

Long-term Plan 2024–34



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Submission

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

Option 1: Fund \$4.7 million shortfall with an additional 5% rates increase in Year 1.

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

The Council seems to have taken into account money that was promised but was by no means certain.

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

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

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

I don't see any reason to increase rates to be up to 25% more than expenses. I'm also very concerned to see that Other services are about \$50M by the end of the ten years. This is about 25% of the total. What is it?

Also, to arbitrarily increase the affordability percentage from 5% to 7% because it is 14 years old does not make sense. A percentage adjusts automatically with the figures it is based on. Council's rates increases

are consistently around double the rate of inflation. This is not sustainable. Please do the basics well and do not do anything that isn't necessary.

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

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

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

An existing CHP is presumably already up and running.

New climate action rate

Which option should we choose? (select one option)

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

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

Council is half way through evaluating what is needed. It is best to wait until this process is finished before deciding how to fund it.

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

Please make it an easy place to do business. Kapiti Council has a reputation for being extremely hard to deal with. Get alongside people making things happen to help them get the efficiently.

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

Council must live within its current means first of all so it accumulates no more debt. Then it can look at the future. The proposed rates increases are NOT affordable for ratepayers especially at present. Basics first and no flights of fancy, PLEASE.