

Long-term Plan 2024–34



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Submission

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

Option 2: Fund \$4.7 million shortfall by taking on debt each year.

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

As the rates are already at 17 pc and no guarantee that they wont be that again the following year , i do not think its feasible for the rate payers to have e to continue to fund this with rates. You should not have spent the first tranche of 3 waters money so frivolously, knowing that a change of government was a possibility , and the removing 3 waters was their policy. As you are saving money because of water meters use some of that. And you could also have cost savings by reducing council staff and stop spending on nice to haves. Just do the basics

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?

The ratepayers do not have an unending supply of money, and the council should start reducing their own costs. There is no guarantee as I have said before that large rate increases will be the "new normal" as the expression goes. In my opinion, money is wasted on things that are chosen by the mayor and things that are necessary and needed by the rate payers ignored, ie maintenance of key council infrastructure,.

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?

Because we all know that things like this are provided better and more cost effective if private enterprise is involved. we need to have more involvement in the council as this is where cost savings can come from. other providers do it better than council ie Salvation Army

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?

Why should we be taxed and taxed by the council for things like climate change? I also believe that people on the coast should be responsible for their own properties and something happens to them why should all rate payers be responsible. I also would like to ask the question, What happens if you are wrong in your response to climate change, using outdated data and make everyone pay. It is totally unfair. If council did not spend the money on vanity projects and get on with the core infrastructure everyone might be happier

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

My view is that council does not listen to the rate payers. perhaps it should proactively knock on some doors and talk to the people who provide the money for this entity.

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

How can you enhance democracy? I thought democracy was a thing in of itself. However when I hear the mayor saying that one person one vote is not something she believes in, as from the labour party songbook even though she is independent allegedly, it makes one wonder. looking forward to the referendum on maori wards. Democracy is not just for white affluent ratepayers as I was told by the mayor, its for everyone and if people are too lazy to vote actually that is their problem. Everyone has the same rights.

About fees and charges, the council makes it own mind up and you actually have no say in the matter. The fees are put up and there is no benefit part for the council. Like I said, get rid of some of the staff and become more efficient. lets all save money, cause that is the crux of the matter. Stop bleeding the rate payers as it has a flow on effect, for renters also > the alcohol by laws probably are just fine and stop penalizing some people who want to have a go at something in private enterprise. I probably think that there may be a few too many outlets but you could work on the vape shops, too.

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

Please stop using climate change as a reason for putting in new rules for everyone. It is taking away our freedoms. Just fix the pipes and roads and do maintenance in a timely manner. cant be that hard can it, it works in private enterprise.