

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?

Central Government is in a strategy-free electorally-reactive mode, and there will be little coherent policy for several years. It's going to be important to be as self-reliant as possible in this area.

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

Option 1: Apply average rates increases of 8% per year from 2025/26 to 2033/34

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

I don't like this, but it's going to be important to have access to debt in the future. The less debt that exists, the easier (and cheaper) future borrowing will be.

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

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

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

I don't think that KCDC should necessarily be in the business of housing. But if it's going to be, then it's probably more fiscally responsible and socially acceptable to separate housing provision from KCDC's core business.

New climate action rate

Which option should we choose? (select one option)

Option 1: Introduce a new targeted climate action rate based on a property's capital value rather than the current land-value based general rate

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

I think any such rate should be determined by factors such as location as much as by value.

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

Consider implementing delayed reimbursement (say by a lien, encumbrance, or similar instrument) of any rates relief.

Consider a targeted rate for the first (say) five years after a development to partially offset opex, while lessening the development contribution payable up front (capex) to encourage development.