds.

Analysis:

Council has a clear responsibility for the management of dogs under the Dog Control Act. However, there is no equivalent legislation for the management of cats. Council does have some powers to control cats if they posed a health risk to people, but very little mandated power to protect wildlife in a regulatory context from cats. Current practice for most territorial authorities is that the management of feral and domestic cats falls to the local SPCA. This is the case for Central Hawkes Bay.

At the July 2017 Local Government New Zealand annual meeting, a remit was passed calling on the government to give councils extra powers to protect wildlife from cats - including microchipping, de-sexing and registration.

We can provide advice to property owners who are having difficulty with feral or stray cats on how to humanely trap them so that the owner can be identified or it can be given to the SPCA. However, without legislation that creates a clear mandate for Councils to act, it is difficult to have an active role in the management of feral and domestic cats.

Recommendation:

That the submitter is thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

Topic Two: Dog registration and microchipping**Submissions:**

235 Terry Kingston

Summary of Submissions:

The submitter seeks that the council does not give away dog registration and free microchipping

Analysis:

In November 2017, Council offered a registration amnesty to first time dog registrations. Owners of unregistered dogs, or registered dogs that are not micro-chipped, were encouraged to take advantage of this free service. The registration was only for this financial year, and owners will need to pay for each new registration year as it arises. Approximately 60 dogs were registered during this period.

Offering this type of amnesty is common practice across territorial authorities in New Zealand. It allows us to get a better understanding of the number and types of dogs in the District, as well as the owners themselves. Through this, we can better direct our resources.

Additionally, our Animal Control Officer can also spend a large amount of their time tracking down owners of unregistered animals. Increasing the number of registered dogs means that the Animal Control Officer will be able to free up valuable time and instead apply it to our more complex requests for service.

In his verbal submission, the submitter suggested that the animal control function should be funded through the general rate. Currently any surplus/deficit from animal control fees contributes to the general rate. The creation of a targeted rate for animal control is something that council could consider as part of the 2021 Draft Long Term Plan Process.

Recommendation:

That the submitter is thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

Topic Three: Rural dogs fee structure:**Submissions:**

272 Rhea Dasent – Federated Farmers New Zealand

Summary of Submissions:

The submitter asks the council what percentage of animal control costs originate from rural dogs, compared to urban dogs

The submitter seeks that rural dog registration fees provide a discount for subsequent dogs.

Analysis:

While the Council does not offer multiple dog discounts, the current registration structure does benefit rural dog owners. There are also additional discounts that can be applied to further reduce the cost.

Council already offers a reduced registration rate for rural dogs at \$47 per dog. This is at 50% the cost of urban owners (\$95 per dog).

Rural dogs make up 74.3% of the dogs registered in Central Hawkes Bay. However (assuming they all pay the \$47 base rate), they only provide 63.1% of the private funding for animal services every financial year. This is compared to urban owners (25.7%) contributing to 36.9% of the private funding for animal services each year.

As noted, there are other discounts available to owners. Any registration prior to 1 July receives a \$10 discount. This would reduce the registration fee for a rural dog to \$37.

For the 2018/2019 registration year, an additional \$10 discount has been included for goldcard holders. 49% of rural dog owners are eligible for this discount. If applied in conjunction with the early bird discount, it would only cost \$27 to register a rural dog.

Recommendation:

That Council thanks the submitter for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

9.14 SUBMISSION HEARING - LONG TERM PLAN 2018-2028 - LAND TRANSPORT**File Number:** COU1-1400**Author:** Josh Lloyd, Group Manager - Community Infrastructure and Development**Authoriser:** Monique Davidson, Chief Executive**Attachments:** Nil**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the submissions received on the Long Term Plan consultation in relation to Land Transport. It provides an analysis of the submissions and some options for the Council to consider.

RECOMMENDATION

That, having considered all matters raised in the report:

- a) That Council Officers review and revise CHBDCs footpath framework to provide clarification on where footpaths are created and how footpaths are maintained.
- b) That Council Officers review and revise CHBDCs streetlight framework to provide clarification on where streetlights are installed and how they are managed.
- c) That Council support Officers to advocate for the continued enhancement of public transport in Central Hawke's Bay through the HBRC Regional Public Transport Plan.
- d) That Council supports Officers to determine the most appropriate solution to controlling speed on Lake View road.
- e) Council thanks the submitters for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters

LAND TRANSPORT**Topics for consideration**

Topic One	Footpaths
Topic Two	Streetlights
Topic Three	Signs – give way and speed signs
Topic Four	Bus Services
Topic Five	Roundabout on Racecourse Road
Topic Six	Bridge Maintenance
Topic Seven	Road Maintenance
Topic Eight	Trees adjacent to roads
Topic Nine	Slowing traffic on Racecourse Road
Topic Ten	Slowing traffic on Lake View Road
Topic Eleven	Trucks parking and driving too fast on main street

Topic Twelve	Wooden rails on Ta Pairu Road
Topic Thirteen	Making provision for people on foot
Topic Fourteen	Slowing traffic near Tikokino pub
Topic Fifteen	Infrastructure for paper roads
Topic Sixteen	Moving state highway route
Topic Seventeen	Park and Ride for Commuters
Topic Eighteen	Flaxmill Bridge
Topic Nineteen	Land Transport Contract System
Topic Twenty	Waipawa parking

Topic One: Footpaths

Submissions:

15 Catherine Bentley, 18 Julie Elliot, 41 Sandra Cross, 163 Valerie Norris

Summary of Submissions:

Ms Bentley and Ms Norris raise concerns that more footpaths are needed in Tikokino

Ms Elliot raises concern that Otane does not have any footpaths other than the main street

Ms Cross has requested that council ensures footpaths are mobility friendly

Analysis:

The submitters request that urban centres outside of Waipawa and Waipukurau (Tikokino and Otane specifically) have more footpaths to ensure safe and easy movement of pedestrians. This theme was common during verbal discussions with residents of these and other centres during the consultation process.

One submitter requests that footpaths are ensured as mobility friendly with specific reference to the use of mobility scooters.

Both topics submitted on here reflect the need for a review, revision and re-communication of CHBDCs footpath management approach.

Recommendation:

That Council Officers review and revise CHBDCs footpath framework to provide clarification on where footpaths are created and how footpaths are maintained.

Topic Two: Streetlights

Submissions:

18 Julie Elliot

Summary of Submissions:

Ms Elliot raises concern that there are not enough street lights in Otane

Analysis:

The lack of streetlights in Otane was raised as a concern for the safety of pedestrians and residents near roads at night. Similar to footpaths, a review of CHBDCs streetlight framework is required to ensure a holistic and not isolated management approach is taken.

Recommendation:

That Council Officers review and revise CHBDCs streetlight framework to provide clarification on where streetlights are installed and how they are managed.

Topic Three: Signs – give way and speed signs**Submissions:**

19 M Swinbanks, 26 Anneke Vandenberg, 36 Margaret Fletcher, 163 Valeire Norris, 217 Catherine Hobbs-Turner,

Summary of Submissions:

These submitters seek give way and speed signs at particular locations in Tikokino, Takapau and Ongaonga

Analysis:

The theme of speed and vehicle behaviour was raised frequently during the consultation period with many residents raising concerns about safety at specific locations in the region.

Officers work actively with NZTA and the Police to ensure speed limits are appropriate and that signage to control traffic behaviour exists and is maintained.

Officers are aware of areas where vehicles are not obeying speed limits or road rules and works with the Police to ensure compliance. Ultimately, Officers cannot enforce the law and this is communicated with residents where possible.

Recommendation:

Council thanks the submitters for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters

Topic Four: Bus Services**Submissions:**

26 Anneke Vandenberg, 65 Rachel Coxhead

Summary of Submissions:

Ms Vandenberg would like to know if there is a bus service to Takapau

Ms Coxhead raises concern that land transport rates are very high and as such there should be a bus to town from Otane.

Analysis:

Submitters request bus services from Takapau and Otane into Waipawa and Waipukurau and feel this is fair based on the rates they pay.

CHBDC does not currently provide bus services but works with NZTA and bus companies (Inter-City) to ensure that services are provided to and through our various centres.

CHBDC are currently actively working with InterCity and NZTA to see the return of InterCity services to Takapau and notes that the decision of InterCity to stop entering the Takapau town-centre was strongly contended by CHBDC.

CHBDC would need to complete a business case and develop costing models to consider formally the introduction of a Council-funded bus service to/from any centres.

The Hawke's Bay Regional Council (HBRC) published a 10year Regional Public Transport Plan (the Plan) in 2015. The Plan out the public transport services that the Regional Council considers essential for the region. It also describes how these will be managed, the policies and procedures that apply to those services and the infrastructure and information that supports them. The Plan is also a means for encouraging regional councils and public transport operators to work together. The Plan focusses heavily on Napier and Hastings inter and intra links and has objectives of improved access for wheelchair users and simplified fare structures. The Plan does not include consideration for rural Central Hawke's Bay links. Officers of CHBDC will seek to engage HBRC counterparts to ensure the inclusion and consideration of Central Hawke's Bay needs in future revisions of the Plan.

Recommendation:

a) That Council support Officers to advocate for the continued enhancement of public transport in Central Hawke's Bay through the HBRC Regional Public Transport Plan.

b) Council thanks the submitters for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters

Topic five: Roundabout on Racecourse Road**Submissions:**

66 Janine & Martin Green

Summary of Submissions:

The submitter would like council to consider installing a roundabout at the end of Racecourse Road by Mitre 10.

Analysis:

The intersection at the end of Racecourse Road has been visited/inspected based on this submission and has been considered safe and effective. Visibility is adequate in all directions and road condition and signage are appropriate. There is not a recorded history of accidents at this site.

