

Development Contributions Policy

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Did you provide feedback as part of pre-engagement on the Long Term Plan? **No**

Hearing of Submissions

Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a Hearing? **No**

If yes, please specify below:

Do you require a sign language interpreter? **No**

Do you require a translator?

No

If yes, please specify translation details below:

Topic One - Foxton Pool

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Indoor and Outdoor Leisure Pool

Comments:

Topic Two - Infrastructure Funding: Development Contributions

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Using development contributions as the key source of funding for growth infrastructure, in combination with other sources.

Comments:

Draft Development Contributions Policy

Do you wish to speak to the Development Contributions Policy at a hearing? **No**

What activities do you think development contributions should be collected for as a source of funding growth infrastructure?

Roading

Water supply

Wastewater treatment

Stormwater

Community infrastructure such as parks, sportsfields, activity centres, playgrounds and more.

Comments:

Which approach do you think should be used?

District-wide contributions for roading and community infrastructure. Scheme-by-scheme contributions for the three waters. Growth areas pay for major expenses related to them.

Comments on Catchments:

Do you agree with this approach? **Yes**

Comments on Time of payment:

Do you agree with the proposed scope for reducing development contributions? **Yes**

Comments on Reductions:

Topic 3 - Changes to the Land Transport Targeted Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option: **Option 1: Remove Differential - All ratepayers pay the Land Transport Targeted Rate based on capital value.**

Comments:

Topic Four - Changes to the General Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option: **Option 1: Creating a Farming differential - Differential that only applies to Farming properties with a differential factor of 0.5 (Farming) to 1 (District Wide)**

Comments:

Draft Revenue and Financing Policy

Do you have any other comments about the draft Revenue and Financing Policy? **No**

If yes, please provide comments:

Draft Rates Remission Policy

Do you have any comments or suggested changes on the Rates Remission Policy?

Financial Strategy

Have we got the balance right between rates increases and debt levels? **Yes**

Comments:

Community Outcomes

Do you think the proposed Community Outcomes reflect the aspirations of the Horowhenua community? **Yes**

Are we missing something, or focusing on something we shouldn't be?

Additional Comments

Please identify any additional comments you have on what is proposed as part of Council's Draft Long Term Plan 2021-2041.

Re: funding allocation for a new Surf club building. The surf club provides and essential and critical lifeguard service to the community.
I Support a new surf club building and need it now.
I Support council ownership of the new building
I ask that funding is moved to Year 1 of the LTP, so that a new fit for purpose building can be constructed as soon as possible

Attach any other comments:

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Did you provide feedback as part of pre-engagement on **Yes** the Long Term Plan?

Hearing of Submissions

Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a **No** Hearing?

If yes, please specify below:

Do you require a sign language interpreter? **No**

Do you require a translator?

No

If yes, please specify translation details below:

Topic One - Foxton Pool

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 3: Seasonal Outdoor Leisure Pool

Comments:

Topic Two - Infrastructure Funding: Development Contributions

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Using development contributions as the key source of funding for growth infrastructure, in combination with other sources.

Comments:

Draft Development Contributions Policy

Do you wish to speak to the Development Contributions Policy at a hearing? **No**

What activities do you think development contributions should be collected for as a source of funding growth infrastructure? **Roading**

Comments:

Which approach do you think should be used?

Harmonisation: all required contributions are the same across the district.

Comments on Catchments:

Do you agree with this approach?

Yes

Comments on Time of payment:

Do you agree with the proposed scope for reducing development contributions?

Yes

Comments on Reductions:

Topic 3 - Changes to the Land Transport Targeted Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

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Comments:

Topic Four - Changes to the General Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Creating a Farming differential - Differential that only applies to Farming properties with a differential factor of 0.5 (Farming) to 1 (District Wide)

Comments:

Draft Revenue and Financing Policy

Do you have any other comments about the draft Revenue and Financing Policy?

No

If yes, please provide comments:

Draft Rates Remission Policy

Do you have any comments or suggested changes on the Rates Remission Policy?

N/A

Financial Strategy

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No

Comments:

Community Outcomes

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Additional Comments

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Attach any other comments:

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Did you provide feedback as part of pre-engagement on **Yes** the Long Term Plan?

Hearing of Submissions

Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a **No** Hearing?

If yes, please specify below:

Do you require a sign language interpreter? **No**

Do you require a translator?

No

If yes, please specify translation details below:

Topic One - Foxton Pool

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Indoor and Outdoor Leisure Pool

Comments:

Topic Two - Infrastructure Funding: Development Contributions

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Using development contributions as the key source of funding for growth infrastructure, in combination with other sources.

Comments:

Draft Development Contributions Policy

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Wastewater treatment

Stormwater

Community infrastructure such as parks, sportsfields, activity centres, playgrounds and more.

Comments:

Which approach do you think should be used?

District-wide contributions for roading and community infrastructure. Scheme-by-scheme contributions for the three waters. Growth areas pay for major expenses related to them.

Comments on Catchments:

Do you agree with this approach? **Yes**

Comments on Time of payment:

Do you agree with the proposed scope for reducing development contributions? **Yes**

Comments on Reductions:

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Comments:

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Comments:

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Comments:

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Additional Comments

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Did you provide feedback as part of pre-engagement on **Yes** the Long Term Plan?

Hearing of Submissions

Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a **No** Hearing?

If yes, please specify below:

Do you require a sign language interpreter? **No**

Do you require a translator?

No

If yes, please specify translation details below:

Topic One - Foxton Pool

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Indoor and Outdoor Leisure Pool

Comments:

Topic Two - Infrastructure Funding: Development Contributions

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

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Comments:

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Comments:

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Comments on Catchments:

Do you agree with this approach? **Yes**

Comments on Time of payment:

Do you agree with the proposed scope for reducing development contributions? **Yes**

Comments on Reductions:

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Tick below to identify your preferred option: **Option 1: Remove Differential - All ratepayers pay the Land Transport Targeted Rate based on capital value.**

Comments:

Topic Four - Changes to the General Rate

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Comments:

Draft Revenue and Financing Policy

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Do you have any comments or suggested changes on the Rates Remission Policy?

Financial Strategy

Have we got the balance right between rates increases and debt levels?

Comments:

Community Outcomes

Do you think the proposed Community Outcomes reflect the aspirations of the Horowhenua community?

Are we missing something, or focusing on something we shouldn't be?

Additional Comments

Please identify any additional comments you have on what is proposed as part of Council's Draft Long Term Plan 2021-2041.

Attach any other comments:

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Did you provide feedback as part of pre-engagement on the Long Term Plan? **No**

Hearing of Submissions

Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a Hearing? **No**

If yes, please specify below:

Do you require a sign language interpreter? **No**

Do you require a translator? **No**

If yes, please specify translation details below:

Topic One - Foxton Pool

Tick below to identify your preferred option: **Option 2: Basic All-year pool**

Comments:

Topic Two - Infrastructure Funding: Development Contributions

Tick below to identify your preferred option: **Option 1: Using development contributions as the key source of funding for growth infrastructure, in combination with other sources.**

Comments:

Draft Development Contributions Policy

Do you wish to speak to the Development Contributions Policy at a hearing? **No**

What activities do you think development contributions should be collected for as a source of funding growth infrastructure?

Roading

Water supply

Wastewater treatment

Stormwater

Community infrastructure such as parks, sportsfields, activity centres, playgrounds and more.

Comments:

Which approach do you think should be used?

District-wide contributions for roading and community infrastructure. Scheme-by-scheme contributions for the three waters. Growth areas do not pay for major expenses related to them, these are spread out over the rest of the scheme.

Comments on Catchments:

Do you agree with this approach? **Yes**

Comments on Time of payment:

Do you agree with the proposed scope for reducing development contributions? **Yes**

Comments on Reductions:

Topic 3 - Changes to the Land Transport Targeted Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option: **Option 1: Remove Differential - All ratepayers pay the Land Transport Targeted Rate based on capital value.**

Comments:

Topic Four - Changes to the General Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option: **Option 1: Creating a Farming differential - Differential that only applies to Farming properties with a differential factor of 0.5 (Farming) to 1 (District Wide)**

Comments:

Draft Revenue and Financing Policy

Do you have any other comments about the draft Revenue and Financing Policy? **No**

If yes, please provide comments:

Draft Rates Remission Policy

Do you have any comments or suggested changes on the Rates Remission Policy?

Financial Strategy

Have we got the balance right between rates increases and debt levels? **No**

Comments:

The proposed rates increases over the next few years are too high.

Community Outcomes

Do you think the proposed Community Outcomes reflect the aspirations of the Horowhenua community? **Yes**

Are we missing something, or focusing on something we shouldn't be?

Additional Comments

Please identify any additional comments you have on what is proposed as part of Council's Draft Long Term Plan 2021-2041.

Attach any other comments:

Long Term Plan 2021-2041 - Submission Form



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Did you provide feedback as part of pre-engagement on the Long Term Plan? **No**

Hearing of Submissions

Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a Hearing? **No**

If yes, please specify below:

Do you require a sign language interpreter? **No**

Do you require a translator?

No

If yes, please specify translation details below:

Topic One - Foxton Pool

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Indoor and Outdoor Leisure Pool

Comments:

If Option 1 is accepted, there should be a special rate of entry for ratepayers (who are contributing through rates) with a full rate for visitors i.e. non-ratepayers.

Topic Two - Infrastructure Funding: Development Contributions

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Using development contributions as the key source of funding for growth infrastructure, in combination with other sources.

Comments:

Development contributions should never have been removed in the first place.

Draft Development Contributions Policy

Do you wish to speak to the Development Contributions Policy at a hearing? **No**

What activities do you think development contributions should be collected for as a source of funding growth infrastructure?

Roading

Water supply

Wastewater treatment

Stormwater

Community infrastructure such as parks, sportsfields, activity centres, playgrounds and more.

Comments:

To be used where most required.

Which approach do you think should be used?

District-wide contributions for roading and community infrastructure. Scheme-by-scheme contributions for the three waters. Growth areas pay for major expenses related to them.

Comments on Catchments:

Growth areas will get the benefit of any growth and so should pay for it.

Do you agree with this approach?

Yes

Comments on Time of payment:

Common sense. Developments should be encouraged.

Do you agree with the proposed scope for reducing development contributions?

Yes

Comments on Reductions:

Topic 3 - Changes to the Land Transport Targeted Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Remove Differential - All ratepayers pay the Land Transport Targeted Rate based on capital value.

Comments:

Topic Four - Changes to the General Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Creating a Farming differential - Differential that only applies to Farming properties with a differential factor of 0.5 (Farming) to 1 (District Wide)

Comments:

Draft Revenue and Financing Policy

Do you have any other comments about the draft Revenue and Financing Policy?

No

If yes, please provide comments:

Draft Rates Remission Policy

Do you have any comments or suggested changes on the Rates Remission Policy?

I am against rates being "waived" for Maori Trust Land just because it is multiple ownership unless there is a genuine reason.

Financial Strategy

Have we got the balance right between rates increases and debt levels?

