

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?

Rates are the best option to recover the extra cost but there should be consideration for pulling levers outside of land/property based rates. KCDC is one of the few councils in the region that has water meters so we should be using targetted increases to these charges for ongoing maintenance related to water assets especially potable and waste water that is charged on a volumetric rate. I also question the ability of the council to deliver large scale projects in the water space after spending much of 2021 involved in the preplanning of the Waikanae WTP upgrades and then project only starting 18-24 months later over which time costs would have gone through the roof.

Proposal 2: Proactively reduce Council's debt
Which option should we choose? (select one option)

Option 2: Apply average rates increases of 7% per year from 2025/26 to 2033/34

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

Interests rates are likely to fall over this period but a middle of the road increase will enable debit to be

paid down earlier than forecasted should this occur.

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?

Council is not the right place to manage property portfolios and should be managed by a third party. Council should also work with developers to provide consenting cost relief if the developer provides suitable land and facilities for the CHP to purchase and build on with new developments

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

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

Many land owners who are at risk from climate issues have made significant capital gains on their investments because of their location which their property is located this making it fairer to charge them for their ongoing protection.

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

Council is asking for a significant 'handout' from residents and it will be imperative that residents actually see their investment on the ground not spent in consulting offices. Before any large capital works are undertaken there needs to be a better management process by the council to ensure that all stakeholders views are understood and designs are done right the first time.