Recommendation:

Council thanks the submitters for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters

Topic Six: Bridge Maintenance**Submissions:**

68 Ali McDougal

Summary of Submissions:

The submitter raises concerns over weight limits being applied to bridge and would like to know who bears the cost of the bridge as a result of poor maintenance.

Analysis:

Weight limits on bridges have recently been modified across New Zealand by NZTA. This has resulted in CHBDC being required to urgently assess the adequacy of bridges to meet new weight limits. In some cases this work has necessitated the installation of additional signage on some bridges to temporarily or permanently reduce the allowable weight limits.

Bridges have been maintained in accordance with best practice and mandated guidelines and CHBDCs bridges are considered to be at or above the standard of many TAs in New Zealand.

Recommendation:

Council thanks the submitters for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters

Topic Seven: Road maintenance**Submissions:**

68 Ali McDougal, 209 Diane Seager

Summary of Submissions:

Ms McDougal raises concerns about poor maintenance of the surface of Pourerere Road

Ms Seager requests that council find an alternative way to deal with potholes, as the patch ups have not lasted very long previously

Analysis:

The maintenance of road surfaces across CHBDCs vast network is planned for, and completed, under the Road Maintenance Contract and supporting processes. Ultimately, the planning of works is only as good as the information on which it is based and primarily this relies on asset (road) condition information.

When/where CHBDC are aware of 'potholes', they are repaired promptly and there is little feedback to suggest timeliness of repairs is a major concern.

The effectiveness of repairs has been raised and is a theme in these two submissions.

Officers continue to improve practices internally to ensure the right work is carried out on the right assets at the right time. This applies to pothole repairs as it does any other activity. Officers will review the work recently completed in the areas relevant to the two submissions and ensure learning's are applied across the organisation.

Recommendation:

Council thanks the submitters for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters

Topic Eight: Trees adjacent to roads**Submissions:**

68 Ali McDougal

Summary of Submissions:

The submitter seeks clarity on who maintains trees adjacent to council roads.

Analysis:

Vegetation on road corridors is maintained dependant on its type and location. Small vegetation and grass within the road reserve is managed under Councils roadside spraying contract. Larger self-sown or wilding trees in the road reserve are managed by the Land Transport Team and are addressed based on assessment of risk. Planted trees in the road reserve (town centres, Otane street trees etc) are managed by another department in Council.

Recommendation:

Council thanks the submitter for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

Topic Nine: Slowing traffic on Racecourse Road

Submissions:

71 Robin Percy

Summary of Submissions:

The submitters seeks action to be taken on slowing traffic down on Racecourse Road

Analysis:

Officers have visited the area frequently and understand traffic counts, types and speeds. It is believed by officers that issues with vehicle speed in the area are not a matter of the set limits but a matter of compliance.

Again, Officers work actively with NZTA and the Police to ensure speed limits are appropriate and that signage to control traffic behaviour exists and is maintained.

Officers are aware of areas where vehicles are not obeying speed limits or road rules and works with the Police to ensure compliance. Ultimately, Officers cannot enforce the law and this is communicated with residents where possible. Officers will work with Police to encourage compliance.

Recommendation:

Council thanks the submitter for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

Topic Ten: Slowing traffic on Lake View Road

Submissions:

78 J Williams

Summary of Submissions:

The submitter seeks speeds bumps, a chicane or pedestrian refuge to slow traffic down on Lake View Road.

Analysis:

Officers are aware of the concerns raised about vehicle speed on Lake View road and are investigating the appropriate measures to take. CHBDCs Vehicle Speed bylaw currently lists only beaches and beach access roads with speed limits lower than 50km/h. Discussions with NZTA previously, and the known experience of other TLAs, indicate that reducing speed limits to below 50km/h in urban areas will not be approved.

Officers are engaging with the Ministry of Transport through the consultation process for the newly released Government Policy Statement (GPS) on Land Transport. It is anticipated that the intense focus of the GPS on safety will provide additional mechanisms to control vehicle speed and activity in high risk areas.

Recommendation:

That Council supports Officers to determine the most appropriate solution to controlling speed on Lake View road.

Topic Eleven: Trucks parking and driving too fast on main street

Submissions:

83 Mataweka Marae

Summary of submissions:

The submitter raises concerns about the hazard large trucks pose by parking in the main street and suggests that signs be put up to prevent this from happening. The submitter would also like to see that the speed box is opened entering Waipawa from Bridge side to slow trucks down.

Analysis:

Trucks parking on the main street of Waipawa pose a minor safety concern from reduced visibility of pedestrians accessing the road and from the trucks pulling out of car parks.

Officers plan to review the parking solutions for the Waipawa town centre holistically, including the potential introduction of parking time limits or designated areas for commuter traffic. This could include the allocation of parks for trucks. The review will be completed as part of the development of the Waipawa Town Centre Plan.

Recommendation:

Council thanks the submitter for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter

Topic Twelve: Wooden rails on Ta Pairu Road:

Submissions:

83 Mataweka Marae

Summary of Submissions:

The submitter requests that council stops repairing wooden rails turning down Ta Pairu Road as they keep getting damaged

Analysis:

Officers have yet to visit the site and complete an analysis of the submission at this time but acknowledge the concern raised and commit to investigating and looking at causes and solutions. Officers will be in contact with the submitter.

Recommendation:

Council thanks the submitters for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters

Topic Thirteen: Making provision for people on foot**Submissions:**

109 Andy Smith et al, Living Streets Aotearoa

Summary of Submissions:

The submitter requests that the Long Term Plan provides funding for road safety for people on foot, including slower speeds, accessible crossings, urban design and more footpaths on streets.

Analysis:

The Long Term Plan does include funding for road safety through a series of avenues/approaches, including:

- Contribution to 'Road Safe NZ'
- Upgrade and upkeep of roads
- Upgrade and upkeep of footpaths
- Provision of new footpaths/extension of existing footpaths
- Provision of streetlights
- Signage
- Road markings and pedestrian crossings

Whilst included in the plan under general and routine activities and expenditure, these activities have not specifically been listed.

Recommendation:

Council thanks the submitters for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters

Topic Fourteen: Slowing traffic in Tikokino**Submissions:**

161 Deborah Bonasich, 162 Dennis Bonasich, 217 Catherine Hobbs-Turner

Summary of Submissions:

Mr and Ms Bonasich seek that the speed limit by the Tikokino pub is reduced to 70km per hour and that speed issues are looked at in other rural areas.

Ms Hobbs-Tuner seeks that a speed reduction is needed on SH 50 for passing Tikokino.

Analysis:

Officers are aware of the concerns raised about speed in Tikokino but relay that this is a State Highway and managed by NZTA. Officers will communicate again with NZTA the concerns raised by residents.

Recommendation:

Council thanks the submitters for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters

Topic fifteen: Infrastructure for paper roads**Submissions:**

163 Valerie Norris

Summary of Submissions:

Ms Norris raises concern that paper roads, such as Lyall Street, need to be signposted so that emergency services can access houses there in an emergency. The submitter also raises that this street to be searchable online and have infrastructure for internet and cell phone coverage.

Analysis:

The management of paper roads across the district has been raised several times, most commonly with respect to Tikokino. Officers are currently investigating options and determining approximate costs for the establishment of a basic road.

Officers are also working with NZTA and the draft GPS 2018 to seek understand what finding assistance might exist.

Signage can be installed however Council has no ability to establish infrastructure for internet or cell phone coverage.

Recommendation:

Council thanks the submitters for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters

Topic Sixteen: Moving state highway route**Submissions:**

209 Diane Seager, 226 Shelly Birdsall

Summary of Submissions:

The submitters seek that the route of the State Highway is moved from Ruataniwha Street.

Ms Seager requests that council tries to get NZTA to move State Highway 2 to the bypass to keep big trucks out of Ruataniwha Street.

Analysis:

Officers have discussed the 'swapping' of roads in Waipukurau with NZTA and an understanding exists of the potential solutions. It is noted that the formal process for change of ownership would be lengthy and potentially costly and it would be the expectation of NZTA that the bypass road be brought up to a higher standard before handing over.

Officers will formally consider the ownership of Ruataniwha St as part of the development of the Waipukurau Town Centre Plan.

Recommendation:

Council thanks the submitters for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters

Topic Seventeen: Park and ride for commuters**Submissions:**

217 Catherine Hobbs-Turner

Summary of Submissions:

The submitter seeks that council considers putting in place a park and ride facility for commuters to Napier and Hastings.

Analysis:

Officers are actively working on a review of parking arrangements in Waipawa for commuting traffic however an extension of this work to include the provision of a ride-share facility implemented or managed by Council has not been considered. The HBRC Regional Public Transport Plan 2015-2025 (the Plan) does not currently contain provision for the development or consideration of public transport links between Central Hawke's Bay and Hastings or Napier.

Officers are encouraged by the prospect and idea of a ride-share facility and are eager to work with the HBRC through the Plan to investigate options further.

Recommendation:

That Council support Officers to advocate for the continued enhancement of public transport in Central Hawke's Bay through the HBRC Regional Public Transport Plan.

That Council thanks the submitters for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters

Topic Eighteen: Flaxmill Bridge

Submissions:

241 Hannah Morrah

Summary of Submissions:

The submitter seeks that council fixes Flaxmill Bridge issues which arise during large scale rain events.

Analysis:

Officers are aware of the challenges presented at Flaxmill Bridge during severe rain events that are becoming more common. Work by Officers, in partnership with the HBRC, has identified the cause of recent issues at the bridge to be the felling of stands of trees along the river corridor upstream. Landowners clearing medium to large stands of trees, and allowing tree waste and debris to enter the watercourse, has caused log-jams at and above the bridge. During extreme rain, these log-jams impede the flow of water and cause medium-scale flooding.