Comments:

I haven't looked at the finances closely enough to make a judgement. Although I understand that a debt is favourable so that the cost of infrastructure is paid by present-day ratepayers as well as those who will benefit in the future. However, it is important this debt level does not get out of kilter and finance is available when infrastructure requires up-grading. Development contributions will assist for the future.

Community Outcomes

Do you think the proposed Community Outcomes reflect the aspirations of the Horowhenua community?

No

Are we missing something, or focusing on something we shouldn't be?

I agree with all of the above, which are favourable to ALL ratepayers, except partnership with Tangata Whenua. Aforesaid have equal say as any ratepayers - they should not be given special tribal privileges over and above anyone else - we are all NEW ZEALANDERS. I believe in democracy, not separatism. We are all one race - Human Race.

Additional Comments

Please identify any additional comments you have on what is proposed as part of Council's Draft Long Term Plan 2021-2041.

Attach any other comments:

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Submission date: **15 April 2021, 4:44PM**
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Did you provide feedback as part of pre-engagement on **Yes**
the Long Term Plan?

Hearing of Submissions

Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a **No**
Hearing?

If yes, please specify below:

Do you require a sign language interpreter? **No**

Do you require a translator? **No**

If yes, please specify translation details below:

Topic One - Foxton Pool

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Indoor and Outdoor Leisure Pool

Comments:

This would be a fantastic addition to foxton for all ages and abilities

Topic Two - Infrastructure Funding: Development Contributions

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Using development contributions as the key source of funding for growth infrastructure, in combination with other sources.

Comments:

Draft Development Contributions Policy

Do you wish to speak to the Development Contributions Policy at a hearing? **No**

What activities do you think development contributions should be collected for as a source of funding growth infrastructure?

Roading

Water supply

Wastewater treatment

Stormwater

Community infrastructure such as parks, sportsfields, activity centres, playgrounds and more.

Comments:

Which approach do you think should be used?

District-wide contributions for roading and community infrastructure. Scheme-by-scheme contributions for the three waters. Growth areas pay for major expenses related to them.

Comments on Catchments:

Do you agree with this approach? **Yes**

Comments on Time of payment:

Do you agree with the proposed scope for reducing development contributions? **Yes**

Comments on Reductions:

Topic 3 - Changes to the Land Transport Targeted Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option: **Option 1: Remove Differential - All ratepayers pay the Land Transport Targeted Rate based on capital value.**

Comments:

Topic Four - Changes to the General Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option: **Option 2: Status Quo - Rural properties (including all business in the rural zone) pay 25% of the General Rate rates income, District wide pay 75% of the General Rates rates income.**

Comments:

Draft Revenue and Financing Policy

Do you have any other comments about the draft Revenue and Financing Policy? **No**

If yes, please provide comments:

Draft Rates Remission Policy

Do you have any comments or suggested changes on the Rates Remission Policy?

Financial Strategy

Have we got the balance right between rates increases and debt levels? **No**

Comments:

Community Outcomes

Do you think the proposed Community Outcomes reflect the aspirations of the Horowhenua community? **Yes**

Are we missing something, or focusing on something we shouldn't be?

Additional Comments

Please identify any additional comments you have on what is proposed as part of Council's Draft Long Term Plan 2021-2041. **Please go for option 1 for the foxton pools**

Attach any other comments:

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Submission date: **15 April 2021, 5:02PM**

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Did you provide feedback as part of pre-engagement on the Long Term Plan? **Yes**

Hearing of Submissions

Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a Hearing? **No**

If yes, please specify below:

Do you require a sign language interpreter? **No**

Do you require a translator? **No**

If yes, please specify translation details below:

Topic One - Foxton Pool

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Indoor and Outdoor Leisure Pool

Comments:

I know this is alot of money, but think it would be a great investment, there are not alot of people going to the pool now but with this major upgrade I know people would flock there just from what i have heard around the community

Topic Two - Infrastructure Funding: Development Contributions

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Using development contributions as the key source of funding for growth infrastructure, in combination with other sources.

Comments:

Draft Development Contributions Policy

Do you wish to speak to the Development Contributions Policy at a hearing? **No**

What activities do you think development contributions should be collected for as a source of funding growth infrastructure?

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Comments:

Which approach do you think should be used?

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Comments on Catchments:

Do you agree with this approach? **Yes**

Comments on Time of payment:

Do you agree with the proposed scope for reducing development contributions? **Yes**

Comments on Reductions:

Topic 3 - Changes to the Land Transport Targeted Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option: **Option 1: Remove Differential - All ratepayers pay the Land Transport Targeted Rate based on capital value.**

Comments:

Topic Four - Changes to the General Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option: **Option 2: Status Quo - Rural properties (including all business in the rural zone) pay 25% of the General Rate rates income, District wide pay 75% of the General Rates rates income.**

Comments:

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Financial Strategy

Have we got the balance right between rates increases **Yes**
and debt levels?

Comments:

Community Outcomes

Do you think the proposed Community Outcomes **Yes**
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Additional Comments

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Plan 2021-2041.

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Submission date: **15 April 2021, 5:52PM**
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Did you provide feedback as part of pre-engagement on the Long Term Plan? **No**

Hearing of Submissions

Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a Hearing? **No**

If yes, please specify below:

Do you require a sign language interpreter? **No**

Do you require a translator? **No**

If yes, please specify translation details below:

Topic One - Foxton Pool

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Indoor and Outdoor Leisure Pool

Comments:

Our community is growing and need a facility that caters to all

Topic Two - Infrastructure Funding: Development Contributions

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Using development contributions as the key source of funding for growth infrastructure, in combination with other sources.

Comments:

These should never have been stopped, seems it was to benefit a few, ie councillors?

Draft Development Contributions Policy

Do you wish to speak to the Development Contributions Policy at a hearing? **No**

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Comments:

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Comments on Catchments:

Do you agree with this approach? **Yes**

Comments on Time of payment:

Do you agree with the proposed scope for reducing development contributions? **Yes**

Comments on Reductions:

Topic 3 - Changes to the Land Transport Targeted Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option: **Option 2: Status Quo - Differential where businesses pay 35% of the Land Transport Targeted Rate and District Wide properties pay 65%.**

Comments:

Topic Four - Changes to the General Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option: **Option 1: Creating a Farming differential - Differential that only applies to Farming properties with a differential factor of 0.5 (Farming) to 1 (District Wide)**

Comments:

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Attach any other comments:

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Submission date: **15 April 2021, 6:18PM**
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Did you provide feedback as part of pre-engagement on **Yes**
the Long Term Plan?

Hearing of Submissions

Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a **No**
Hearing?

If yes, please specify below:

Do you require a sign language interpreter? **No**

Do you require a translator? **No**

If yes, please specify translation details below:

Topic One - Foxtan Pool

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Indoor and Outdoor Leisure Pool

Comments:

This would be a great facility for a growing community and shows a good strategic approach at a moderate annual cost.

Topic Two - Infrastructure Funding: Development Contributions

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Using development contributions as the key source of funding for growth infrastructure, in combination with other sources.

Comments:

Draft Development Contributions Policy

Do you wish to speak to the Development Contributions Policy at a hearing? **No**

What activities do you think development contributions should be collected for as a source of funding growth infrastructure?

**Roading
Water supply
Wastewater treatment
Stormwater
Community infrastructure such as parks, sportsfields, activity centres, playgrounds and more.**

Comments:

Which approach do you think should be used?

District-wide contributions for roading and community infrastructure. Scheme-by-scheme contributions for the three waters. Growth areas pay for major expenses related to them.

Comments on Catchments:

Do you agree with this approach? **Yes**

Comments on Time of payment:

Do you agree with the proposed scope for reducing development contributions? **Yes**

Comments on Reductions:

Topic 3 - Changes to the Land Transport Targeted Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option: **Option 1: Remove Differential - All ratepayers pay the Land Transport Targeted Rate based on capital value.**

Comments:

Topic Four - Changes to the General Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option: **Option 1: Creating a Farming differential - Differential that only applies to Farming properties with a differential factor of 0.5 (Farming) to 1 (District Wide)**

Comments:

Draft Revenue and Financing Policy

Do you have any other comments about the draft Revenue and Financing Policy? **No**

If yes, please provide comments:

Draft Rates Remission Policy

Do you have any comments or suggested changes on the Rates Remission Policy? **Consider religious groups should be reduced, not waived.**

Financial Strategy

Have we got the balance right between rates increases and debt levels? **No**

Comments:

Note the assumption on debt relating to Levin.

Community Outcomes

Do you think the proposed Community Outcomes reflect the aspirations of the Horowhenua community? **Yes**

Are we missing something, or focusing on something we shouldn't be?

Additional Comments

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Did you provide feedback as part of pre-engagement on the Long Term Plan? **No**

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Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Indoor and Outdoor Leisure Pool

Comments:

Te Awahou deserve the priority given to more affluent areas.

Topic Two - Infrastructure Funding: Development Contributions

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Using development contributions as the key source of funding for growth infrastructure, in combination with other sources.

Comments:

Developers are responsible for infrastructure too. The existing is inadequate to cope with higher demand. Lake Horowhenua/Punahau will continue to suffer from the overflow that does happen

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Community infrastructure such as parks, sportsfields, activity centres, playgrounds and more.

Comments:

Infrastructure in existing areas shouldn't be responsible for new development.

Which approach do you think should be used?

District-wide contributions for roading and community infrastructure. Scheme-by-scheme contributions for the three waters. Growth areas pay for major expenses related to them.

Comments on Catchments:

Future planning for spending and development should include infrastructure costs for new developments. Maintain existing infrastructure with identified upgrades and not just where the new meets the old.

Do you agree with this approach?

Yes

Comments on Time of payment:

Home owners pay for consents, until they sell (developers) are they not the home owners. Risky business being a developer. While is deemed responsible until the sale/transfer is complete. In the meantime others required to cover.

Do you agree with the proposed scope for reducing development contributions?

No

Comments on Reductions:

Who decides what 'significance' is? Is it financial gain sustainability, improving the current whilst attracting new. The environment and meaningful engagement with local lwi involvement.

Topic 3 - Changes to the Land Transport Targeted Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

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Comments:

Topic Four - Changes to the General Rate

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Comments:

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Financial Strategy

Have we got the balance right between rates increases and debt levels? **No**

Comments: **Further review and prioritize /target spending**

Community Outcomes

Do you think the proposed Community Outcomes reflect the aspirations of the Horowhenua community? **No**

Are we missing something, or focusing on something we shouldn't be? **People before profit. Meaningful engagement with locals.**

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Colleen Burgess

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Did you provide feedback as part of pre-engagement on the Long Term Plan?

Yes No

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Yes No

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In person zoom

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Yes No

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Yes No

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Topic One

Foxton Pool

The structure of the Foxton Pool needs to be replaced for health and safety reasons. There are five options for the community to consider.

