

Long-term Plan 2024–34



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Submission

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?

on the basis that rate rises should be minimised in any one year and future beneficiaries should be liable for costs as well. debt reduction should only be undertaken after a structural review of KCDC.

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?

This option provides more choice to start from scratch without past encumbrances. a full range of options need to be considered including selling the assets rather than gifting of \$21 m of assets.

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?

there is no need as costing can be easily identified through accounting practice and unique codes. this might be reconsidered further when CAP has put their final report in and the council has developed an overall district wide strategy linked with any national strategy. this policy should be fully consulted upon as well. Recheck all assumptions.

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

Rates remission could be considered a social policy of central government responsibility with reimbursement.

Revenue and finance should be using 'best practice' values from Treasury, Reserve Bank, and IRD.

Development contributions should be split into green-field and brown-field rates. full costs of infrastructure costs need to be paid.

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

Fees and rates increases should be held as close as possible to real cost increases after efficiency audits. Enhancing democracy should allow for timing of events for as many stakeholders as possible and should allow as much engagement as possible, eg questions allowed in chat in TEAMS.

These rates increase are unaffordable/unacceptable to many in the Kapiti community. We understand instructions to staff were to create a LTP around - "Growth, Balance, No cuts in Service, Climate Change". The current Government has had no concerns of seeking Government departments to reduce expenditure by 6.5 percent. Why was this discipline not shown here? Ratepayers should have also been offered cuts in services as options to assess. Line by line budget items should have been considered for need not want. This exercise could still be carried out. further issues are discussed in the submission for the Waikanae Pekapeka Beach Residents Assn.

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