

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.

Would you like to expand on your answer for option 1?

I do have a question with this option. If the rates go up by 17% in year one - say from \$100 to %117 what happens in year 2? Will the rates drop back down to \$112 plus the expected 6% rise or will they stay at \$117 and incur a 6% rates rise?

My major concern is that many older people are on fixed incomes and can NOT afford ongoing rates rises. We need to see the KCDC doing some sererious pruing of the budget in the future and apart from a couple of small things the LTP does not show how we can do that even if it means reducing services. We need to have a say in what services could be cut back.

**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?

See my response to previous question. Ongoing rates rises are killing many of our older residents.

**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 2: Make no change to how we allocate funding our climate change activities

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

How can we afford to do this if it won't impact rates. And if there is money to pay for it why not reduce rates.

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

We cannot continue to increase rates beyond the rate of inflation. KCDC needs to live within it's budget and if cuts need to be made then now is the time to show us how that could be achieved even at the expense of things we like. We have to do it in our personal budgets and KCDC needs to as well. Nice to have is of no value if people can't afford to live here!