	Option 1 All-Year Leisure	Option 2 All-Year Basic	Option 3 Seasonal Leisure	Option 4 Seasonal Basic	Option 5 Close the Pool
Indoor provision – All-year	✓	✓			
Outdoor provision – Seasonal			✓	✓	
25m Pool	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Leisure Pool	✓		✓		
Teacher/Toddler Pools	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Splashpad	✓		✓		
Upgrade change rooms	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Cover over Teaching/Toddler Pools	✓		✓	✓	
Outdoor landscaping/BBQ area	✓		✓		
Multi-purpose room	✓				
Rates impact	\$44.53	\$26.61	\$22.00	\$16.02	-\$12.49

Tick below to identify your preferred option

- Option 1:** Indoor and Outdoor Leisure Pool
- Option 2:** Basic All-year Pool
- Option 3:** Seasonal Outdoor Leisure Pool
- Option 4:** Seasonal Outdoor Basic Pool
- Option 5:** Permanently Close Facility

Topic Two

Infrastructure Funding: Development Contributions

Council is considering the reintroduction of Development Contributions as a key source of funding our growth infrastructure. Do you think this is a good idea?

Tick below to identify your preferred option.

- Option 1:** Using development contributions as the key source of funding for growth infrastructure, in combination with other sources.
- Option 2:** Not using development contributions for funding growth infrastructure, and increasing rates instead.

Draft Development Contributions Policy

If Council reintroduces development contributions, the Draft Development Contributions Policy outlines what contributions are collected and how.

Do you wish to speak to the Development Contributions Policy at a hearing?

- Yes No

Activities

What activities do you think development contributions should be collected for as a source of funding growth infrastructure?

- Rooding
 - Water supply
 - Wastewater treatment
 - Stormwater
 - Community infrastructure such as parks, sportsfields, activity centres, playgrounds and more.
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Development contributions should be collected for assets used by the developments. If connected to the waste water treatment system, then the contributions should be for there as well.

Most of the the listed activities would be used by future developments.

Catchments

The Draft Development Contributions Policy is proposing to use district-wide contributions for roading and community infrastructure. It is also proposing scheme-by-scheme contributions for the three waters, which means different contribution amounts would apply to each scheme area. The big growth areas will pay an additional contribution for major expenses related just to them, however there are other approaches Council could use such as everyone paying the same.

Which approach do you think should be used?

- District-wide contributions for roading and community infrastructure. Scheme-by-scheme contributions for the three waters. Growth areas pay for major expenses related to them.
 - District-wide contributions for roading and community infrastructure. Scheme-by-scheme contributions for the three waters. Growth areas do not pay for major expenses related to them, these are spread out over the rest of the scheme.
 - Harmonisation: all required contributions are the same across the district.
 - Other (please specify)
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Time of payment

Normally development contributions are charged when granting development consents. That is early in the development process and developers can find it difficult to manage cash flows when there is still a lot to do before selling a lot or a new house.

The draft policy proposes to invoice developers at later times in the case of subdivision and building consents, closer to when lots and homes are to be sold as identified below.

A subdivision consent, at the time of granting a certificate under section 224(c) of the Resource Management Act 1991; and

A building consent, at the time the first building inspection is carried out.

Do you agree with this approach?

Yes No

Reductions

The draft policy proposes a limited scope for reducing development contributions once they are calculated for a development. This scope includes just two principles, that the development:

- a. provides a significant public benefit; or
- b. addresses significant affordability issues.

Before agreeing to any reduction, Council needs to be sure it can fund the income it forgoes from another source.

Do you agree with the proposed scope for reducing development contributions?

Yes No

Topic Three

Changes to the Land Transport Targeted Rate

Council is considering whether the differential on the Land Transport Targeted Rate should be removed. Currently there is a differential that means businesses only pay 35% of the Land Transport Targeted Rate. This was set up when businesses made up 38% of the capital values in the district. However, due to residential growth, businesses now only make up 30% of the district, but are still paying 35% of the Land Transport Targeted Rate.

Tick below to identify your preferred option

Option 1: Remove Differential
All ratepayers pay the Land Transport Targeted Rate based on capital value.

Option 2: Status Quo
Differential where businesses pay 35% of the Land Transport Targeted Rate and District Wide properties pay 65%.

Changes to the General Rate

Council is considering changes to the General Rate to enable rural properties to gain the same benefits from growth as urban properties. The existing differential treated non-farming properties the same as farms even though they do not have the same large footprint and land value.

Tick below to identify your preferred option

Option 1: Creating a Farming differential
Differential that only applies to Farming properties with a differential factor of 0.5 (Farming) to 1 (District Wide).

Option 2: Status Quo
Rural properties (including all business in the rural zone) pay 25% of the General Rate rates income, District wide pay 75% of the General Rates Rates income.

Draft Revenue and Financing Policy

Topics Three and Four propose changes to the draft Revenue and Financing Policy.

Do you have any other comments about the draft Revenue and Financing Policy?

Yes No

Financial Strategy

To deliver the projects and services planned over the next 20 years, we are proposing the limit on annual rates increases to range between 4.6% and 7.5% per year for the first 10 years, with an average of 4.4% for the following 10 years. We are also proposing to increase our net debt limit from 195% to 250% of our operating income. Generally operational costs to run the business and renewals are funded by rates, and capital projects such as building new facilities and putting in new infrastructure is funded by debt.

Have we got the balance right between rates increases and debt levels?

Yes No

Community Outcomes

Council has reviewed the community outcomes which are what we aim to achieve for our community. The outcomes are Vibrant Economy, Outstanding Environment, Fit for purpose Infrastructure, Partnership with Tangata Whenua and Strong Communities.

Do you think the proposed Community Outcomes reflect the aspirations of the Horowhenua community?

Yes No

Are we missing something, or focusing on something we shouldn't be?

Thank you for your submission

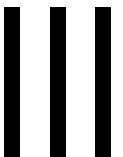
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Submission Form

Further submission on infrastructure

Levin Water Supply

My submission on Horowhenua’s water supply infrastructure is driven by a concern for the Ohau River’s ability to provide a reliable and sustainable supply for the growing region.

Many of the points below have been noted in the 2021-2041 Infrastructure Strategy; I wish to emphasise the importance of a sustainable water management approach that alleviates the stresses placed on the taonga of our river.

1. Water-take sustainability; the limits of the river's water abstraction capacity.
If the Horowhenua socio-economic population projections are accurate for year 14 (2034/35) then daily water usage per person at current rates (300 l/p/d) would create a demand for water twice the current summer (low flow) daily abstraction limit.
If we are to encourage new housing development with population growth with the subsequent water demand (e.g. Taraika), we do need an alternative source for our water. The WTP is well equipped to handle variable water sources – it can cope with turbidity, organics, micro-organisms, etc.
Bore water sourcing needs to be actively pursued – this secondary source may eventually become Horowhenua’s primary source.
2. re-evaluating the present water abstraction technology - the existing system requires river bed damaging activities. This entails the environmental vandalism of having 4 or more scarifications per year - especially undesirable at the height of summer and low flow – as evidenced by this sequence of images from the last scarification event:



If we are to persist with abstracting water in this manner, the intake mechanism should be upgraded to not require this kind of damaging activity.

3. Gravel extraction activities upstream by 3rd parties, (arguably) causing water abstraction issues by aggravating the water intake clogging issues with the present design. This has been previously canvassed in the public arena but very much unresolved.
4. Rain water tanks for individual properties. On the grounds of resilience and resource use minimisation. At present we treat the water to optical-grade purity, then flush it down a toilet or water a garden with it...and some of us then buy bottled water to drink instead.

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Did you provide feedback as part of pre-engagement on the Long Term Plan? **No**

Hearing of Submissions

Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a Hearing? **No**

If yes, please specify below:

Do you require a sign language interpreter? **No**

Do you require a translator?

No

If yes, please specify translation details below:

Topic One - Foxton Pool

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 2: Basic All-year pool

Comments:

Topic Two - Infrastructure Funding: Development Contributions

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Using development contributions as the key source of funding for growth infrastructure, in combination with other sources.

Comments:

Our organisation strongly supports the reinstatement of development contributions in the region.

Draft Development Contributions Policy

Do you wish to speak to the Development Contributions Policy at a hearing? **No**

What activities do you think development contributions should be collected for as a source of funding growth infrastructure?

Roading

Water supply

Wastewater treatment

Stormwater

Community infrastructure such as parks, sportsfields, activity centres, playgrounds and more.

Comments:

Which approach do you think should be used?

District-wide contributions for roading and community infrastructure. Scheme-by-scheme contributions for the three waters. Growth areas pay for major expenses related to them.

Comments on Catchments:

Do you agree with this approach? **Yes**

Comments on Time of payment:

Do you agree with the proposed scope for reducing development contributions? **No**

Comments on Reductions:

Topic 3 - Changes to the Land Transport Targeted Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option: **Option 1: Remove Differential - All ratepayers pay the Land Transport Targeted Rate based on capital value.**

Comments:

Topic Four - Changes to the General Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option: **Option 1: Creating a Farming differential - Differential that only applies to Farming properties with a differential factor of 0.5 (Farming) to 1 (District Wide)**

Comments:

Draft Revenue and Financing Policy

Do you have any other comments about the draft Revenue and Financing Policy? **No**

If yes, please provide comments:

Draft Rates Remission Policy

Do you have any comments or suggested changes on the Rates Remission Policy?

Financial Strategy

Have we got the balance right between rates increases and debt levels? **No**

Comments:

Council needs to consider spreading the infrastructure costs over the full 20 years

Community Outcomes

Do you think the proposed Community Outcomes reflect the aspirations of the Horowhenua community? **No**

Are we missing something, or focusing on something we shouldn't be?

Council needs to stick to core functions and cut out the nice to haves - people are really struggling to make ends meet due to rising farming and housing costs and rates are making it worse.

Additional Comments

Please identify any additional comments you have on what is proposed as part of Council's Draft Long Term Plan 2021-2041.

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Did you provide feedback as part of pre-engagement on the Long Term Plan? **No**

Hearing of Submissions

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If yes, please specify below:

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Do you require a translator? **No**

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Topic One - Foxton Pool

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Indoor and Outdoor Leisure Pool

Comments:

I think option 1 would be awesome. I would definitely take my son swimming more often.

Option 1 I think would make the pools to be used more often due to it not being seasonal like it is now

Topic Two - Infrastructure Funding: Development Contributions

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

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Comments:

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Comments on Catchments:

Do you agree with this approach? **Yes**

Comments on Time of payment:

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Comments on Reductions:

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Do you agree with this approach? **Yes**

Comments on Time of payment: **Policy needs to be clear about the amounts to be charged if it crosses a fee change timeframe.**

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Did you provide feedback as part of pre-engagement on the Long Term Plan?

Yes No

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Yes No

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Great to have the pool available all year.

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Development contributions mean developers are paying a % of the costs which is appropriate as they will be reaping the profits later.

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These 3 activities are important to the development of land or ensuring appropriate environmental protection in terms of water treatment + stormwater. Paying for new rooding makes sense.

The wider community can cover community infrastructure costs.

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A staggered approach could work but developers must pay some costs up front. They could be invoiced in stages.

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But only if point a+b are truly met. Affordable housing is important but general development needs to be paid for in full.

