

# OUR PLAN FOR 2025/26

## BUILDING A RESILIENT FUTURE FOR KĀPITI

Te whakatupu i te anamata manawaroa mō Kāpiti

### COUNCIL WILL ADOPT THE 2025/26 ANNUAL PLAN ON THURSDAY 29 MAY

The Annual Plan progresses year two of the Long Term Plan 2024-34 (LTP) and our financial strategy to reduce debt and build resilience. In the LTP, we committed to living within a projected rates increase of 7 percent after growth for the 2025/26 year. We have made every effort to ensure we achieve this, and to do our bit to help our community out in these hard times.

Since then, cost increases of a further 2.7% have arisen, including new water regulation levies from Taumata Arowai and the Commerce Commission, along with higher energy, security, maintenance, and staffing costs.

We have worked hard to remove \$3.1m from the budget to offset these pressures and achieve a rates increase of 6.9%.

#### WHERE WE'VE FOUND SAVINGS

72 percent of our operational costs are rates funded, so we need to manage our finances carefully. We know that in the current climate it is especially important to make sure every dollar is spent on what matters most to the community.

We've reviewed our budgets thoroughly and cut our operating spend of \$3.1 million. Savings include:

- We have cut our staff headcount by 15 positions (saving \$1.45 million)
- Cut roading work that is no longer subsidised (\$259,000)
- Cut and deferred grant funding (\$541,000)
- Cut costs in our office facilities (\$65,000)
- Revised work programmes and operational efficiencies (\$382,000)

As well as finding savings we've also increased some fees and charges to recover costs of \$387,000.

#### HOW DOES THIS IMPACT YOUR RATES?

The overall rates revenue increase is 6.9%, but the impact on your property depends on its value, type, and location.

The figures below show the increase for median properties in 2025/26, including GST and water rates (255 cubic metres/year for residential and a fixed rate for commercial properties).

Greater Wellington Regional Council rates are still being determined and are not included.

MEDIAN PROPERTY VALUES*	PAEKĀKĀRIKI	PARAPARAUMU	RAUMATI	WAIKANAE	ŌTAKI	RURAL	COMMERCIAL
Capital value	\$860,000	\$720,000	\$760,000	\$780,000	\$560,000	\$1,200,000	\$770,000
Land value	\$540,000	\$410,000	\$450,000	\$425,000	\$300,000	\$660,000	\$485,000
Current rates	\$4,565	\$4,475	\$4,656	\$4,597	\$3,921	\$3,110	\$6,054
Proposed rates	\$4,908	\$4,850	\$5,044	\$4,971	\$4,264	\$3,098	\$6,502
Increase/(decrease)	\$343.36	\$374.67	\$387.88	\$374.37	\$342.94	-\$11.54	\$448.75
Increase/(decrease) per week	\$6.60	\$7.21	\$7.46	\$7.20	\$6.59	-\$0.22	\$8.63

Council has changed how it distributes interest costs to activities for 2025/26, to better align with where debt is incurred. The share of interest assigned to roading is lower, while other areas attract more. As a result, rural properties which pay for roading but not all other services receive a lower rates increase for 2025/26 compared to other properties.

\* Median property refers to the middle value when all properties in an area are ranked by their value.

#### WE'RE WORKING ON SOME BIG PROJECTS

In 2024/25 we kicked off several major projects, and in the coming year, we will focus on advancing these and starting new work.

This year we will invest \$77 million in the Kāpiti Coast's future.

Projects include:

- Seismic strengthening of the Ōtaki Civic Theatre
- Continuing the Kenakena catchment stormwater project to reduce flooding
- Ongoing upgrades to the Paraparaumu wastewater treatment plant
- Ongoing upgrades to the Waikanae water treatment plant
- Completing the Ōtaki water reservoir and wastewater gravity main
- Building Te Ara Whetū, the Waikanae Library.

#### HOW RATES ARE SPENT

The information below highlights what Council delivers and what ratepayers actually pay for these services.

COUNCIL SERVICES PROVIDED	A TOTAL OPERATING COSTS*	B INCOME TO OFFSET OPERATING COSTS**	A - B = C NET OPERATING COST	AVERAGE COST PER RATING UNIT PER WEEK***
WATER MANAGEMENT	\$13.9m	\$0.3m	\$13.6m	\$10.22
WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT	\$12.9m	\$0.2m	\$12.7m	\$9.55
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT	\$8.5m	\$0.0m	\$8.5m	\$6.37
<b>THREE WATERS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$35.3m</b>	<b>\$0.5m</b>	<b>\$34.8m</b>	<b>\$26.14</b>
ACCESS AND TRANSPORT	\$25.7m	\$9.4m	\$16.3m	\$12.24
RECREATION AND LEISURE	\$18.2m	\$2.1m	\$16.1m	\$12.10
PARKS AND OPEN SPACES	\$10.8m	\$0.7m	\$10.1m	\$7.62
DISTRICTWIDE PLANNING	\$7.6m	\$0.1m	\$7.5m	\$5.66
COMMUNITY FACILITIES	\$8.7m	\$1.5m	\$7.2m	\$5.44
REGULATORY SERVICES	\$13.8m	\$6.9m	\$6.9m	\$5.15
GOVERNANCE	\$3.2m	\$0.0m	\$3.2m	\$2.39
TANGATA WHENUA	\$3.1m	\$0.1m	\$3.0m	\$2.29
SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE	\$3.5m	\$0.6m	\$2.9m	\$2.21
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$2.8m	\$0.1m	\$2.7m	\$2.02
COMMUNITY SUPPORT	\$2.0m	\$0.0m	\$2.0m	\$1.48
COASTAL MANAGEMENT	\$1.2m	\$0.0m	\$1.2m	\$0.91
<b>TOTAL REST OF COUNCIL</b>	<b>\$100.4m</b>	<b>\$21.2m</b>	<b>\$79.2m</b>	<b>\$59.51</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$135.8m</b>	<b>\$21.8m</b>	<b>\$114.0m</b>	<b>\$85.65</b>

\* Costs include day-to-day expenses including staff costs, overheads, utilities, maintenance, supplies, interest on debt, and asset depreciation.

\*\* Ratepayer funded operating costs are those funded only by rates. Costs covered by government subsidies and user fees and charges are excluded.

\*\*\* Number of rating units 25,600.

Visit [www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/rates](http://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/rates) to use our rates calculator and find out the estimated rates for your property in 2025/26. Staff at our service centres and the rates team are available to help.

#### WATER RATE CHANGE

Starting 1 July 2025, your Districtwide Water Supply Fixed Rate will be included in your quarterly combined rates notice instead of your water invoice.

Your water rates invoice will now only show the Water Supply Volumetric Rate - the rate for the water you use.

Visit [www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/water-rates](http://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/water-rates) for more information about this change.



#### YOUR FEEDBACK

This Annual Plan covers year two of our Long-term Plan. While we have amended the 2025/26 plan to accommodate unplanned costs, these changes will not impact agreed service levels.

Therefore we are not formally consulting on this Annual Plan. If you wish to provide feedback, please do so by emailing [annualplan@kapiticoast.govt.nz](mailto:annualplan@kapiticoast.govt.nz)

#### HELP PAYING YOUR RATES

You may qualify for either a Government rate rebate or a Council rate remission depending on your household income. For more information visit Help with your rates - Kāpiti Coast District Council or call our rates team to talk through your options.

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