Officers have pursued the HBRC to ensure landowners remove any tree debris from the water's edge but so far this has proven ineffective.

Recommendation:

Council thanks the submitters for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters

Topic Nineteen: Land Transport Contract System

Submissions:

268 Robo Mclean

Summary of Submissions:

The submitter comments on the contract system for road infrastructure doubles up and has "too many chiefs"

Analysis:

CHBDCs Land Transport arm is regularly audited by external and internal groups to ensure efficiency and effectiveness in the delivery of Land Transport management services against industry best practice and the requirements of NZTA. Accordingly, the Land Transport team's management structure is reviewed and has been determined appropriate to deliver value for money. This said, the Land Transport Team and the CHBDC in general acknowledge that there is room for improvement and work to do. Ensuring consistency and effectiveness in approach to contract management will be a key focus for the team in 2018 and 2019. Officers will seek to further understand the concerns and ideas of the submitter during the feedback process.

Recommendation:

Council thanks the submitters for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters

Topic Twenty: Waipawa parking

Submissions:

217 Catherine Hobbs-Turner

Summary of Submissions:

The submitter seeks that maximum stay signs need to put be up in Waipawa main street.

Analysis:

Officers plan to review the parking solutions for the Waipawa town centre holistically in 2018, including the potential introduction of parking time limits or designated areas for commuter traffic. This work will be undertaken as part of the development of the Waipawa Town Centre Plan.

Recommendation:

That Council thanks the submitter for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

9.15 SUBMISSION HEARING - LONG TERM PLAN 2018-2028 - SOLID WASTE**File Number:** COU1-1400**Author:** Josh Lloyd, Group Manager - Community Infrastructure and Development**Authoriser:** Monique Davidson, Chief Executive**Attachments:** Nil**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the submissions received on the Long Term Plan consultation in relation to Solid Waste. It provides an analysis of the submissions.

RECOMMENDATION

- a) That the submitters are thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters.

SOLID WASTE**Topics for consideration**

Topic One	Contribution towards rubbish fees
Topic Two	Environmentally Friendly Rubbish Bags
Topic Three	Solid waste from outside the district
Topic Four	Refuse and Recycling centres for visitors
Topic Five	Reducing waste
Topic Six	Council businesses practises related to recycling
Topic Seven	Promoting awareness about waste management
Topic Eight	Funding for Enviroschools Programme

Topic One: Contribution towards rubbish fees**Submissions:**

27 Meg and Dick Miller

Summary of Submissions:

Mr and Mrs Miller raise concern that they would prefer to pay more to drop off each load of rubbish to the rubbish dump than subsidise others who generate large amounts of rubbish.

Analysis:

CHBDCs management of Solid Waste is directed largely by the Solid Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (SWMMP) that is currently under review and scheduled for consultation in May 2018. The review of this plan in 2018 will see an update of key objectives and alignment to business goals, values and other associated strategies.

The review of the SWMMP will facilitate a wider discussion on approaches to reduce waste across the district and it is anticipated that how we charge for the use of various services (including land-fill) is considered in that review.

Recommendation:

That the submitters are thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters.

Topic Two: Environmentally friendly rubbish bags

Submissions:

41 Sandra Cross

Summary of Submissions:

Ms Cross suggests that council consider environmentally friendly rubbish bags.

Analysis:

CHBDC currently issues plastic rubbish bags.

Officers commit to formally considering the use of environmentally friendly and sustainable rubbish bags as part of the phase 2 SWMMP review planned for 2019. The phase 2 review will follow the phase 1 review (underway now) and a Section 17(a) review of the solid waste activity planned for late in 2018.

Council Officers will review the SWMMP again in 2019 following a phase 1 review in 2018, and will provide this feedback to the submitters and seek their engagement in the consultation period for the SWMMP.

Recommendation:

That the submitter is thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

Topic Three: Solid waste from outside the district

Submissions:

52 Kathryn Bayliss

Summary of Submissions:

The submitter seeks that Central Hawke's bay should not permit taking waste from outside the district to our landfill.

Analysis:

CHBDC has a contract in place with Tararua District Council to accept waste to our land-fill. The funds raised from this contract are currently critical for the management and upkeep of the landfill.

Beyond the already discussed review of the SWMMP early in 2018, Officers will conduct a more thorough Section 17(a) review of the Solid Waste activity late in 2018. This review will consider the effectiveness of Solid Waste management including the permitted taking in of out-of-district waste.

Recommendation:

That the submitter is thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

Topic Four: Refuse and recycling centres for visitors**Submissions:**

70 James Imlach, NZ Motor Caravan Association

Summary of Submissions:

The submitter requests that the Long Term Plan includes resourcing and prioritisation for free or low cost refuse and recycling facilities for visitors.

Analysis:

CHBDC has several established free recycling drop-off stations across the district. Officers acknowledge that these are likely unknown to travelling visitors and accordingly, Officers will investigate and seek to implement effective communication through signage or otherwise.

Recommendation:

That the submitter is thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

Topic Five: Reducing waste**Submissions:**

100 Cheryl Paul, 216 R Hay – CHB Forest and Bird Society, 258 Keren Lilburn, 267 Gren Christie, 273 Sharleen Baird, 274 Dan Elderkamp

Summary of Submissions:

Ms Paul and Ms Baird seek that council support projects and initiatives which reduce waste.

The CHB Forest and Bird Society note their support for environmental actions which encourage refusing, reducing and recycling.

Ms Lilburn seeks that council work towards zero waste.

Mr Christie suggests that cost savings could be made to the council by reducing what goes into landfill.

Analysis:

Again it is requested that Council refer to the planned work to review the SWMMP. This review, and the SWMMP, will specifically set out how CHBDC will promote activities to lead towards set goals and objectives for solid waste minimisation.

Recommendation:

That the submitters are thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters.

Topic Six: Council businesses practises related to recycling**Submissions:**

100 Cheryl Paul

Summary of Submissions:

The submitter asks whether or not council businesses practise recycling.

Analysis:

The CHBDC practices recycling and simple measures to manage and minimise waste at all of its owned facilities including offices, libraries, swimming pools and other buildings. As part of CHBDCs Corporate Roadmap, a commitment has been made to create a Sustainability Plan. This plan will provide objectives and measures for the complete Council on sustainability and will be tied closely with the Environmental Strategy.

Recommendation:

That the submitter is thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

Topic Seven: Promoting awareness about waste management**Submissions:**

158 Gerard Pain, 273 Sharleen Baird

Summary of Submissions:

The submitters seek awareness programmes being funded by the council to avoid and reduce waste.

Analysis:

The creation, implementation and maintenance of the SWMMP ensures CHBDC receives National Levy funding each year to support waste minimisation initiatives. Generally this funding is directed towards education programmes. Examples of initiatives funded to date include:

- Second hand Sunday
- Haz-mobile
- School education

Officers also endeavour to engage with external providers of education programmes and recently engaged with the Enviro-Schools programme who may be included in initiatives going forward.

Recommendation:

That the submitters are thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters.

Topic Eight: Funding for Enviroschools Programme**Submissions:**

265 Rex Graham and James Palmer – Hawke's Bay Regional Council

269 Kriston Price – Toimata Foundation

Summary of Submissions:

The submitters seek that the council funds between \$5000 and \$15000 per annum to support the Enviroschools programme.

Analysis:

Officers met with Enviroschools leaders in April 2018 following approval of Council to proceed with a 2-stage review of the Solid Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (SWMMP). Creation and

publication of the SWMMP ensures National Levy funding that CHBDC allocate towards initiatives to manage solid waste and promote sustainability and environmental friendliness.

The Enviroschools programme fits well with the objectives of CHBDC and what it is trying to achieve through the use of National Levy funds. Enviroschools have requested funding between \$5,000 and \$15,000 per year to allow the growth of their programme in the Central Hawke's Bay. The programme currently includes 6 of 17 schools in the region and estimates are that each school added requires approximately \$1,000 to establish and run a valuable programme for.

A proposal to use National Levy funding to support the Enviroschools programme to the value of \$15,000 annually will be included in the draft SWMMP presented to Council in April 2018 and released for consultation in May 2018. This funding will support the programme to extend its reach to all schools in the district and enhance its existing activities.

Recommendation:

That the submitters are thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters.

9.16 SUBMISSION HEARING - LONG TERM PLAN 2018-2028 - WATER SUPPLIES**File Number:** COU1-1400**Author:** Josh Lloyd, Group Manager - Community Infrastructure and Development**Authoriser:** Monique Davidson, Chief Executive**Attachments:** Nil**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the submissions received on the Long Term Plan consultation in relation to Water Supplies. It provides an analysis of the submissions and some options for Council to consider.

RECOMMENDATION

That, having considered all matters raised in the report:

- a) That Council determine the most appropriate approach to water supply issues in rural townships
- b) That Council promote the inclusion of sections to direct the installation of onsite water storage schemes for all new builds as part of the District Plan.
- c) That the submitters are thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters

WATER SUPPLIES**Topics for consideration**

Topic One	Education/water conservation
Topic Two	Bores
Topic Three	Water supply in rural townships
Topic Four	Water storage
Topic Five	Limit usage of water
Topic Six	Water leaks

Topic One: Education and water conservation**Submissions:**

10 Kohine Rata, 100 Cheryl Paul

Summary of Submissions:

The submitters seek that the council educates people on water conservation and what not to put down drains

Analysis:

CHBDC currently invests in the education of communities and the communication of water conservation messages in the following ways:

- Published water restrictions
- Tips and tricks for conserving water updated regularly on Facebook, web-page, Keeping it Central
- Officers routinely engage with residents about water conservation during normal business

Despite the above-listed approaches, Officers acknowledge that often the message does not get through to some residents.