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Have we got the balance right between rates increases and debt levels?

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Carrying such a large amount of debt seems to be putting the problem in the hands of the next generation. Ensuring developers (unless as outlined in the reductions comments) pay a substantial contributions should enable the council to carry less debt + manage growth.

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I can't seem much acknowledgement of the need to protect our natural ecosystems - eg fix up the lake! also localised public transport options from Levin out to the beach communities need support too.

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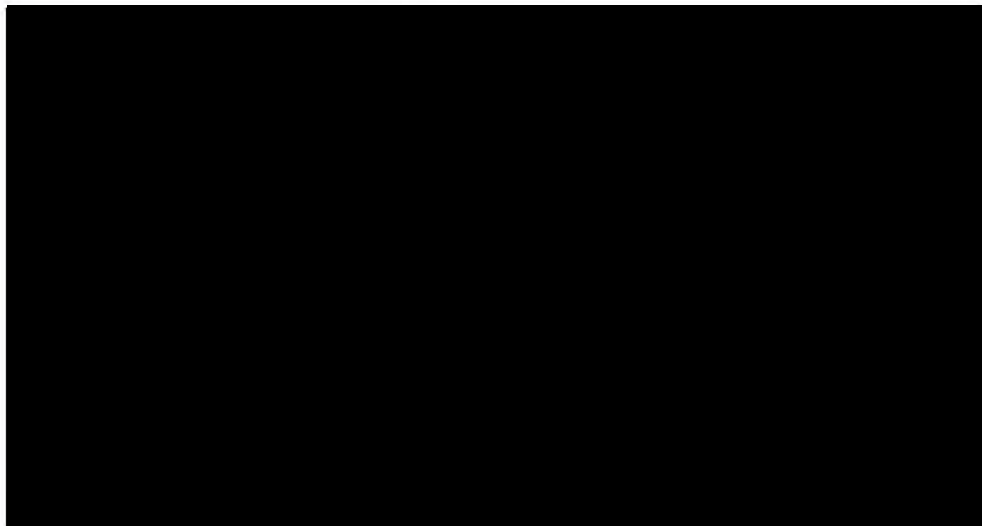
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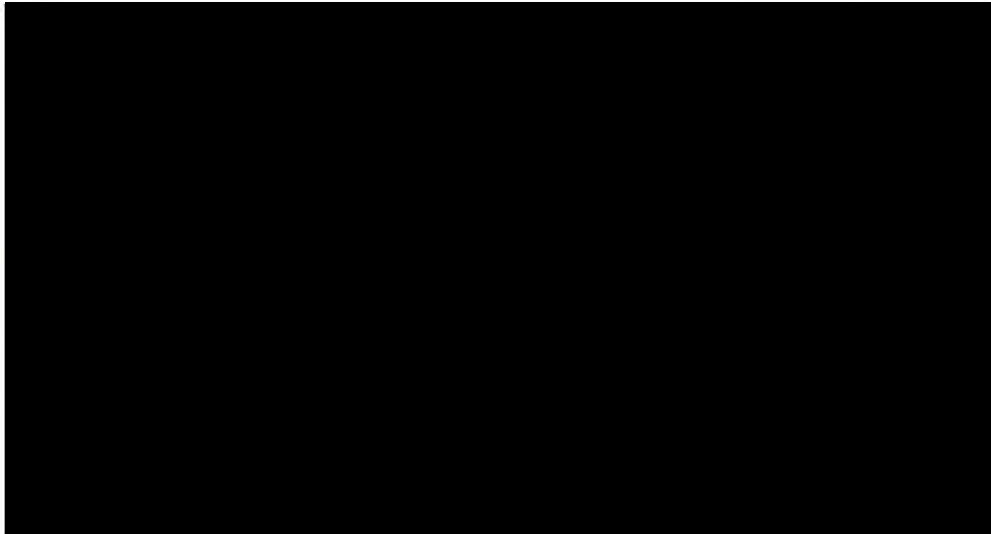
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Do you think the proposed Community Outcomes reflect the aspirations of the Horowhenua community?

Yes No

Are we missing something, or focusing on something we shouldn't be?

I hardly think the aspirations are those of the local community but more that of politically inclined ideas and proponents.

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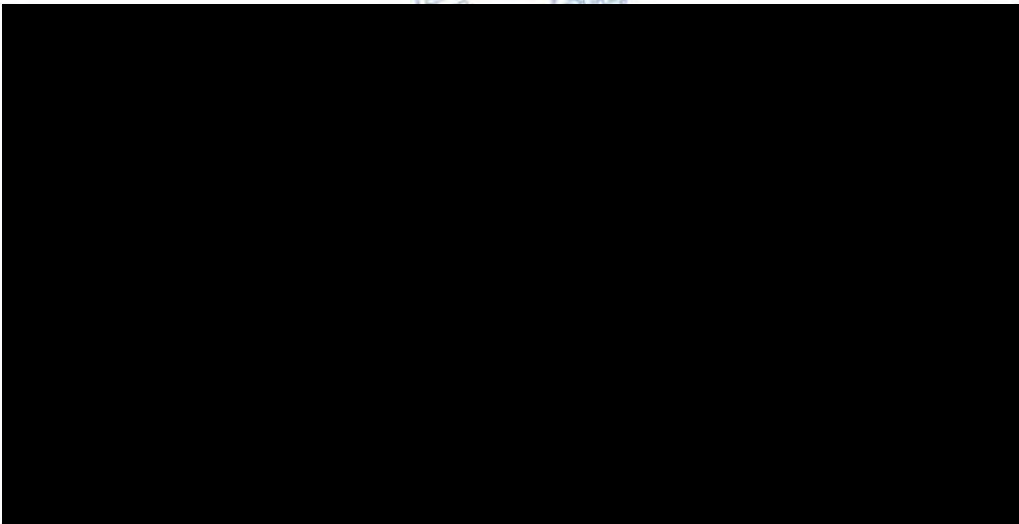
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Full Name: Dave Rix

Name of Organisation:



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Draft Development Contributions Policy

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Do you wish to speak to the Development Contributions Policy at a hearing?

- Yes No

Activities

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- Harmonisation: all required contributions are the same across the district.
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Growth areas should bear the initial major expenses, but should then move towards harmonisation.

Time of payment

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Do you agree with this approach?

Yes No

Reductions

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Do you agree with the proposed scope for reducing development contributions?

Yes No

Topic Three

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Tick below to identify your preferred option

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Draft Revenue and Financing Policy

Topics Three and Four propose changes to the draft Revenue and Financing Policy.

Do you have any other comments about the draft Revenue and Financing Policy?

Yes No

Financial Strategy

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Have we got the balance right between rates increases and debt levels?

Yes No

if you adhere to these targets then you may be on the right track - but it is a big IF

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Yes No

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Did you provide feedback as part of pre-engagement on the Long Term Plan?

Yes No

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my preference

Topic Two

Infrastructure Funding: Development Contributions

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We strongly disagree with the stance of previous Councils that stopped development contributions as a key part of infrastructure expense.

Draft Development Contributions Policy

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Do you wish to speak to the Development Contributions Policy at a hearing?

No

- Yes No

Activities

What activities do you think development contributions should be collected for as a source of funding growth infrastructure?

- Rooding
- Water supply
- Wastewater treatment
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Catchments

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Time of payment

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Do you agree with this approach?

Yes No

No

Development contributions should be paid upfront - no delay.

Reductions

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Do you agree with the proposed scope for reducing development contributions?

Yes No

No

Topic Three

Changes to the Land Transport Targeted Rate

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Benefit more directly from the available services.

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Retains net debt limit at 195%

Have we got the balance right between rates increases and debt levels?

Yes No

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The outcomes are Vibrant Economy, Outstanding Environment, Fit for purpose Infrastructure, Partnership with ~~Tangata Whenua~~ ^{ALL} and Strong Communities.

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Most definitely developers should contribute to ongoing infrastructure upgrade.

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- Yes No

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Have we got the balance right between rates increases and debt levels?

Yes No

I do not agree with lifting the net debt limit. Do so just adds financial pressures for future councils.

We all need to live within our budget constraints.

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Did you provide feedback as part of pre-engagement on the Long Term Plan? **Yes**

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Topic One - Foxton Pool

Tick below to identify your preferred option: **Option 1: Indoor and Outdoor Leisure Pool**

Comments:

With Horowhenua population doubling within 20 years, & Foxton & Beach accommodating up to 2000 extra dwellings & huge visitor increases, only Option 1 makes sense. Experience and research shows that providing 'full aquatic experience' draws paying users, especially family users. Within 5-10 years a lesser option will look inadequate, irresponsible & shortsighted. Please avoid a further mis-use of ratepayer funds with this facility. Add more parking. PRESENTING SUGGESTION: Invite submitters supporting Foxton Pool Option 1 at one time, with 2 or 3 speakers to represent all submitters.

Topic Two - Infrastructure Funding: Development Contributions

Tick below to identify your preferred option: **Option 1: Using development contributions as the key source of funding for growth infrastructure, in combination with other sources.**

Comments:

Development contributions make sense at times of high demand & high growth, especially for an income-poor and wealth-poor district which new people want in to.

Draft Development Contributions Policy

Do you wish to speak to the Development Contributions Policy at a hearing? **No**

What activities do you think development contributions should be collected for as a source of funding growth infrastructure?

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Comments:

ADD infrastructure for CCTV coverage ((contributing to community safety)).

Which approach do you think should be used?

District-wide contributions for roading and community infrastructure. Scheme-by-scheme contributions for the three waters. Growth areas pay for major expenses related to them.

Comments on Catchments:

Nil

Do you agree with this approach?

Yes

Comments on Time of payment:

Nil

Do you agree with the proposed scope for reducing development contributions?

Yes

Comments on Reductions:

Nil

Topic 3 - Changes to the Land Transport Targeted Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Comments:

No opinion

Topic Four - Changes to the General Rate

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Comments:

Nil

Draft Revenue and Financing Policy

Do you have any other comments about the draft Revenue and Financing Policy?

No

If yes, please provide comments:

Draft Rates Remission Policy

Do you have any comments or suggested changes on the Rates Remission Policy?

No comments

Financial Strategy

Have we got the balance right between rates increases and debt levels?

Yes

Comments:

Nil

Community Outcomes

Do you think the proposed Community Outcomes reflect the aspirations of the Horowhenua community?

Yes

Are we missing something, or focusing on something we shouldn't be? **No comments**

Additional Comments

Please identify any additional comments you have on what is proposed as part of Council's Draft Long Term Plan 2021-2041.

No comments

Attach any other comments:

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Contact Details

Please tick this box if you want to keep your contact details private

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Name of Organisation:

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Do you require a translator?

No

If yes, please specify translation details below:

Topic One - Foxton Pool

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 5: Permanently Close Facility

Comments:

At this stage we need to focus on keeping rates down. Cheap rates is a draw card for this region and current residents are struggling. In the future we can reassess a new pool and other recreation facilities. After we have more rate payers.

