

# 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.

**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?**

having to do this is the legacy of many previous councils that have sought to keep rates low while building up debt that this, a responsible Council, is now facing up to.

### **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

### **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

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

Council's Development Contributions Policies be updated so that active modes of transport, such as footpaths, walking and cycling can be funded in line with replacing funding cuts in these output classes by central Government. There must also be additional infrastructure investment in this area if Council is to reduce emissions from on-road petrol and diesel use, in line with its emissions reductions targets.

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

The Board submits that fees and charges be set to encourage all electric and passive (or equivalent) standard homes and that policy is supported by a communications campaign targeted at those making relevant home fit out decisions.

The Board suggests Council work with local boards to build on ways the community can participate in decision-making at both Council and Community Board levels. The board suggests that meetings outside of Monday-Friday working hours would be useful for board members and some in the community but evenings could be challenging for families with younger children. The Board strongly supports Maori representation, and notes that Paekakariki returned a high majority in favour during consultation.

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With regard to the Significance and Engagement Policy, the Board notes from experience the lengths Council and officials go to promote active engagement in the community. While this is generally well done, it can sometimes be lacking with some projects and proposals presented on a take or leave it basis, or being notified of them on the day work starts or sometimes weeks later. This approach in part reflects the inability of Community Boards to intervene or participate in decision making when statutory responsibility lies with Councillors or officials. The Board does not have an easy answer to this other than to encourage dialogue with communities and to remember to engage often and early with communities and Boards.

The Board believes Fees and charges are an underused tool, and make multiple suggestions that could be incorporated.

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


The Paekakariki Community Board's submission has four focus areas (recommend reading full submission):

1. Paekakariki related projects
  - (a) Progress the Paekakariki seawall project in line with the project plan
  - (b) Progress the Beach Road development project - specific suggestions provided including multi-modal access, parking, and economic development.
  - (c) Implement a 30kph speed limit across Paekakariki without delay.
  - (d) Relocate and refurbish Budge House by the end of 2024.
2. Roothing. The Board suggests Council look at all roading investments through a climate lens compatible with reducing councils emissions.
3. Strategic direction. That council do more to identify and communicate climate hazards and costs to

repair if not adequately managed. Implement a long-term commitment to getting debt down while also ensuring the growth of social and environmental wellbeing, and support those hit hardest by central govt policy changes. The Board submits that all future iterations of the Plan are designed around giving effect to the District's vision which is focused on the needs of specific communities.

4. Help asset rich cash poor residents make arrangements to pay rates (any scheme for the deferred payment of rates should be voluntary), and Council must look for ways to protect renters, such as advocating for a freeze on rents.

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