In 2018/19 Officers will begin the preparation of a holistic Environmental Management Strategy and the conservation and sustainable use of water will be a key feature of this strategy.

Officers welcome the invite to engage with residents and welcome feedback and ideas on further suggested approaches to engagement and communication.

Recommendation:

That the submitters are thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters.

Topic Two: Bores

Submissions:

15 Catherine Bentley, 24 Alistair Ford

Summary of Submissions:

The submitters raise the issue of bores running out of water in Tikokino and Ongaonga

Analysis:

The bores for drinking water in Tikokino and Ongaonga are privately owned and governed by the rules set in the consents granted by the Hawke's Bay Regional Council (HBRC). CHBDC has engaged with HBRC in good faith to the affected residents of Tikokino and Ongaonga and has provided feedback to these communities about the HBRC response and options. HBRC have suggested a pooling of individual bores into a common bore that would provide greater security of supply and could then be treated by CHBDC.

Recommendation:

a) That Council support Officers to advocate to HBRC to work with affected communities to work towards sustainable solutions

b) That the submitters are thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters.

Topic Three: Water supply in rural townships

Submissions:

37 Leanne Horrath, 54 Kirsty Beagle

Summary of Submissions:

The submitter raises that Ongaonga and Tikokino should be connected to the town water supply

Analysis:

There is no provision currently in the LTP for the reticulation of centralised drinking water supplies in Tikokino or Ongaonga. Consideration can be given to the development of these schemes in future Annual or Long Term Plans at the direction of Council.

The development of such schemes will be a lengthy and costly exercise however it is Officers belief that it would improve the quality, reliability and security of supply for residents in the affected communities. Establishment of such schemes would require a lengthy consent process and partnership with HBRC as a minimum. The creation of bores and treatment plants will require land purchases and significant capital outlay. Developing distributed networks of pipes, tobies and meters under and through existing infrastructure will provide significant technical and civil challenges. It is anticipated that creating such systems would be cost-prohibitive to ratepayers in the order of \$5M per system and any such considerations in future plans would require innovative funding approaches.

Recommendation:

a) It is for the elected members to determine the most appropriate approach Council wishes to take on this matter.

b) That the submitters are thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters.

Topic Four: Water storage

Submissions:

53 Jenny Kingston, 63 Caroline Wilman, 69 Chris Joseph, 95 CJ Foley, 100 Cheryl Paul, 131 Andrew Renton-Green, 209 Diane Seager, 216 R Hay - CHB Forest and Bird Society, 240 Lily Wilcox, 249 William Macready, 258 Keren Lilburn, 267 Gren Christie, 268 Robo Mclean, 274 Dan Elderkamp, 275 Rose Hay, 277 Dr Trevor Le Lievre, 67 Jude Henry

Summary of Submissions:

The submitters seek that new builds and urban houses should be required to have water storage tanks.

Ms Kingston also seeks that they are subsidised.

Ms Kingston and Mr Macready seeks that in future there is an option for current home owners to also have them.

Mr Renton seeks that the district has a water capture (reservoir) plan to provide for growing population and agricultural irrigation.

Ms Seager , the CHB Forest and Bird Society and Mr Christie would like to see that urban dwellers are required to have grey water tanks.

Ms Henry asks that council explore options for being able to continue to water food gardens at Porangahau/ Te Paerahi.

Analysis:

Currently there is no inclusion in the Long Term Plan, nor is there any inclusion in any other plans, policies or strategies to widely incorporate or mandate the installation of water storage tanks on reticulated resident's properties.

The review of the District Plan has seen a greater focus on environmental management and sustainable use of key resources including water. This is necessitating the development of new sections in the plan to focus on Sustainable Subdivisions and Buildings. Officers request that direction is provided through the District Plan on the installation of onsite water storage for new builds.

Recommendation:

a) That Council promote the inclusion of sections to direct the installation of onsite water storage schemes for all new builds as part of the District Plan

b) That the submitters are thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters.

Topic Five: Limit usage of water

Submissions:

240 Lily Wilcox, 155 Kim Steffert

Summary of Submissions:

Mrs Wilcox seeks that water usage is limited to residents only and that water is not gifted or sold outside the district.

Mrs Steffert seeks that when water restrictions are in place to conserve water in summer months that special provision is given to allow the continued watering of food gardens at Porangahau / Te Paerahi.

Analysis:

Officers have no knowledge of water extracted from CHBDC aquifers being sold or gifted outside of the district.

Officers are eager to work with the residents of Porangahau / Te Paerahi to find a solution that will see the continued ability to water food gardens.

Recommendation:

That the submitters are thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

Topic Six: Water leaks

Submissions:

277 Dr Trevor Le Lievre

Summary of Submissions:

The submitter seeks increased monitoring and prompt repair of water leaks.

Analysis:

The repair of water leaks is carried out by Higgins contracting services under the mandate and control of CHBDC's facilities maintenance (FM) contract. The FM contract contains simple service levels for response times that are monitored by Officers. These are;

- 6 hours for an urgent repair
- 3 days for a non-urgent repair

Officers believe that performance against these service levels is generally acceptable and when Officers are made aware of exceptions they are dealt with quickly and generally in a communicative way with the affected resident/s. Officers welcome feedback on specific or general performance issues with response times for repairs.

Officers annually disclose performance against the measures set in the FM contract to the Department of Internal Affairs who performs an assessment on the effectiveness to CHBDCs delivery of this vital service.

Recommendation:

That the submitter is thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

9.17 SUBMISSION HEARING - LONG TERM PLAN 2018-2028 - WASTEWATER**File Number:** COU1-1400**Author:** Josh Lloyd, Group Manager - Community Infrastructure and Development**Authoriser:** Monique Davidson, Chief Executive**Attachments:** Nil**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the submissions received on the Long Term Plan consultation in relation to Wastewater. It provides an analysis of the submissions and some options for Council to consider.

RECOMMENDATION

a) That Council support Officers to engage with the NZCMA and determine the appropriate solution for the dumping of effluent from motorhomes in Waipukurau and Waipawa and to include outcomes of that engagement in a future Annual Plan as required.

b) That the submitter is thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

WASTEWATER**Topics for consideration**

Topic One	Public Dump stations
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Topic One: Public dump stations**Submissions:**

70 James Imlach – NZ Motor Caravan Association

Summary of Submissions:

The submitter requests that the Long term Plan includes resourcing and prioritisation for public dump station facilities.

Analysis:

The New Zealand Motor Caravan Association (NZCMA) has requested that new public dump stations for the disposal of waste (effluent) from motorhomes are created in Waipukurau and Waipawa to make the towns more 'motorhome friendly'.

Officers will engage with the NZCMA to understand the requirements and expectations of new dump facilities as these are currently not allowed for in the Long Term Plan. Should officers determine that there is a case for new public dump stations, a business case to seek funding approval will need to be required as general cost estimates for the creation of the required infrastructure range from \$50,000 - \$100,000. This consideration would be prepared for inclusion in a future Annual Plan.

Recommendation:

That the submitter is thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

9.18 SUBMISSION HEARING - LONG TERM PLAN 2018-2028 - PARKS, RESERVES AND SWIMMING POOLS

File Number: COU1-1400

Author: Doug Tate, Group Manager Customer and Community Partnerships

Authoriser: Monique Davidson, Chief Executive

Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the submissions received on the Long Term Plan consultation in relation to Parks, Reserves and Swimming Pools. It provides an analysis of the submissions and some options for Council to consider.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council XX – Insert preferred option Mackie Street Reserve
2. That Council Officers will look to establish a relationship with the NZMCA later in the in the 2018 Calendar year, to determine the most appropriate approach to address freedom camping bylaws in the District
3. That Officers clarify the status of the Motorcross track at Russell Park, and if feasible open the track to the public for BMX use.
4. That Council XX – Insert preferred option Te Paerahi Beach Reserves
5. That Council XX – Insert preferred option Grant for the Hawke's Bay Community Fitness Centre Trust.
6. That Council XX – Insert preferred option Porritt-Holt Reserves Development
7. *Delete if not accepted option: That Council continue to develop a relationship with the Cancer Society, focussing on the development of a Sun Safety Policy.*
8. That all other submitters are thanked for their submissions relating to Parks, Reserves and swimming pools, with their submissions being noted, there being no direct implications to the 2018-2028 Draft Long Term Plan.
9. That the submitters are thanked for their comments which area acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters.

PARKS, RESERVES AND SWIMMING POOLS

Topics for consideration

Topic One	Mackie Street Reserve
Topic Two	Golf courses
Topic Three	Freedom Camping
Topic Four	Russell Park Dirt Bike Track
Topic Five	Swimming Pool in Takapau
Topic Six	Mobility friendly amenities
Topic Seven	Showers and BBQ area at Te Paerahi beach
Topic Eight	Grant for the Hawke's Bay Community Fitness Centre Trust
Topic Nine	Support for Rotary River Pathway

Topic Ten	Kairakau Beach Public walkway
Topic Eleven	Motorcross Track at Ford Road
Topic Twelve	Porritt-Holt Reserves Development
Topic Thirteen	Sun safety policies
Topic Fourteen	Trees in Waipukurau Main Street

Topic One: Mackie Street Reserve

Submissions:

20 Michael Severinsen

Summary of Submissions:

This submitter requests that council make the field at Mackie Street reserve usable

Analysis:

The submitters is referring to an area of Mackie Street Reserve that was used as a community garden with eight large beds. The gardens are no longer operating.