Topic Two - Infrastructure Funding: Development Contributions

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Using development contributions as the key source of funding for growth infrastructure, in combination with other sources.

Comments:

I can't understand why there are no development contributions. I'm sure the council has a reason but we need developers to pay. Why should us rate payers?

Draft Development Contributions Policy

Do you wish to speak to the Development Contributions Policy at a hearing? **No**

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**Roading
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Comments:

Which approach do you think should be used?

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Comments on Catchments:

Do you agree with this approach?

Yes

Comments on Time of payment:

I think this is reasonable. We want to encourage developers. Also its fairer on them. If historically this has worked in other parts of New Zealand I don't see why we shouldn't do it here. As long as they pay.

Do you agree with the proposed scope for reducing development contributions?

No

Comments on Reductions:

Topic 3 - Changes to the Land Transport Targeted Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 2: Status Quo - Differential where businesses pay 35% of the Land Transport Targeted Rate and District Wide properties pay 65%.

Comments:

Topic Four - Changes to the General Rate

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Comments:

Honestly I have no opinion on this based on my lack of understanding of the subject.

Draft Revenue and Financing Policy

Do you have any other comments about the draft Revenue and Financing Policy?

No

If yes, please provide comments:

Draft Rates Remission Policy

Do you have any comments or suggested changes on the Rates Remission Policy?

We need to get rid of it. No rates remission for anyone. Everyone should pay no matter who they are.

Financial Strategy

Have we got the balance right between rates increases and debt levels?

No

Comments:

I don't think this is the time to be building new facilities. Its also not the time for any unnecessary infrastructure. How about we put a hold on everything unnecessary until our population increases significantly?

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Yes

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Additional Comments

Please identify any additional comments you have on what is proposed as part of Council's Draft Long Term Plan 2021-2041.

Attach any other comments:



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Yes No

The principles proposed are not tight enough. What one person may find "significant", another may not.

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Resource Consent Applications
 - funding source should be 100% Private Benefit.
 Building Consents - should be

100% funded by Private Benefit
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Have we got the balance right between rates increases and debt levels?

Yes No

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MORE control of TRIVOLOUS AND UNNECESSARY SPENDING
 Tighter Planning AND Control of SPENDING on Council Projects - RATE PAYERS ARE NOT A CASH Cow AND HAVE Bottomless BANK Accounts - MANY RETIREES in THIS District.

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Comments:

**Keeping costs reasonable to ratepayers but still providing a suitable facility for citizens.
Allowances should be made for future development.**

Topic Two - Infrastructure Funding: Development Contributions

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

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Comments:

Fully support development contributions to provide funding for the infrastructure required for anticipated growth within the district.

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Comments:

Development contributions to be used to expand all of the listed infrastructure which is required to the existing infrastructure as a result of community growth.

We do not wish to see any targeted rates as a result of proposed development at Waitarere Beach.

Which approach do you think should be used?

Harmonisation: all required contributions are the same across the district.

Comments on Catchments:

Council has adopted a satisfactory policy of harmonisation to other services.

Do you agree with this approach?

No

Comments on Time of payment:

We believe that appropriate time for the generation of invoices to developers is at the time of application for the issue of title.

Where no new title is to be issued, invoices would become payable at the time of application for building consents.

Do you agree with the proposed scope for reducing development contributions?

No

Comments on Reductions:

We believe that the provision for significant public benefit is reflected in the sale price of the new property developed.

Topic 3 - Changes to the Land Transport Targeted Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 2: Status Quo - Differential where businesses pay 35% of the Land Transport Targeted Rate and District Wide properties pay 65%.

Comments:

Topic Four - Changes to the General Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Creating a Farming differential - Differential that only applies to Farming properties with a differential factor of 0.5 (Farming) to 1 (District Wide)

Comments:

Draft Revenue and Financing Policy

Do you have any other comments about the draft Revenue and Financing Policy?

No

If yes, please provide comments:

Draft Rates Remission Policy

Do you have any comments or suggested changes on the Rates Remission Policy?

Financial Strategy

Have we got the balance right between rates increases and debt levels? **No**

Comments:

We wish to see the policy around debt lowered considerably.

Rational: -

- 1. Due to the uncertainty of the Tara Ika meeting projected targets (outlined in LTP)**
- 2. Buffer to allow for unseen circumstances that may arise as a result of this project**
- 3. Look at reducing costing of unnecessary expenditure**

Overall budgeting within the LTP does not appear to be well detailed. There are many items that are perhaps "wish list" as opposed to necessary requirements.

Community Outcomes

Do you think the proposed Community Outcomes reflect the aspirations of the Horowhenua community? **Yes**

Are we missing something, or focusing on something we shouldn't be?

- **Vibrant Economy – YES as it's progressive and represents the aim our Association.**
- **Outstanding Environment – YES as we're coastal with natural features to protect.**
- **Fit for purpose Infrastructure – YES as we're anticipating much housing development in our area including climate change issues.**
- **Partnership with Tangata Whenua – YES as such partnerships encourage community respect, tolerance and unity over important issues and their outcomes.**
- **Strong Communities – YES as it's common sense and essential to all who live here. Provides sense of security, inclusiveness and participation, being all joined, healthy wellbeing and promotion of culture.**

Additional Comments

Please identify any additional comments you have on what is proposed as part of Council's Draft Long Term Plan 2021-2041.

Our organisation fully supports the Levin-Waitarere Surf Life Saving Club's (LWSLC) submission to bring forward the budgeted funds for the replacement of their existing club rooms.

This involves making funds available within this financial year for the concept development and the construction funds being available within the following financial year.

This requires bringing forward these budgeted funds one year.

The LWSLC is an important part of our beach community and the existing facilities are well beyond being fit for purpose.

We believe that the sooner new facilities are made available the more our beach and surrounding communities will benefit.

Attach any other comments:

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Did you provide feedback as part of pre-engagement on the Long Term Plan? **No**

Hearing of Submissions

Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a Hearing? **No**

If yes, please specify below:

Do you require a sign language interpreter? **No**

Do you require a translator?

No

If yes, please specify translation details below:

Topic One - Foxton Pool

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 2: Basic All-year pool

Comments:

Topic Two - Infrastructure Funding: Development Contributions

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Using development contributions as the key source of funding for growth infrastructure, in combination with other sources.

Comments:

Draft Development Contributions Policy

Do you wish to speak to the Development Contributions Policy at a hearing? **No**

What activities do you think development contributions should be collected for as a source of funding growth infrastructure?

Roading

Water supply

Wastewater treatment

Stormwater

Community infrastructure such as parks, sportsfields, activity centres, playgrounds and more.

Comments:

Which approach do you think should be used?

Comments on Catchments:

Do you agree with this approach?

No

Comments on Time of payment:

Do you agree with the proposed scope for reducing development contributions?

Comments on Reductions:

Topic 3 - Changes to the Land Transport Targeted Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Comments:

Topic Four - Changes to the General Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Comments:

Draft Revenue and Financing Policy

Do you have any other comments about the draft Revenue and Financing Policy?

If yes, please provide comments:

Draft Rates Remission Policy

Do you have any comments or suggested changes on the Rates Remission Policy?

Financial Strategy

Have we got the balance right between rates increases and debt levels?

Comments:

Community Outcomes

Do you think the proposed Community Outcomes reflect the aspirations of the Horowhenua community?

Are we missing something, or focusing on something we shouldn't be?

Additional Comments

Please identify any additional comments you have on what is proposed as part of Council's Draft Long Term Plan 2021-2041.

Attach any other comments:

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Submission date: **17 April 2021, 9:02PM**
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Did you provide feedback as part of pre-engagement on the Long Term Plan? **Yes**

Hearing of Submissions

Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a Hearing? **No**

If yes, please specify below:

Do you require a sign language interpreter? **No**

Do you require a translator? **No**

If yes, please specify translation details below:

Topic One - Foxtton Pool

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Indoor and Outdoor Leisure Pool

Comments:

I travel to places with splash pads for my child , if it was closer, I feel like people would travel to go to a splash pad in Foxtton. Also a swimming pool that caters to everyone will be used more often. It would be great for people in Foxtton that do not have the option of traveling.

Topic Two - Infrastructure Funding: Development Contributions

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 2: Not using development contributions for funding growth infrastructure, and increasing rates instead.

Comments:

Draft Development Contributions Policy

Do you wish to speak to the Development Contributions Policy at a hearing? **No**

What activities do you think development contributions should be collected for as a source of funding growth infrastructure?

Water supply
Wastewater treatment
Community infrastructure such as parks, sportsfields, activity centres, playgrounds and more.

Comments:

Which approach do you think should be used?

District-wide contributions for roading and community infrastructure. Scheme-by-scheme contributions for the three waters. Growth areas pay for major expenses related to them.

Comments on Catchments:

Do you agree with this approach? **Yes**

Comments on Time of payment:

Do you agree with the proposed scope for reducing development contributions? **No**

Comments on Reductions:

Topic 3 - Changes to the Land Transport Targeted Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option: **Option 1: Remove Differential - All ratepayers pay the Land Transport Targeted Rate based on capital value.**

Comments:

Topic Four - Changes to the General Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option: **Option 2: Status Quo - Rural properties (including all business in the rural zone) pay 25% of the General Rate rates income, District wide pay 75% of the General Rates rates income.**

Comments:

Draft Revenue and Financing Policy

Do you have any other comments about the draft Revenue and Financing Policy? **No**

If yes, please provide comments:

Draft Rates Remission Policy

Do you have any comments or suggested changes on the Rates Remission Policy?

Financial Strategy

Have we got the balance right between rates increases and debt levels? **Yes**

Comments:

Community Outcomes

Do you think the proposed Community Outcomes reflect the aspirations of the Horowhenua community? **Yes**

Are we missing something, or focusing on something we shouldn't be?

Additional Comments

Please identify any additional comments you have on what is proposed as part of Council's Draft Long Term Plan 2021-2041.

Attach any other comments:

Long Term Plan 2021-2041 - Submission Form



Submission date: **17 April 2021, 8:31PM**
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Did you provide feedback as part of pre-engagement on the Long Term Plan? **No**

Hearing of Submissions

Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a Hearing? **No**

If yes, please specify below:

Do you require a sign language interpreter? **No**

Do you require a translator? **No**

If yes, please specify translation details below:

Topic One - Foxton Pool

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Indoor and Outdoor Leisure Pool

Comments:

This is the only option that really makes sense for a community that is growing very fast. I swim in Palmerston North because I can use the gym and the pool, and I can do it before or after work. This is a much needed community resource. It is not something we should take the cheap option for, because this is investing in our well-being, and the well-being and connectedness of our community.

Topic Two - Infrastructure Funding: Development Contributions

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Comments:

Draft Development Contributions Policy

Do you wish to speak to the Development Contributions Policy at a hearing? **No**

What activities do you think development contributions should be collected for as a source of funding growth infrastructure?

**Roading
Water supply
Wastewater treatment
Stormwater**

Comments:

Which approach do you think should be used?

