

# Long-term Plan 2024–34



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## Submission

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

Firstly, I wish to commend you and the other Councillors in your sincere efforts to efficiency, equity and social justice to ratepayers, it is very clear that you mean well and that you wish to do right by the ratepayers. We support you in being the best you can, and in that way we all benefit as ratepayers and residents of the Kapiti Coast.

#### Affordability

I think that you all must consider the Shand Report and keep the KCDC within no more than 7% of household income. 26% of the population in Kapiti is over 65, so presumably on Super Annuation. Approx \$27,000 per year for a single living alone. 7 % of this is \$1890 approx. 17% is \$4590.00 approx. Couples receive \$41,557, 7% is \$2905.00 approx. 17% is \$7064. This will place many over 65 yrs of age in distressing hardship.

KCDC should be living within its budgetary means.

The \$4.7 M shortfall Three waters should be funded by cutbacks in the next financial year. If KCDC spent this on other than water projects there needs to be questions asked at a high level. (I understand some of this is depreciation and I would ask councillors to make sure that this depreciation has been applied legitimately.)

My vote is for neither option given. Do some cutting back for this debt.

COUNCIL DEBT

For one year I implore KCDC to stop all vanity projects, and to stick to CORE activities only. I think that Grants could be cut by \$10,000 each Community Board. I am aware to date Paraparaumu has \$19,000 in reserve AND Raumati has \$14,000 approx. left for the present financial year. Five community boards x \$10,000 is \$50,000 saved. Event funding should be stopped. Events should be user pay for one year.

What other activities does council fund. Short falls for Womens centre and KYC? These places should be self-funding or at least central government funding as should all health projects.

CAP spending of \$4M seems to me to have been a waste of time. CRU managed to get a University report done for \$40,000. Is KCDC wasting ratepayer's money? I would cancel any further spending by CAP. Surely KCDC has someone employed within the council who should have done this work for their Salary.

No more security staff. Two seem to be extreme. Saw two at last Paraparaumu Community Board meeting.

If there is a disturbance call the Police like the rest of us have to do.

KCDC is not in the business of preventing or mitigating a so called Climate Emergency. No single weather event is "climate".

The Background says "Kapiti is already seeing the effects of climate change, such as FREQUENT and more EXTREME weather events. "

I am calling this false and scare mongering information. I've lived here for 15 years and cannot recall any such events. I can recall some flooding due to blocked drains which KCDC is in the process of upgrading. A 5 month job along my area which has not experienced any flooding.

I agree council needs to reduce the debt but only with an affordable rate increase for all. Do not borrow any more money! Isn't this what you would do if a household had too much debt? It would look at severe ways of cutting back.

What is KCDC using as collateral when it takes out debt? Is it borrowing against its assets? Asserts which is NOT our private housing that we the ratepayer have brought and paid for themselves.

Proposal 3: Council Housing. I have a few questions before I can choose an option.

Council owns and manages 118 homes. Where did these come from? Where they gifted? From a bequest? Do any have caveats on them?

CHP: Are these NZ owned and operated? What are the rules for them? Who can set up a CHP? There are a lot of regulations to be followed. Nobody would be doing this unpaid!

How much would it save by having a CHP run this housing?

Would CHP PAY council for these houses? How would the price be decided? Would it be "mates rates" If by tender who would decide who gets the tender?

If council operated (set up) a CHP who would monitor it? Council can only operate a CHP at arm's length from the local authority. The subsidiary must be genuinely operating independently i.e. not part of the parent body's corporate structure. This should be evident from its constitution, membership of its governing body and its governance and financial management. As Stated in LTP "Council will retain some influence through official appointments "may not be altogether true.

If it's already unaffordable who would want to take it over. If tenants can get accommodation benefit rebate then who is making a profit? If tenants can get government funding isn't it only our TAX money anyway?

Members of new council organised CHP the "official appointments" how would this be managed? This is still a cost?? Would they be paid to be on the CHP? Who would pay them? Rate funded still?

The level of service would improve with the CHP option? How and why? What's the incentive for this to happen? I have my own rental properties and I don't think property managers if that's what a CHP covers really are in it for the tenants benefit. They give minimal service.

CORE Business for council is Water and Roding.

It is not: providing access to affordable energy

Or providing business services or employment to the wider community IE Mayoral Task Force for Jobs.

Or providing educational services

Or providing social services to make residents feel good living in their community.

OTHER THINGS FOR FEEDBACK

New climate Action Rate. : Who has declared a climate emergency?

If council thinks it can have zero carbon and zero waste it needs to be considering if this is indeed feasible or EVER likely. Climate change depends from what I have read on which scientist is saying what. It's all unable to be predicted accurately. .

It's a NO from me.

Rates remission Policy: will definitely still be needed.  
Revenue and Finance Policy: Should always be funded through rates, fees and charges and ALWAYS from development contributions with NO developer not having to pay a contribution.  
Development Contributions Policies: No reduction in charges should be given. Specific circumstances? What are these? Mates rates???

Significant and engagement policies.  
These have fallen short in my opinion.

Hardly a noticeboard around for notices nor does everyone get the one newspaper nor is everyone on social media. A letterbox drop seems the only way of getting to the population.

KCDC: LTP Nobody from council makes a regular Saturday Market appearance. Paraparaumu and Waikanae both have markets as does Otaki on a Sunday. EVERY WEEK.

Expecting people to read websites and sign up for newsletters with today's technology of bombardment of pop up advertising, emails, newsletters etc., it's a wonder the population takes any notice of what's going on but maybe that's the plan! I believe the KCDC communications team has increased to what significant betterment? Maybe a few cuts to this team could save some \$\$\$

Fees and Charges: Keep them to inflation.

Proposed Alcohol Licensing Fees Bylaw: Inflation rises only. Not Rate payer funded.

Enhancing Democracy: I've no idea on how to better engage with the population save for being at local markets every week. People who want to get involved get involved. !! Younger families are now both parents work, they are contending with kids, sports, and just keeping their heads above water.

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