The old gardens are mown, however, the underlying land is very rough and requires levelling. The cost to powerhoe and re-seed the area is as little as \$1,500 excluding GST but there is no capacity within existing budgets to do this work.

Options for Council to consider include:

1. Providing one off additional funding of \$1,500 to undertake the work
2. Undertaking work from funds in the new financial year, recognising however budgets for this type of discretionary work would be at the expense of reactive work
3. Noting the submission and considering the work in the 2021 Asset Management Plan reviews for inclusion as part of a more comprehensive review of Mackie Street Reserve.

Recommendation:

a) It is for elected members to determine the most appropriate approach Council wishes to take.

b) That the submitter is thanked for their comments which area acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

Topic Two: Golf courses

Submissions:

25 Kevin Pike

Summary of Submissions:

The submitter requests that the council should support combining the four Central Hawke's Bay Golf clubs into one facility at Waipukurau.

Analysis:

While some of the Districts four golf courses in Central Hawke's Bay are located on Council reserve land, there is currently no community or Council mandate to promote amalgamation. While some clubs have lower numbers Council is not aware of any clubs that are close to, or prepared at this time, to begin conversations relating to amalgamation.

Recommendation:

That the submitters are thanked for their comments which area acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters.

Topic Three: Freedom Camping

Submissions:

70 James Imlach - NZ Motor Caravan Association

Summary of Submissions:

The submitter requests that the Long Term Plan includes sufficient resourcing and prioritisation to initiate an integrated freedom camping management regime.

That the Long Term Plan explicitly recognises the value of the NZMCA Motorhome Friendly Scheme.

Analysis:

Council needs to increase its promotion and management of Freedom Camping, particularly in coastal and vulnerable areas. Currently there is no operative bylaw in place restricting freedom camping with most signage prohibiting camping in breach of the Freedom Camping Act.

Officers recognise the benefit of working alongside the NZMCA and the wide ranging knowledge they have of freedom camping best practice, as well as effectively working local bylaws. Officers will seek to build this relationship as we seek to develop a plan later in the 2018 year to determine the best approach for Council to take to address the many lapsed or dated Bylaws the Council has in place.

Recommendation:

a) That Council Officers will look to establish a relationship with the NZMCA later in the in the 2018 Calendar year, to determine the most appropriate approach to address freedom camping bylaws in the District

b) That the submitter is thanked for their comments which area acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

Topic Four: Russell Park Dirt Bike Track

Submissions:

79 Annette Cooper

Summary of Submissions:

The submitter proposes that the community could use the dirt bike track as a BMX track rather than it sitting unused.

Analysis:

The track was originally first constructed as a BMX track however was converted in the early 2000's into a Motocross track.

The CHB Motocross Club currently occupy the site and own the buildings. Officer conversations on the opportunity to lease the site began with previous staff, however no lease was ever formalised. The site is fenced, mostly from a safety perspective when the site is operation. The site has not been maintained for some time. It is not clear when the site was last used.

Further investigation is required as to the utilisation of the park by the club, any tacit agreement that was reached and any other further encumbrances on the site. If none exist, there is every opportunity the area could be opened for use by the general public.

Recommendation:

a) That Officers clarify the status of the Motorcross track at Russell Park, and if feasible open the track to the public for BMX use.

b) That the submitter is thanked for their comments which area acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

Topic Five: Swimming Pools in outlying communities**Submissions:**

90 Sarah Lumb, 141 Ismail and Kristin Yoldash

Summary of Submissions:

Ms Lumb suggests a pool and splash pad in Takapau

Mr and Mrs Yoldash suggest that a splash pad is needed in Porangahau

Analysis:

While it is desirous to have community pools available, particularly in more rural or remote locations, there is generally not the viability to make private or public investment in such areas a reality. Council is not aware of any previous demand for such facilities in these locations, however they could be proposed as community projects in the future.

Recommendation:

That the submitters are thanked for their comments which area acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters.

Topic Six: Mobility friendly amenities**Submissions:**

154 Gloria Mason & Graham Rudd – Waipukurau Mobility Scooter Group

Summary of Submissions:

The submitters seek various mobility friendly amenities to be put in place

These include:

- Charging points for mobility scooters and electric wheelchairs to be made available in Waipawa and Waipukurau
- Tables at Russell Park without seats to allow mobility scooters and wheelchairs to pull up close
- Large public toilets, with sliding doors which allow scooter and wheelchair access
- The area under the trees on the Waipukurau side of the new swing bridge to be developed as a picnic area, complete with toilets
- The completion of the cycleway on the eastern side of the stopbank
- The continuation of Council advising residents to cut back overhanging vegetation over footpaths

Analysis:

The Club raises a number of operational and points for future capital development. At this time, there is no funding provision for the desired improvements listed.

Council has initiated community Disability Reference Group, which this group is a member of and is a suitable forum for further discussion and opportunities to explore matters.

At the time of writing, points such as the continuation of reminding the community about cutting back overhanging vegetation, have already been actioned.

Other points requiring capital development could be noted by Council and included in the next generation of Asset Management Plans (subject to funding availability).

Recommendation:

That the submitters are thanked for their comments which area acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters.

Topic Seven: Showers and BBQ area at Te Paerahi Beach

Submissions:

155 Kim Steffert

Summary of Submissions:

The submitters seek outdoor showers and a BBQ area to be installed at Te Paerahi beach, similar to the facilities at Hardinge Road, Napier

Analysis:

The Draft Long Term Plan currently includes no capital development of new facilities at Te Paerahi Beach. An option for development for Te Paerahi, is for this to be considered in the context of community planning for Porangahau proposed in this Draft Long Term Plan. If desired by the Community, the project could be considered in the next generation of asset management plans for consideration in the 2021 Long Term Plan process.

A further option is for Council to consider this project in the light of the future Tourism Infrastructure Funding. A requirement of the fund is that the projects must be included and funded within Councils Long Term Plan or annual plan. To this end, Council would be required to include new capital funding for the development of additional or upgraded toilets. A set similar on a much reduced scale as Hardinge Road, Napier would be estimated at \$160,000, not including services establishment. Council would need to fund a portion of that build cost, \$60,000 and have the project largely construction ready. This would have an impact at the end of Year 1 of the Draft Long Term Plan and a full impact on Year 2, with the new funds likely needing to be loan funded.

Options for Council to consider include:

- a) Deferring any decision to the 2019/20 Annual Plan for options to be developed
- b) Undertaking a minor renewal of the existing toilets at Te Paerahi on the foreshore or freedom camping area
- c) Adding new funding of \$60,000 in Year 1 of the Long Term Plan for upgraded Toilets at the Te Paerahi Freedom camping area, with the balance being sourced from the Tourism Infrastructure fund.
- d) Noting the submission, and deferring any investment to the 2021 Asset Management Plan Reviews.

Recommendation:

a) It is for elected members to determine the most appropriate approach Council wishes to take.

b) That the submitter is thanked for their comments which area acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

Topic Eight: Grant for the Hawke's Bay Community Fitness Centre Trust**Submissions:**

210 Graeme Avery – Hawke's Bay Community Fitness Centre Trust

Summary of Submissions:

The submitter seeks funding of \$250,000 for the establishment of a regional sports facility spread over 5 years

Analysis:

The submitter makes a compelling case for the development of assets and services that will provide opportunities and a regional base for high performance sport.

Options for Council to consider include:

1. Making a financial contribution to the project;
2. Offering written support to funders;
3. Or providing both, the financial contribution being lower than requested.

Based on the proposed Revenue and Financing Policy, the funding of \$50,000 over 5 years for the submission would have an impact on rates as it would be considered a grant to the Hawke's Bay Community Fitness Centre Trust. Based on the outcome of the review of the Revenue and Financing Policy, this would likely be funded from the General Rate or UAGC.

If Council was to consider funding \$50,000 from Rates over 5 years, the rate increase would be as follows

	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Original	4.14%	3.79%	3.92%	4.00%	3.99%
Inclusive of the funding	4.68%	3.77%	3.90%	3.98%	3.97%

Council may also consider using the reserve funds for Rural Fire

Rural Fire Reserve	\$100K
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Recommendation:

- a) It is for elected members to determine the most appropriate approach Council wishes to take.
- b) That the submitter is thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.**

Topic Nine: Support for Rotary River Pathway/Bike Trails**Submissions:**

242 RR Fraser, 260 Brian Setter, 263 John Campbell

Summary of Submissions:

These submitters raise their support for the Rotary river pathways projects and bike trails.

Analysis:

The Tuki Tuki trails are a special asset for the Central Hawke's Bay Community, providing a wide range of recreational, tourism and leisure opportunities. Council has previously stated its support for the trails, recognising that the development of new and additional tracks is a result of the hardwork of dedication of many Rotary members and supporters.

Further, Council has set aside through the life of the Draft 2018 – 2028 Long Term Plan, \$50,000 of funding for the ongoing development of walkways/cycleways across the District biennially. This funding has been contributed towards the shared pathway in the past.

Recommendation:

That the submitters are thanked for their comments which area acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters.

Topic Ten: Kairakau Beach Public walkway**Submissions:**

156 Mo Pearce

Summary of Submissions:

The submitter raises discussion on the public walkway at Kairakau beach.

Analysis:

The submitter provided additional information verbally as part of their presentation of their written submission. Specifically, the submitter seeks to resolve a historical matter relating to a walkway that passes through a private property.

The matter dates back to the early 2000's to a subdivision plan, where a proposed walkway stops either side of a private property. Despite there being no legal access in place over the private property, the public still transverse the walkway as a public walkway. This has created a number of issues including theft of personal items to the private landowner.