District-wide contributions for roading and community infrastructure. Scheme-by-scheme contributions for the three waters. Growth areas pay for major expenses related to them.

Comments on Catchments:

Do you agree with this approach?

Yes

Comments on Time of payment:

Do you agree with the proposed scope for reducing development contributions?

Comments on Reductions:

Topic 3 - Changes to the Land Transport Targeted Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 2: Status Quo - Differential where businesses pay 35% of the Land Transport Targeted Rate and District Wide properties pay 65%.

Comments:

Topic Four - Changes to the General Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Comments:

Draft Revenue and Financing Policy

Do you have any other comments about the draft Revenue and Financing Policy?

If yes, please provide comments:

Draft Rates Remission Policy

Do you have any comments or suggested changes on the Rates Remission Policy?

I would like to see religious communities taken out of the rates remission.

Financial Strategy

Have we got the balance right between rates increases **No**
and debt levels?

Comments:

Community Outcomes

Do you think the proposed Community Outcomes **Yes**
reflect the aspirations of the Horowhenua community?

Are we missing something, or focusing on something we
shouldn't be?

Additional Comments

Please identify any additional comments you have on
what is proposed as part of Council's Draft Long Term
Plan 2021-2041.

Attach any other comments:

Long Term Plan 2021-2041 - Submission Form



Submission date: **17 April 2021, 5:22PM**
Receipt number: **95**
Related form version: **2**

Contact Details

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Did you provide feedback as part of pre-engagement on **Yes** the Long Term Plan?

Hearing of Submissions

Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a **Yes** Hearing?

If yes, please specify below: **In person**

Do you require a sign language interpreter? **No**

Do you require a translator? **No**

If yes, please specify translation details below:

Topic One - Foxton Pool

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Comments:

I believe that residents and businesses within the general locality of Foxton and Foxton Beach should be regarded as responsible enough to form a local consensus on the future of their pool and their ability to pay for it without cross-subsidisation. Similarly, residents and businesses in and around Levin and should be held responsible for need and the costs of their local pool.

Cross-subsidies disguise transparency and distort demand and preferences.

Topic Two - Infrastructure Funding: Development Contributions

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Using development contributions as the key source of funding for growth infrastructure, in combination with other sources.

Comments:

My preference (as above) needs to be qualified. I am not comfortable with the last five words of Option 1. If it is intended to employ other funding sources, they should be identified, quantified and specifically 'consulted' upon.

Draft Development Contributions Policy

Do you wish to speak to the Development Contributions Policy at a hearing? **Yes**

What activities do you think development contributions should be collected for as a source of funding growth infrastructure?

Roading

Water supply

Wastewater treatment

Stormwater

Community infrastructure such as parks, sportsfields, activity centres, playgrounds and more.

Comments:

Which approach do you think should be used?

Other: Scheme by Scheme contributions for roading, community infrastructure and three waters. Growth areas pay for all expenses related to them. If any form of financial assistance is to be provided let it be confined to government grant recognising the existence of one or more 'social' imperative.

Comments on Catchments:

Do you agree with this approach?

No

Comments on Time of payment:

Council should not expose existing ratepayers and residents (who, as tenants, also attract liability for off-setting rates) to the added costs and risks by effectively underwriting growth development through pre-funding infrastructure provision but delaying demands for payment.

Do you agree with the proposed scope for reducing development contributions?

No

Comments on Reductions:

In the circumstances you describe, deserving applicants for such relief from a portion of development contributions, should make their appeal on 'social' grounds to the government of the day, or alternatively, seek additional capital from private investors.

Topic 3 - Changes to the Land Transport Targeted Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Remove Differential - All ratepayers pay the Land Transport Targeted Rate based on capital value.

Comments:

Topic Four - Changes to the General Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Comments:

I favour neither of these options.

Change of this nature should be considered only as part of a comprehensive, first principles review of the entire rating policies and the 'rating model' which determines the distribution of rating impact across the spectrum of activities and rating units.

I have submitted that such a review should proceed immediately.

Draft Revenue and Financing Policy

Do you have any other comments about the draft Revenue and Financing Policy?

No

If yes, please provide comments:

Draft Rates Remission Policy

Do you have any comments or suggested changes on the Rates Remission Policy?

It should provide for consideration of remission of all or part of a rates assessment on 'hardship; grounds.

Financial Strategy

Have we got the balance right between rates increases and debt levels?

No

Comments:

Your proposals are totally un-affordable for a majority of Horowhenua households.to

Community Outcomes

Do you think the proposed Community Outcomes reflect the aspirations of the Horowhenua community? **Yes**

Are we missing something, or focusing on something we shouldn't be? **What you are missing is that the majority of people within the district consider the outcome declarations to be hyperbole and demonstrably inconsistent with reality.**

Additional Comments

Please identify any additional comments you have on what is proposed as part of Council's Draft Long Term Plan 2021-2041.

Attach any other comments:

From: Ashley Huria
Sent: Monday, 19 April 2021 12:43 PM
To: Records Processing
Subject: FW: Additional Commentary for Appending to Questionnaire Response (submission N0. 271)
Attachments: 210415_LER-HDC(Submission_LTP2021-2041)affordability.docx

Can you please add this to Lew Rohloff Submisison #271

Ashley Huria

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From: Lew Rohloff [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 19 April 2021 12:01 PM
To: Ashley Huria <ashleych@horowhenua.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: Additional Commentary for Appending to Questionnaire Response (submission N0. 271)

Hello Ashley,

I now attach my written commentary to accompany the Questionnaire Response already in your possession.

Please acknowledge receipt and thank you for your help in this matter.

regards
Lew Rohloff

On 19/04/2021 9:15 am, Ashley Huria wrote:

Hi Lew,

Please see attached a copy of your submission as requested.

Regards,
Ashley

Ashley Huria

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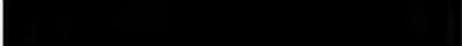



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15 April 2021

Submission

Horowhenua District Council
Draft Long Term Plan 2021-2041

Name: Lew Rohloff
Address: 
Telephone: 
Email: 

District Mayor and Councillors,

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this consultation exercise.

Submitter's Declaration of Interest

I am the 'owner/occupier' of a modest 1960 bungalow in the Playford Park area of Levin township. This has been my 'family' home continuously from 1982 to the present day.

- Born in Whanganui in 1937,
- Widower,
- Recipient of NZ Superannuation (single, living alone allowance),
- Small savings without independent income source, and
- Voluntary, Community Advocate

I am a life member of Grey Power New Zealand Federation. During a little more than the decade leading up to my retirement earlier this year I have been primarily responsible for advocacy related to maintaining New Zealand Superannuation. With regard to local matters I have submitted on Horowhenua Grey Power's behalf to successive Long Term and Annual Plan proposals, for more than twenty five years.

Hopefully, these brief comments will indicate my reasonably 'informed' understanding of local government, smaller district representation realities and, perhaps more importantly, my personal empathy with the real life experiences and vulnerable financial circumstances of so many of my peers, particularly those resident in Levin.

Therefore, it is for the dependent ageing people of our communities and younger low to middle income households of Levin, Foxton, Foxton Beach and other ‘urban’ communities that I offer my observations.

My issue with the Draft Long Term Plan is that it is fundamentally flawed being based on policies and assumptions that completely disregard the economic realities of Horowhenua, and, in particular, the seriously impoverished characteristics of the main population centres of Levin, Foxton and Foxton Beach.

Further, it does not conform to the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002, which in Section 14 (c) requires that in performing its role, a local authority must act in accordance with the following principles:

“when making a decision, a local authority should take account of—

- (i)
the diversity of the community, and the community’s interests, within its district or region; and**
- (ii)
the interests of future as well as current communities; and**
- (iii)
the likely impact of any decision on each aspect of well-being referred to in [section 10](#).”**

and for further clarity, Section 10 of the Act states:

**“(1)
The purpose of local government is—**

- (a)
to enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities; and**
- (b)
to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future.”**

The fundamental flaws I detect in the Draft Long Term Plan are particularly relevant in the ‘Benchmarks Disclosure Statement’ and accompanying column charts included in the ‘Financial Statements’ section (pages 45-47)¹ of the LTP’s ‘supporting information’ viewable by reference to Council’s website.

The purpose of this statement purports to assure readers that Council’s proposed revenue from rating meets ‘**prudently managed**’ affordability benchmarks which are stated to be a ‘**quantified limit**’ on rates increases. The way in which this statement is graphically presented misleads viewers into accepting that both total proposed rate revenue and incremental annual percentage increases are ‘**affordable**’.

As is evident in Appendix No. 1 attached:

- the first chart has no legend; we need to guess the nature of the data columns,
- The second chart has a legend suggesting three data elements but only two are depicted, and most importantly,

¹ **Benchmark Disclosure Statement (rates Affordability)** see Appendix No. 1.

- the ‘quantified limit’ in the Disclosure Statement at the head of the page is completely irrelevant to the question of affordability. Affordability, and/or the complete lack of same can be determined only by assessing the impact of rating demands on the variable incomes of householders and businesses.

This Disclosure Statement does not meet its legislated requirement. It certainly conveys the opposite of ‘prudently managing revenues, expenses, liabilities and general financial dealings.’ The proposed Long Term Plan cannot be afforded by the greater majority of the householders of Horowhenua District!

I submit that the Draft Long Term Plan is unaffordable for at least 50% of the households of the district.

Horowhenua’s unfavourable Economic Indicators

On the following pages I have tabled/charted a number of relevant statistics:

- Median Household Incomes (Horowhenua vs Neighbouring TA’s)
- Distribution of Household Incomes(Horowhenua 2018 Census)
- Median Personal Incomes (Horowhenua’s ‘small areas’)
- NZ Deprivation Index 2018 (Horowhenua ‘small areas’)
- Proposed Rate Revenues 2021-2041 (derived from HDC Supporting Information)

Table No. 1

Median Household Incomes 2008 - 2019
Horowhenua District compared with neighbouring Territorial Authorities
 (\$)

Year	New Zealand	Horowhenua	Kapiti Coast	Palmerston North	Tararua	Manawatu	Rangitikei
2019	92,000	62,900	75,300	88,600	70,400	90,200	73,300
2018	89,000	55,000	73,400	82,200	66,700	81,100	68,400
2017	82,300	50,600	70,800	75,500	61,300	74,500	62,800
2016	80,900	50,700	65,400	75,700	61,400	74,700	63,000
2015	74,300	42,800	58,300	63,900	51,800	63,000	53,200
2014	71,800	46,600	61,400	69,700	56,500	68,700	58,000
2013	69,100	44,300	56,200	66,000	53,600	65,100	55,000
2012	66,100	44,000	53,200	65,300	53,400	64,200	54,400
2011	64,900	42,500	51,900	62,900	51,800	61,700	52,400
2010	62,700	43,600	50,600	64,400	53,400	63,000	53,700
2009	62,800	43,900	48,700	64,600	54,000	63,100	54,000
2008	62,300	43,000	50,600	63,000	52,900	61,300	52,700

Source: Ministry for Business, Innovation and Enterprise ‘Regional Economic Indicators’

This data clearly demonstrates the entrenched ‘inferior’ performance of Horowhenua when compared with the apparent ‘economic’ wellbeing of neighbouring territorial authorities.

