

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?

The council is completely out of touch. Residents cannot afford a 17% increase in rates. Using capital based values will only defer people from improving housing stock in the region and is a false economy. Simplify the structure and take a dramatic look at the services you are providing and halve them. This should be your starting point, how much of a reduction can we give people

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?

Or sell the council owned stock to pay down debt and reduce fees for compliance to build new housing. KCDC has charged fees and made a friend get compliance reports of close to \$150k to build a David Reid

home. This is insanity and your whole approach to community management is no longer valid. We know councils need fundamental change or you will become bankrupt, where is this thinking and work being done? Residents cannot afford to have the sort of rate increases you are dreaming of

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?

Spiral value based ratings discourages capital improvements and leads to long term degradation of housing stock - kapiti then becomes a slum area.

KCDc cannot keep up with innovation and new approaches in climate response and should get out of this space entirely and leave the market to do what is right.

Maybe have a fund available for major climate change programmes and work to support climate innovation where a direct ROI can be justified.

Currently kcdc is a complete blocker to building new housing, sheds, garages, or for people wanting to improve the environment in any way as you have too much compliance, complex approval pathways and an attitude of enforcement by charging loads of money.

Re-think ways for adaptation that make it super easy to comply and cheap to be modern and at a quality standard using environmentally friendly products .

Right now kcdc is driving costs up for everyone

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

A complete rethink is needed - start from how do you halve my rates rather than how much do we need to put them up.

Use PPP's and other commercial structures to support economic growth. In turn this will enable more jobs in the area.

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

If you want responsible owners and managers of stores and licences premises, make it cheap and easy for them to do the right thing and comply and fine them loads if they do not comply.

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

Yes - the council needs a full culture change to think and act as a group of people who have a tight set of services, do not do more than is required and is welcoming of businesses and innovation and more people.

Right now, the general experience is that you are money grabbing blockers of everything unless you get money from a whole lots of fees and reports being written .

Stop trying to be everything and drive the community in a commercially sensible way that encourages prosperity and a strong future path. Supporting the community, not trying to be its policeman