Following the verbal submission, Officers have already communicated with the submitter to organise time to meet to progress the matter.

Recommendation:

That the submitters are thanked for their comments which area acknowledged and further that Officers explore the Kairakau Beach Public Walkway matter in more detail to seek resolution.

Topic Eleven: Motorcross Track at Ford Road**Submissions:**

233 Hamish Hulena

Summary of Submissions: The submitter seeks the reestablishment of the motocross track at the end of Ford Road.

Analysis:

A private individual established a historic motocross track at the end of Ford Road on Regional Council land. The site regularly flooded resulting in damage making the site difficult to maintain. It is also likely the work and track was not approved by the Regional Council, with the occupation being adhoc and unpermitted.

Any re-establishment of a track would require Regional Council approval. If it were a Council activity or activity available to the public, it would require a significantly higher level of health and safety management.

Recommendation:

That the submitters are thanked for their comments which area acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters.

Topic Twelve: Porritt-Holt Reserves Development**Submissions:****258 Keren Lilburn**

Summary of Submissions: The submitter seeks the development of the reserve including planting, beautification and pathways.

Analysis:

Options have been looked at for development with officers in the 2017 calendar year; however, no funding has been included in the Draft Long Term Plan. In relation to distance to nearby playgrounds, this area and the Mackie Street Reserve are far enough away from nearby playgrounds to warrant playground and reserve developments in these locations.

Options for Council to consider include:

1. Providing one a one off capital provision in the first three years of the Long Term Plan of \$65,000 for the development of Porritt-Holt Reserve, with the scope of works to be developed with the community
2. Note the submission, however take no action
3. Consider the development in a comprehensive way for inclusion in the 2021 Asset Management Plan reviews.

Recommendation:

a) It is for elected members to determine the most appropriate approach Council wishes to take.

b) That the submitter is thanked for their comments which area acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

Topic Thirteen: Sun Safety Policies**Submissions:**

211 Jess Trew – Cancer Society

Summary of submissions:

That council implement policies that prioritise sun safety. This includes including shade provision in designing new facilities and conducting shade audits for public outdoor facilities.

Analysis:

Council currently does not have a sunsafe policy. An option could be for Council to seek further input from the Cancer Society into the development of a sun safety policy, that could see shade audits implemented, however this policy development should be considered in the context of other policy development matters to resolve.

Recommendation:

- a) *(Delete if not accepted option) That Council continue to develop a relationship with the Cancer Society, focussing on the development of a Sun Safety Policy*
- b) That the submitter is thanked for their comments which area acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

Topic Fourteen: Trees in Waipukurau Main Street**Submissions:**

277 Dr Trevor Le Lievre

Summary of submissions:

The submitter raises concern that trees in Waipukurau are to be removed due to ongoing maintenance costs. He seeks that if these should be replaced with suitable species (native if possible) and then regularly maintained to prevent this issue from reoccurring.

Analysis:

Council is working closely with retailers following a survey completed late in 2017 on the future of the street trees. At the time of writing, it is Councils intention to undertake a significant crown reduction on the trees and plan for their removal as part of work on town centre development in the future. There is currently no budget provided for in the Draft Long Term Plan for the removal of the trees.

Further communication with the community and retailers are planned in the near future.

Recommendation:

That the submitter is thanked for their comments which area acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

9.19 SUBMISSION HEARING - LONG TERM PLAN 2018-2028 - RETIREMENT HOUSING**File Number:** COU1-1400**Author:** Doug Tate, Group Manager Customer and Community Partnerships**Authoriser:** Monique Davidson, Chief Executive**Attachments:** Nil**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the submissions received on the Long Term Plan consultation in relation to Retirement Housing. It provides an analysis of the submissions.

RECOMMENDATION

a) That the submitters are thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained within this report is provided to the submitters.

RETIREMENT HOUSING**Topics for consideration**

Topic One	Need for pensioner housing
Topic Two	Council Housing

Topic One: Need for pensioner housing**Submissions:**

151 Bea Ridgway

Summary of Submissions:

The submitter raises that with long waiting lists for retirement housing in the area, that more are needed in Waipawa, two bedroom units preferably.

Analysis:

Council has 48 flats with 24 or half of the flats located in Waipawa. Across the portfolio, at the time of writing there are two people on the waiting list for Councils Retirement Housing. Both seek flats in Waipukurau.

Council receives a greater level of request from individuals or couples seeking two bedroom units.

There is currently no strategic plan for Retirement Housing, however Council is legally required under the Local Government Amendment Act to undertake a Section 17a review of the service. It is recommended that at the time of the S17a review, opportunities and the need for future provision are considered.

Recommendation:

That the submitter is thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained within this report is provided to the submitter.

Topic Two: Council Housing**Submissions:**

273 Sharleen Baird

Summary of Submissions:

The submitters highlights that council housing stock is needed now more than ever due to lack of rental properties or ability to purchase. Perhaps consider solar heating to stock also.

Analysis:

Councils housing portfolio is not provided as general housing stock, specifically being provided as retirement housing. Councils approach has not been to provide heating to every unit, instead focussing on ensuring properties are well insulated and warm.

There is currently no strategic plan for Retirement Housing, however Council is legally required under the Local Government Amendment Act to undertake a Section 17a review of the service. It is recommended that at the time of the review, opportunities and the need for future provision are considered.

Recommendation:

That the submitter is thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained within this report is provided to the submitter.

9.20 SUBMISSION HEARING - LONG TERM PLAN 2018-2028 - LIBRARIES**File Number:** COU1-1400**Author:** Doug Tate, Group Manager Customer and Community Partnerships**Authoriser:** Monique Davidson, Chief Executive**Attachments:** Nil**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the submissions received on the Long Term Plan consultation in relation to Libraries. It provides an analysis of the submissions.

RECOMMENDATION

a) That the submitter is thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters.

LIBRARIES**Topics for consideration**

Topic One	The condition of libraries in the district
Topic Two	Support for an increase in funding to libraries
Topic Three	Affordability of more than one library

Topic One: The condition of libraries in the district**Submissions:**

15 Catherine Bentley

Summary of Submissions:

The submitter raises the point that the condition of the libraries and the scope of their collections need improvement.

Analysis:

Our library services are very fortunate to have a well-respected industry leader managing the collection, with the biggest challenge to being that the only way to improve the scope and quality of a library collection is to spend more. From Association of Public Library Managers statistics of 2015/16 actual spend, we know Central Hawkes Bay spend on the collection per capita was \$5.70 with the benchmarked average \$6.19.

In late 2018 Council will be undertaking a strategic review of its library service to consider future investment requirements in the service. This is an appropriate time to consider future development of the collection at this time.

Recommendation:

That the submitter is thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained within this report is provided to the submitter.

Topic Two: Support for an increase in funding to libraries**Submissions:**

15 Catherine Bentley

Summary of Submissions:

The submitter supports an increase in funding to the libraries given that these are a vital community asset.

Analysis:

While the library service could benefit from additional funding, this needs to be within the context of being clear what additional investment in libraries will result in for the Central Hawke's Bay Community. In late 2018 Council will be undertaking a strategic review of its library service to consider future investment requirements in the service.

Recommendation:

That the submitter is thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained within this report is provided to the submitter.

Topic Three: Affordability of more than one library**Submissions:**

25 Kevin Pike

Summary of Submission:

The submitter asks whether the community can afford two libraries.

Analysis:

In the mid 2000's, Council explored the opportunity of closing the Waipawa Library. The resounding response from the community was that Waipawa Library served a unique and meaningful purpose in the Central Hawkes Bay Community and should remain open.

Waipawa Library is a well patronised library, receiving many thousands of visitors each year. There is no strategic direction advocating for the closure of the Waipawa Library, with the service being well positioned to provide a number of additional services at no cost to the Central Hawke's Bay Community.

Recommendation:

That the submitter is thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained within this report is provided to the submitter.

9.21 SUBMISSION HEARING - LONG TERM PLAN 2018-2028 - PROPERTY AND BUILDINGS**File Number:** COU1-1400**Author:** Doug Tate, Group Manager Customer and Community Partnerships**Authoriser:** Monique Davidson, Chief Executive**Attachments:** Nil**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the submissions received on the Long Term Plan consultation in relation to Property and Buildings. It provides an analysis of the submissions and some options for Council to consider.

RECOMMENDATION

- a) That Council XXX – Insert preferred option for Porangahau Hall Improvements
- b) That the submitters are thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters.

PROPERTY AND BUILDINGS**Topics for consideration**

Topic One	Porangahau Hall improvements
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Topic One:**Submissions:**

155 Kim Steffert, 246 Nicola Henderson

Summary of Submissions:

Kim Steffert the project manager for the Porangahau War Memorial hall seeks funding of \$20,000 to undertake improvements in front of the war memorial hall prior to Armistice Day in November 2018.

Ms Henderson has also submitted plans for this project.

Analysis:

Porangahau Hall is a Council owned Hall, however is leased to the Porangahau Hall Committee.

Councils District Hall Committees Policy does not make any reference to the major development of Council owned halls.

There is no capital funding proposed in the Draft Long Term Plan for any development for halls and theatres.

A comprehensive design plan has been developed for the area, however it is not clear to what extent the overall design has been accepted by the community at the time of writing.

An option for Council to take is a more strategic approach, considering the option of the hall and wider treatments as part of future community planning work, if approved during the Draft Long Term Plan.

Council as part of the 2017/18 Annual Plan funded \$20,000 from ward funds for development at the longest place name. This work has not been able to be successfully implemented and the submitter has promoted that the funding be reallocated from the Longest Place name project to the Waipukurau Hall instead.