Table No. 2

Distribution of Household Incomes within Horowhenua

(source: MBIE Regional Economic Indicators)

Up to 20,000	20,001-30,000	30,001-50,000	50,001-70,000	70,001-100,000	100,001 or more	Not Stated
12.2%	15.9%	20.5%	14.2%	13.5%	17.5%	6.3%

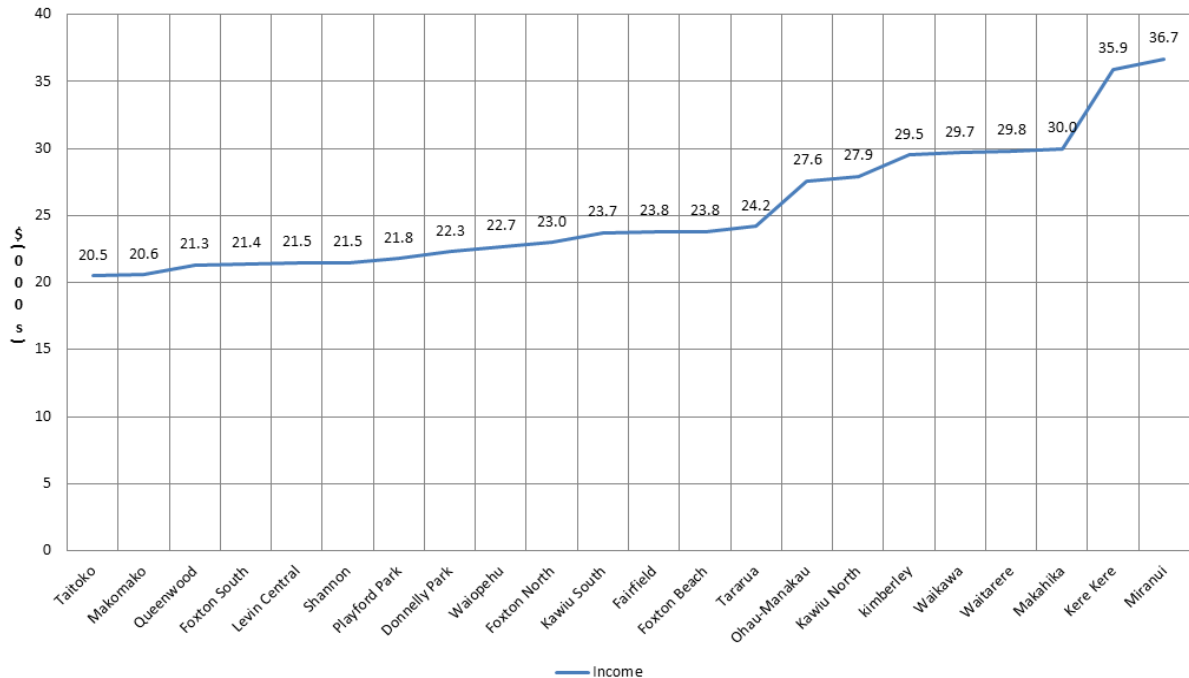
The intended 2021-2022 ‘rating impact’ on a typical, modest family home (1960’s vintage) in Horowhenua, of HDC’s and Horizons, Draft Long Term Plans; amounts to no less than \$3,000 per annum.

The accepted ‘un-affordable’ threshold (5% of household income) is therefore breached where household income is \$60,000 or less, per annum. This ‘income distribution’ data indicates that ‘affordability’ is a serious issue for more than 50% of all Horowhenua households.

Chart No. 1

Median Personal Incomes within Horowhenua

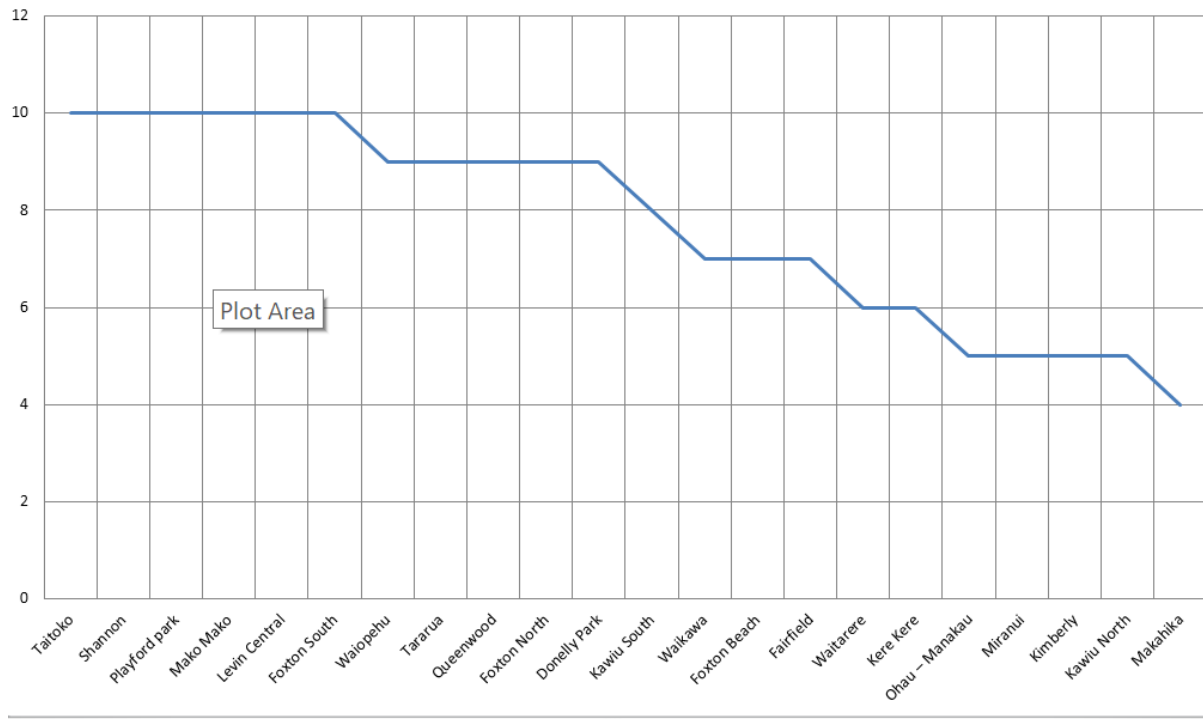
(Source: NZ Census 2018)



This data seriously challenges Council’s policy of entrenchment within its rating model, of patronage of rural property at the expense of increasing rating revenue from urban property. Urban householders are inappropriately encumbered so as to subsidise rural communities and businesses which manifestly seem ‘better able’ to afford the cost of local government.

Chart No. 2

Deprivation Index 2018
(Horowhenua)



The data depicted in Chart No. 2 provides a shameful commentary on the long-term economic management of Horowhenua and, clearly identifies urban householders as the undeserving victims of such mismanagement. The 2018 Census results are not an isolated aberration. While the identification of the ‘small area’ communities does not directly correlate to earlier Census reporting, the trend since the 1989 amalgamation of Levin Borough into the Horowhenua District has been one of incremental impoverishment.

Chart No. 3

Proposed Rate Revenues 2021-2041
(derived from HDC Supporting Information)

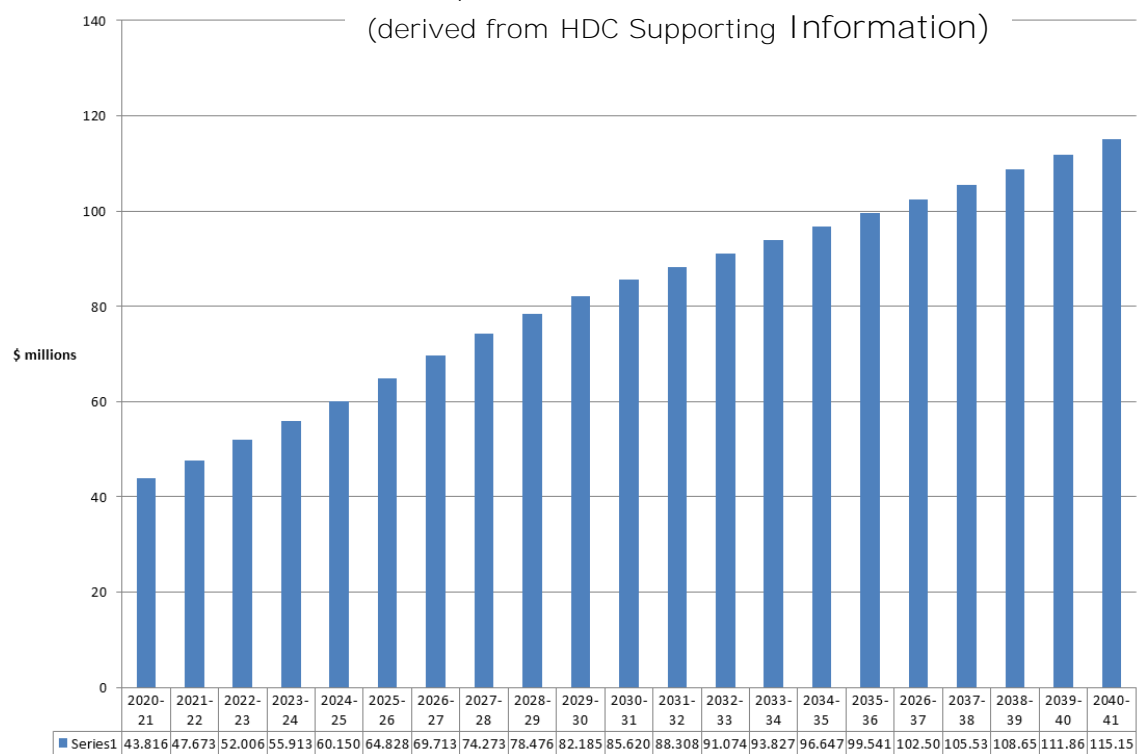


Chart No. 3 is offered for direct comparison with the misleading depiction on page no. 35 of the Consultation Document which suggests to the casual reader that after a period of high rating during the 6 years to 2026-2027 rates begin to decrease to then stabilise at less than a nominal 2% per year.

But, in fact, reference to the detailed financial statements in the LTP's Supporting Information, total rating in monetary terms is projected to increase each year from \$43.86 million in the base year 2020-2021 to \$115.15 million in year 2040-2041.

Further, within both the Consultation Document and Supporting Information, Council asserts that residential ratepayers will derive benefits from growth which will not be shared by rural ratepayers.

I cannot trace any evidence of this!

Indeed, the opposite conclusion might be drawn from determining the average rate per household for 2020-21 (\$2,639) with an extrapolated, inflation corrected (2.0% per annum, cumulative), average rate per household of (\$3,921) for year 2040-2041.

