

**Mayor and Councillors**  
COUNCIL

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Purpose of Report: For Decision

## **SUBMISSION TO GWRC'S ANNUAL PLAN 2019/20 AND DRAFT REVENUE & FINANCING POLICY**

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1 This report requests approval of the draft submission to the Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) Annual Plan 2019/20 and draft Revenue & Financing Policy.

### **DELEGATION**

- 2 In accordance with Section B2 of the Governance Structure and Delegations for the 2016-2019 Triennium, the Strategy and Policy Committee deals with all strategy and policy decision-making that is not the responsibility of the Council.

### **BACKGROUND**

- 3 On 24 April 2019, GW released consultation documents on the Annual Plan 2019/20 and draft Revenue & Financing Policy. Submissions close on 24 May 2019.
- 4 GWRC is not planning any significant changes to its 2019/20 work programme, and is keeping the average rates rise at 5.9% as forecasted in the LTP 2018-28; however, GWRC is proposing to change the way rates are allocated for 2019/20, which does impact on Kāpiti Coast District ratepayers and will mean that Kapiti residents will have an average increase of 8.9% for their GWRC rates.
- 5 The draft submission covers four issues that are of particular importance to the Kāpiti Coast District:
  - 5.1 Proposed rates and Revenue and Financing Policy;
  - 5.2 Climate change and coastal adaptation;
  - 5.3 Transportation; and
  - 5.4 Flood protection.
- 6 Due to the important role GWRC plays in the development of a regional response to climate change, the submission requests that GWRC consider an increase to the resources allocated to GWRC's climate change programme, particularly in regards to coastal adaptation.
- 7 The submission expresses general support for all of the access and transport projects that seek to improve resilience, safety and connectivity across the Wellington Region, and acknowledges that last year's roll-out of the new bus network was challenging. However, the submission argues that Kāpiti Coast

District residents – particularly those in the northern parts of the District – would benefit from:

- 7.1 additional bus runs during peak and off-peak hours;
  - 7.2 improved northwards and southwards transportation services (bus and train);
  - 7.3 more bus shelters; and
  - 7.4 the provision of affordable public transportation options.
- 8 The submission makes several requests related to flood protection in the areas of:
- 8.1 the management of waterways in the Kāpiti Coast District;
  - 8.2 consenting for the open storm drainage channels;
  - 8.3 the proposed timeframe for the establishment of the Kāpiti whaitua committee; and
  - 8.4 more information on how flood hazards are identified and assessed throughout the region.
- 9 The full submission can be found in Appendix 1.

## **CONSIDERATIONS**

### Policy considerations

- 10 There are no policy considerations for this submission.

### Legal considerations

- 11 There are no legal considerations for this submission.

### Financial considerations

- 12 There are no financial considerations in addition to those already outlined in the draft submission.

### Tāngata whenua considerations

- 13 We have not engaged directly with iwi on this submission.

### Strategic considerations

- 14 *Toitū Kāpiti* includes an aspiration for a resilient community that has support for basic needs and feels safe and connected. Therefore, it is important that Council advocate for outcomes that will have a favourable impact on the District.

## **SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT**

### Significance policy

- 15 This submission is considered to have a low level of significance under Council policy.

## Consultation already undertaken

16 No public consultation was undertaken for the development of this submission.

## Engagement planning

17 An engagement plan is not required for this submission.

## Publicity

18 This submission will be uploaded to the 'Submissions we have made' section of the Council website.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

19 That Council approve the submission to Greater Wellington Regional Council on the Annual Plan 2019/20 and draft Revenue & Financing Policy, attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

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## ATTACHMENTS

1 Submission to Greater Wellington Regional Council on the Annual Plan 2019/20 and draft Revenue & Financing Policy