Options for Council to consider include:

1. Provide a one-off \$20,000 grant to the hall committee, funded directly from rates to fund the development. The Rates increase in Year 1 of the Long Term Plan would be 4.52% based on the addition of the funding.
2. Officers explore Community desire to see the funding reallocated from the longest place name to the Porangahau Hall
3. Defer the development and consider the funding request as part of the 2021 Asset Management Plan and Long Term Plan Review
4. Consider the development as part of a comprehensive review of Porangahau through the community planning programme proposed as part of the Draft Long Term Plan.

Recommendation:

- a) **That the submitters are thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that Officers explore the status of the longest place name project and bring a report back to the Elected Council on the potential reallocation of funding to the Porangahau Hall project.**

9.22 SUBMISSION HEARING - LONG TERM PLAN 2018-2028 - ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**File Number:** COU1-1400**Author:** Helen O'Shaughnessy, Senior Planner**Authoriser:** Monique Davidson, Chief Executive**Attachments:** Nil**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to present to Council, submission received on the Long Term Plan consultation in relation to Environmental matters. It provides an analysis of the submissions and some options for Council to consider.

RECOMMENDATION:

That, having considered all matters raised in the report:

- a) That Council XXX – Insert preferred decision for Biodiversity Endowment Fund request.
- b) That the submitters are thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**Topics for consideration**

Topic One	Lindsay Bush Management Plan
Topic Two	Keeping our district clean
Topic Three	Funding from non-essential infrastructure to be used to clean waterways
Topic Four	Clean Rivers
Topic Five	Water not to be taken from rivers
Topic Six	The environment as a council priority
Topic Seven	Advancing ecology and biodiversity
Topic Eight	Tree planting
Topic Nine	Wansted Wetlands
Topic Ten	Beekeeping

Topic One: Lindsay Bush Management Plan**Submissions:**

24 Alistair Ford

Summary of Submissions:

The submitter raises that a plan for management of Lindsay Bush needs to be created.

Analysis:

The area known as Lindsay Bush is on Land Information New Zealand land with no legal title however under the management of the Hawke's Bay Regional Council. Central Hawke's Bay District Council does support a local community group financially to undertake weed and pest control. The site has important cultural significance to local Taiwhenua.

Central Hawke's Bay currently has only one reserve management plan for a single reserve. There are no reserve management plans for other significant reserves in the District. Reserve management plans are a legislative requirement under the Reserves Act 1977. If Council were of a view to consider supporting a management plan for this site, it is Officers recommendations that there are other reserve locations of great priority at this time.

Recommendation:

That the submitter is thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

Topic Two: Keeping our district clean**Submissions:**

6 Ray Sievert

Summary of Submissions:

The submitter raises that we all need to help in keeping the province clean, including water issues.

Analysis:

Respecting, protecting and enhancing our natural environment was a key message from our community during Project *Thrive*. While not specifically mentioned through the consultation document for the Draft Long Term Plan, many of the projects including the Big Water Story focus on enhancing improving our impact on the overall environment.

Recommendation:

That the submitter is thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

Topic Three: Funding from non-essential infrastructure to be used to clean waterways**Submissions:**

35 Janice Osborne, 37 Leanne Horrath, 38 Mary Anne Reidy

Summary of Submissions:

These submitters request that funding from community infrastructure projects, such as the Waipawa Pool should be used to clean up the district's waterways, including the rivers instead.

Analysis:

Investment in Community Infrastructure projects such as the Waipawa Pool, libraries and parks and opens spaces, makes a community vibrant and an attractive place to visitors and residents.

Council has to balance the requests of all in our community, recognising also under the Local Government Act, that Community Infrastructure is still core business of Council.

Recommendation:

That the submitters are thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters.

Topic Four: Clean Rivers**Submissions:**

52 Kathryn Bayliss, 156 Mo Pearse

Summary of Submissions:

Ms Bayliss raises the matter of rural ratepayers being part of a wider effort to clean up the rivers in the district

Mr Pearse suggests that a plan is necessary in regard to discharging wastewater into the rivers.

Analysis:

From project Thrive, Council identified the need to develop an Environmental Strategy, recognising the importance of the natural environment and the Central Hawke's Bay Community. During the development of the strategy is an appropriate time for the extent of the environment, including clean rivers to be considered in a much wider context.

Recommendation:

That the submitters are thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters.

Topic Five: Water not to be taken from rivers**Submissions:**

58 Rose Chapman

Summary of Submissions:

The submitter asks that no more water be allowed to be taken from rivers.

Analysis:

Central Hawke's Bay District Council has not regulatory function of the management of water courses for extraction. This rests with the Hawke's Bay Regional Council.

Recommendation:

That the submitter is thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

Topic Six: The environment as a council priority**Submissions:**

80 Clint Deckard, 216 R Hay - CHB Forest and Bird Society, 267 Gren Christie, 273 Sharleen Baird,

Summary of Submissions:

Mr Deckard raises concerns about the lack of priority demonstrated for the environment in this Long Term Plan, given that this was identified as a high priority through Project Thrive.

The submitter also suggests that the council could show some leadership in this area by supporting native planting along the river's edges.

The CHB Forest and Bird Society request that an Environmental Strategy is set up which guides Council's actions and Mr Christie supports this.

Analysis:

Respecting, protecting and enhancing our natural environment was a key message from our community during Project *Thrive*. While not specifically mentioned through the consultation document for the Draft Long Term Plan, many of the projects including the Big Water Story focus on enhancing improving our impact on the overall environment.

Council has no projects proposed in its Long Term Plan for parks or open spaces specifically focusing on the revegetation of areas or planting more trees. To this end however, Council has historically been supportive of the many community and volunteer groups that do fantastic work planting and maintaining areas such as Lindsay's Bush in Waipukurau.

Council does not have an environmental strategy at this time, however from project Thrive, Council identified the need to develop an Environmental Strategy, recognising the importance of the natural environment and the Central Hawke's Bay Community. The development of this strategy has been allowed for in the development of the Draft 2018 – 2028 Long Term Plan. Considering the environment in this strategic context will allow us to work collaboratively across the region on positively improving our environmental footprint, alongside our other community partners.

Recommendation:

That the submitter is thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

Topic Seven: Advancing ecology and biodiversity**Submissions:**

158 Gerard Pain, 174 Kay Griffiths, 212 Genevieve Bennett, 216 R Hay - CHB Forest and Bird Society, 258 Keren Lilburn, 274 Dan Elderkamp, 275 Rose Hay, 265 Rex Graham and James Palmer – Hawke's Bay Regional Council, 266 Hawke's Bay Biodiversity Foundation

Summary of Submissions:

Mr Pain supports moves by the council to prevent degradation of our waterways and advance ecology and biodiversity in the district. The submitter seeks that future budgets include provision for the following:

- Funding towards the biodiversity strategy
- Funding for predator control
- Planting evergreen trees on our streets rather than exotics
- Removing pines from roadsides
- Funding for control and removal of willows near riverbeds

Ms Griffiths, Ms Bennett and the CHB Forest and Bird Society seek that the Council support funding and resources for the biodiversity strategy and associated action plans.

Ms Lilburn's submission discusses the relationship between diverse planting and underground water storage. The submitter also suggests that Council parks and reserves have diverse species lawns which are mown long and planted with evergreen shade trees and shrubs.

Mr Elderkamp seeks that council use more (or only) native plants and trees in its parks and reserves to attract native birds and actively contribute towards restoring biodiversity.

Ms Hay raises the point that council should show leadership in biodiversity in the district.

The Regional council seeks that the council joins them in seed-funding the Hawke's Bay Biodiversity Foundation.

The Hawke's Bay Biodiversity Foundation seeks that Council allocate \$50,000 per annum for the next four years for support of the foundation and becomes a member of the Biodiversity Guardians group for a fee of \$1000. They also seek that staff resources are made available for specific projects and events, in partnership with the Trust.

Analysis:

The Hawkes Bay Biodiversity Strategy, launched in March 2016, is a new initiative enabling both statutory and non-statutory agencies to collaboratively engage to enable enhancement of biodiversity in Hawkes Bay. Many of the issues raised by the submitter are addressed by the Strategy.

The Strategy is a community lead non-statutory initiative that aims to identify and connect all agencies, groups or individual with biodiversity interest. It marks the first time in the history of the region that all people involved in biodiversity have agreed to work together to improve biodiversity outcomes.

A key outcome of the Strategy is that by 2050 key indigenous habitats and populations of native species will be identified, prioritised, managed and protected.

The Biodiversity Strategy is a collaborative document connecting over 50 agencies individuals and interest groups with a commitment to improving biodiversity through a shared goal, vision and objectives. The Strategy has five objectives that aim to:

- 1) Sustain, protect and improve native habitats and the ecosystems they provide;
- 2) Sustain, protect and improve populations of native species;
- 3) Integrate Maori values by recognising indigenous biodiversity as taonga to be protected for future generations;
- 4) Collaborate effectively, align programmes and have responsibilities to achieve biodiversity outcomes; and
- 5) Support education, engagement, care for the environment, Kaitiakitanga and actively connect our community through biodiversity programmes.

Central Hawkes Bay District Council became a signatory to the Biodiversity Accord in 2017 as a visible commitment to the visions and objectives of the HB Biodiversity Strategy. The Council signed as an Accountable Partner, which are typically organisations who have statutory responsibility to provide for and protect biodiversity values.

The Accord is a living document with over 66 signatories including the Hawkes Bay Regional Council and Napier City Council. The Action Plan's primary goal is to establish the enduring

organisational, financial and social infrastructure required to support the implement of the strategy to 2050.

Council is now requested to provide financial support of the Biodiversity Strategy as an Accountable Member of the Biodiversity Accord. Financial support is funding towards the endowment fund as a one off expense, that Council could choose to withdraw at a later date, unlike one-off capital projects.

This is a unique opportunity for Council to become part of a collaborative regional response to biodiversity as well as enable Council to meet its own statutory responsibilities for providing for and protecting biodiversity.

Napier, Wairoa and Hastings Districts and the Regional Council are also being requested through the LTP process to provide financial support to the Biodiversity Strategy's endowment fund, with the Regional Council already committing funds in their Draft Long Term Plan. Funds provided by each Council will be invested in biodiversity projects from the district which provided the funds.

In recognition of the fact that the request is for a level of funding of \$50,000 per annum over a four year period, Council may wish to consider allocating a lesser amount of funding to this project or structuring funding in a different way, but in a way which will however effectively signal Councils' support of its responsibilities as a signatory of the Accord and commitment to biodiversity.

It is logical for Council Officers to partner with the Trust on projects of District benefit, recognising the local knowledge, networks and ability to communicate with our community that may not be always forthcoming to the Trust.

A point raised from the submitters verbal submission, was that it seemed that work proposed duplicated work being already or proposed to be undertaken by the Regional Council. The Action Plan is the implementation plan of the 2015 – 2050 Hawke's Bay Biodiversity Strategy. The Regional Council has been the facilitator and Sponsor of the strategy, which is now focussed on implementation through a community Implementation Planning Group (IPG) seeking to establish the endowment fund, that funding is sought for.

It is logical that projects being proposed by the Regional Council are similar to and complementary to actions in the Action Plan. The Action Plan has a strong focus on a collaborative approach to implementation, with funding and actions expected from both parties.

If Council was to consider funding \$50,000 from General Rates over 4 years, the rate increase would be as follows

	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Original	4.14%	3.79%	3.92%	4.00%
Inclusive of the funding	4.68%	3.77%	3.90%	3.98%

The following Reserve Funds are available

Rural Fire Reserve	\$100K
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Options for Council to consider include:

1. Funding the \$50,000 through General Rates or from Rural Fire Reserves funds the General Rate per annum for four years as requested.
2. Making a lesser contribution of \$25,000 but still enough to indicate Councils support either through General Rates or from Rural Fire Reserves funds per year over four years or a longer period;
3. Making a staggered, but increasing contribution through General Rates or from Ward or Rural fire reserves funds over a longer period – i.e. \$10,000 in the first year, increasing by \$10,000 per year over five years or a longer period.
4. Becoming a paid member of the Trust or not.
5. Not making any financial contributions in any form.

Recommendation:

a) It is for elected members to determine the most appropriate approach Council wishes to take on this matter.

B) That the submitters are thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters.

Topic Eight: Tree planting

Submissions:

170 Mark Holder, 171 Johanna Bevin

Summary of Submissions:

Mr Holder seeks that the council consider a tree-planting regime around the district to beautify Central Hawke's Bay

Ms Bevin seeks that developments consider tree planting on a broad scale as it is both aesthetically and environmentally desirable.

Analysis:

Council has no projects proposed in its Long Term Plan for parks or open spaces specifically focusing on the revegetation of areas or planting more trees.

The District Plan will be notified for consultation in the 2018/19 year, with the submitter being encouraged to have their say in more detail as this time, relating to tree planting in development.

Recommendation:

That the submitters are thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters.

Topic Nine: Wansted Wetlands

Submissions:

241 Hannah Morrah

Summary of Submissions:

The submitters raises that Wansted Wetlands are currently privately owned but have huge potential to become a community asset, which would increase tourism and community wellbeing.

Analysis:

The Wansted Wetlands have been identified as an area for protection in the current District Plan review. Council has no plans at this time to acquire or seek ownership or access through the wetlands.

Recommendation:

That the submitter is thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

Topic Ten: Beekeeping**Submissions:**

65 Rachel Coxhead

Summary of Submissions:

The submitter would like the council to update rules around beekeeping in the district as Hastings District Council has done.

Analysis:

In December 2017, the Central Hawke's Bay District Council updated the Keeping of Animals, Poultry and Bees Bylaw.

However, we will further address this specific bylaw and issue as we seek to develop a plan later in the 2018 year to determine the best approach for Council to take to address any lapsed or dated Bylaws the Council has in place.

Recommendation:

That the submitter is thanked for their comments which are acknowledged and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitter.

9.23 SUBMISSION HEARING - LONG TERM PLAN 2018-2028 - YOUTH INITIATIVES**File Number:** COU1-1400**Author:** Doug Tate, Group Manager Customer and Community Partnerships**Authoriser:** Monique Davidson, Chief Executive**Attachments:** Nil**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to present to Council, submissions received on the Long term Plan consultation in relation to Youth Initiatives. It provides an analysis of the submissions.

RECOMMENDATION

That having considered all matters raised in the report:

a) That the submitters are thanked for their comments, which are acknowledged, and further that the information contained in this report is provided to the submitters.

YOUTH INITIATIVES**Submissions:**

177 D-Rae Bennett, 178 Jackson Bennett, 179 Johanna Nieuwenhuis, 180 Alex Kohleis, 181 Ethan Anderson, 182 Matt Hulena, 183 Jazmyne Curtice, 184 Isabella Cruickshank, 186 Linkin Skedgwell, 187 Gemma Pearce, 188 Nicholas Barnard, 189 Catherine Bath, 190 Naya Mugot, 191 Alyssa Hamilton, 192 Carlo, 193 Emma Thomsen, 194 Lynn Bresseleers, 195 Emma Giddens, 196 Charles Batistis, 197 Torin Welch, 198 Kate Apolonio, 199 Josh, 200 Sophie Rudsen, 201 Callum Hain, 202 Alex Thompson, 203 Riley Ball, 204 Marika Annabell, 205 Mikaela Hansen.

Summary of submissions:

28 submissions were received from youth about their vision for Central Hawke's Bay and ways that the district could become an even better place to live in the future.

Some of the initiatives and ideas raised in these submissions included:

- Creating job opportunities for teenagers
- Establishing places for indoor recreation such as trampoline parks , rock climbing facilities
- Bringing big companies to Central Hawke's Bay including McDonalds and The Warehouse
- Establishing an informal education hub
- Adding parking spots on main streets
- Making improvements to public transport
- Pedestrianizing Ruataniwha Street
- Adding a solar plant for renewable energy

- Creating community gardens
- Creating Basketball Facilities at Russell Park
- Upgrading public toilets and ensuring they are well serviced with soap and hand drying facilities
- Slowing traffic in Waipukurau
- Ensuring that the new hockey turf and netball grounds do not have an impact on the A&P show and other sports such as football
- Creating more housing in the district
- Creating more cycle tracks and walkways, maximising the natural landscapes of the district
- Improving access to health facilities
- Adding shade over the lime stone tracks
- Finding ways to increase security in the district
- Adding bike lanes to roads which lead to schools to encourage kids cycling
- Being prepared for natural disasters
- Improving public transport and the safety and reliability of our roads

Solid Waste

There were several initiatives raised regarding solid waste. These included:

- Finding ways to reduce the amount of plastic including banning use of plastic bags in the district
 - Implementing specific recycling regimes, modelled on international waste free cities
 - Educating people in the district on the importance of waste reduction
 - Creating a sustainable refuse centre at the dump where people can exchange items to be sold for a discount on their dump fee
 - Holding workshops and upcycling days where people can swap goods
 - Investing in better facilities for refuse and recycling, including installing mini-recycling points around the district
 - Establishing rule for food premises in the district, which require them to comply with rules around minimising waste and using sustainable packaging
 - Locations and numbers of rubbish bins
 - Banning or minimising plastic bag use in the district
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Water

There were several initiatives raised regarding water. These included:

- Finding ways to make water more drinkable
- Subsidising water tanks for collection of rain water
- Maintaining a sustainable water and wastewater system
- Educating people in the district about the importance of water conservation
- Installation of water meters
- Ensuring rivers and waterways are clean

- Finding alternative ways to manage wastewater treatment

In addition to the initiatives raised, there were several submissions which offered praise for projects and services that the council are involved in including:

- animal control
- rural fire brigade
- recycling at the transfer station
- limestone pathways
- mountain bike tracks
- libraries

Analysis:

The Youth and younger people of our District should be congratulated for the articulate manner in which they have communicated many of the key desires, challenges and opportunities that face not only ratepayers today, but our youth and younger people as our next generation of ratepayers.

Youth and younger people involvement in Council decision making provides for a richer and more diverse spread of feedback, ensuring solutions are reflective of our whole community. In April 2018, Council adopted its Youth Action Plan that specifically focusses on opportunities to further involve youth and younger people in decision making. This will remain an area of focus for Council as we continue to develop and implement strategic documents and outcomes, but also provide a further forum for youth and younger people's issues and opportunities to be addressed.

Many of the initiatives proposed have the ability to be considered and implemented in various ways:

- Considered and included in the next generation of Asset Management Plans for inclusion in the 2021 Draft Long Term Plan
- Proposed initiatives can be included in the Draft Solid Waste Minimisation Plan currently being reviewed
- Local delivery of simple initiatives such as encouraging youth to support each other through youth programmes such as those delivered by EPIC or supporting youth to deliver improvement projects.

Once again, our community should be highly proud of our next generation and the quality and consideration of points such as those raised in the submissions through essay and other means, make Central Hawke's Bays future promising.

10 PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS

Nil

11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the next meeting of the Central Hawke's Bay District Council be held on 17 May 2018.

12 TIME OF CLOSURE