As will be seen from Chart No. 3 and the projected number of households for 2040-2041 (27,815) depicted on page no.14 of the Consultation Document; the average rate per household will be significantly higher at a projected \$4,140. By this measurement growth does not deliver direct benefit to ratepayers.

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The time is way overdue for a 'first principles' review of the policies and structure of the Horowhenua 'rating impact' model with a view to reversing the impoverishment of the Levin 'community of interest.' Notwithstanding the added impact of Covid 19 this review is clearly warranted on the evidence related to pre-Covid influences.

About this time last year Council adopted an extra-ordinary provision of reducing 2020-2021 revenue requirements to 98% Of total 2019-2020 rates revenue. I believe similar provision should be repeated because of the uncertainties of 2021-2022.

We still face a number of uncertainties arising from further possible economic shut-down and in addition to such risks, Government initiatives to remove 'Three Waters' services from direct territorial authority management and funding and, additionally to dedicate \$3.8 billion to infrastructural provision for housing construction which renders this iteration of Long Term Planning requirements rather academic and possibly fraught with risk. Only later this year will perhaps, the ongoing expectations of local authorities, be made clear by Government.

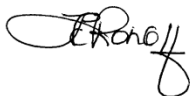
Horowhenua D C's apparent wish (from 1 July this year) being immediate "provision of key public infrastructure to accelerate the development of the Tara-Ika Growth Area" should now be postponed.

I further suggest that aside from facilitating the rezoning of the subject land, provision of the necessary infrastructure remains a matter solely for 'private developers partnered by Government to introduce a 'public housing' component within the visualised 'diversity' ascribed to the spatial plan.

I note the Office of the Auditor General's 'Long Term Plan Bulletins' and their 'audit certificate' of the Consultation Document both draw elected representatives attention to the uncertainties I have mentioned. In the case of the auditor's 'Qualified Opinion' in relation to Tara-Ika Infrastructure, I believe there also exists a further argument to postpone Council's desire to accelerate 'provision of infrastructure.'

My Recommendations:

1. Proceed with the immediate reintroduction of Development Contributions as described in the Consultation Document as 'Topic Two, Option 1.' applicable to each of the 'five nominated Activities' and subject to the first stated form of 'Catchments' namely "District-wide contributions for roading and community infrastructure. Scheme-by-Scheme contribution for the three waters. Growth areas pay for major expenses related to them."
2. Suspend all other proposed policy changes pending the completion of a 'first principles' Rates Review so as to devise an 'affordable and sustainable rating model, prior to using same as the basis for Amending the Long Term Plan 2021-2041 in February 2022; with the funding of prioritised operations and capex expenditure during 2021-2022 confined to a similar limit as applied in 2020-2021 plus the proceeds arising from immediate collection of Development Contributions.



Lew Rohloff

Benchmarks Disclosure Statement

What is the purpose of this statement?

The purpose of this statement is to disclose the council's planned financial performance in relation to various benchmarks to enable the assessment of whether the council is prudently managing its revenues, expenses, assets, liabilities, and general financial dealings.

The council is required to include this statement in its long-term plan in accordance with the Local Government (Financial Reporting and Prudence) Regulations 2014 (the **regulations**). Refer to the regulations for more information, including definitions of some of the terms used in the statement.

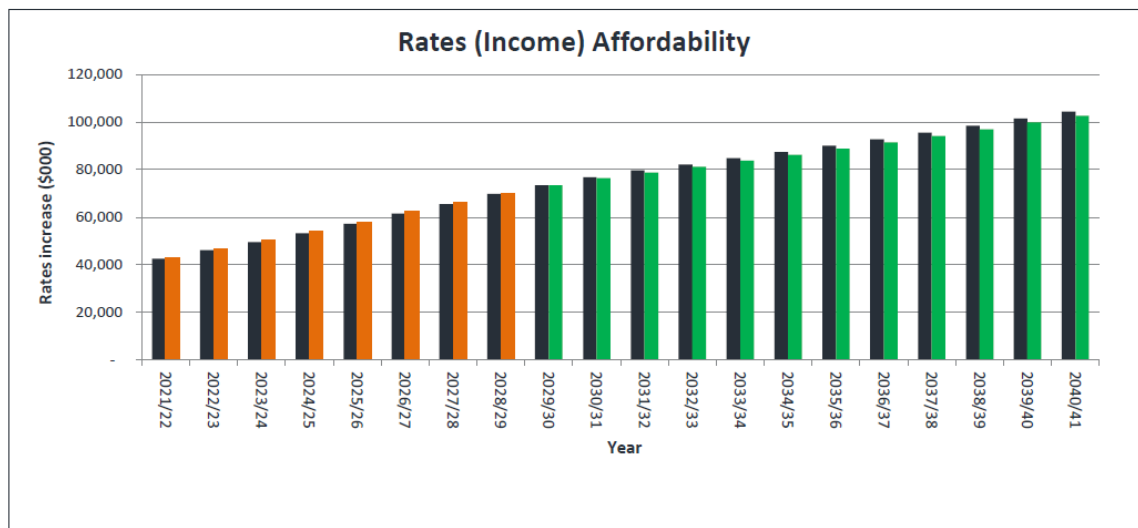
Rates affordability benchmark

The council meets the rates affordability benchmark if -

- its planned rates income equals or is less than each quantified limit on rates; and
- its planned rates increases equal or are less than each quantified limit on rates increases.

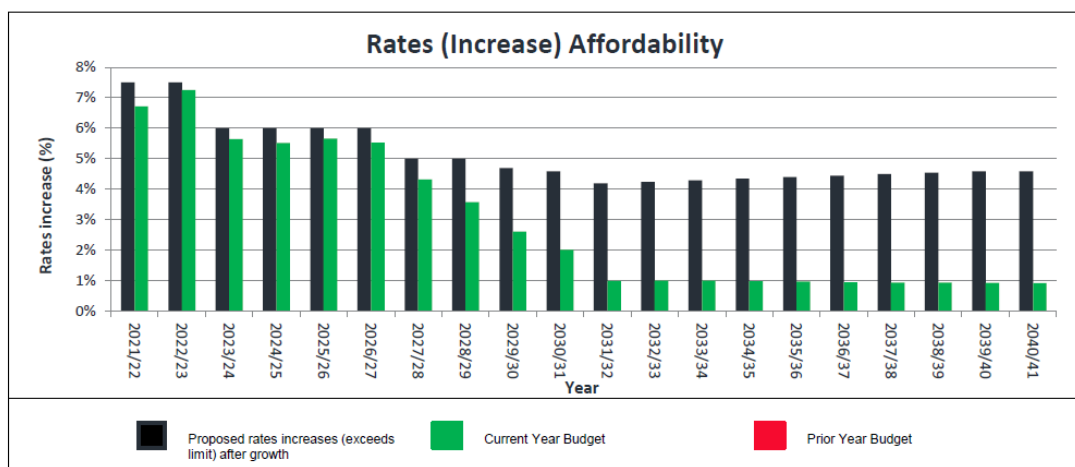
Rates (income) affordability

The following graph compares the council's planned rates with a quantified limit on rates contained the the financial strategy included in this long-term plan. The quantified limit is LGCI + 2%.



Rates (increases) affordability

The following graph compares the council's planned rates increases with a quantified limit on rates increases contained the the financial strategy included in this long-term plan. The quantified limit is LGCI + 2%.



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Did you provide feedback as part of pre-engagement on **No**
the Long Term Plan?

Hearing of Submissions

Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a **No**
Hearing?

If yes, please specify below:

Do you require a sign language interpreter? **No**

Do you require a translator? **No**

If yes, please specify translation details below:

Topic One - Foxton Pool

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Indoor and Outdoor Leisure Pool

Comments:

Topic Two - Infrastructure Funding: Development Contributions

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Using development contributions as the key source of funding for growth infrastructure, in combination with other sources.

Comments:

Draft Development Contributions Policy

Do you wish to speak to the Development Contributions Policy at a hearing? **No**

What activities do you think development contributions should be collected for as a source of funding growth infrastructure?

Water supply
Wastewater treatment
Stormwater

Comments:

Which approach do you think should be used?

District-wide contributions for roading and community infrastructure. Scheme-by-scheme contributions for the three waters. Growth areas pay for major expenses related to them.

Comments on Catchments:

Do you agree with this approach?

No

Comments on Time of payment:

Do you agree with the proposed scope for reducing development contributions?

No

Comments on Reductions:

Topic 3 - Changes to the Land Transport Targeted Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Comments:

Topic Four - Changes to the General Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Comments:

Draft Revenue and Financing Policy

Do you have any other comments about the draft Revenue and Financing Policy? **No**

If yes, please provide comments:

Draft Rates Remission Policy

Do you have any comments or suggested changes on the Rates Remission Policy?

Financial Strategy

Have we got the balance right between rates increases and debt levels?

Comments:

Community Outcomes

Do you think the proposed Community Outcomes reflect the aspirations of the Horowhenua community? **Yes**

Are we missing something, or focusing on something we shouldn't be?

Additional Comments

Please identify any additional comments you have on what is proposed as part of Council's Draft Long Term Plan 2021-2041.

Shannon Progressive Association Inc request HDC install front steps leading into the Shannon Railway Station Museum and Visitor Centre Inc in keeping with the original look of the building. We propose retaining the current ramp as well. We are willing to undertake this work ourselves with your approval.

Attach any other comments:

Long Term Plan 2021-2041 - Submission Form



Submission date: **17 April 2021, 1:40PM**

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Related form version: **2**

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Did you provide feedback as part of pre-engagement on the Long Term Plan? **No**

Hearing of Submissions

Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a Hearing? **Yes**

If yes, please specify below: **In person**

Do you require a sign language interpreter? **No**

Do you require a translator? **No**

If yes, please specify translation details below:

Topic One - Foxton Pool

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Indoor and Outdoor Leisure Pool

Comments:

The Foxton area is a growing community, first stop on the motorway in a few years and we are surrounded by water.

We need to teach our children to swim.

Have an unpolluted place to swim.

Protected place to swim.

Better facilities will be used to a bigger degree by the public.

Should include free swimming lessons

Topic Two - Infrastructure Funding: Development Contributions

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Using development contributions as the key source of funding for growth infrastructure, in combination with other sources.

Comments:

We have lost an estimated 81mil in development contribution funds over the years. Lets develop our community with them now.

Draft Development Contributions Policy

Do you wish to speak to the Development Contributions Policy at a hearing? **Yes**

What activities do you think development contributions should be collected for as a source of funding growth infrastructure?

Comments:

All of the above where needed. Why restrict the community development and why would you?

Which approach do you think should be used?

Comments on Catchments:

Again why restrict the community growth by putting obstacles in the way.

Do you agree with this approach?

No

Comments on Time of payment:

You pay to build up front therefore the payment is secure and not a risk. That is if the developer goes bust and cannot pay.

Do you agree with the proposed scope for reducing development contributions?

No

Comments on Reductions:

Why we have already lost approximately 81mil on contribution levies?

Topic 3 - Changes to the Land Transport Targeted Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Comments:

Topic Four - Changes to the General Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Comments:

Draft Revenue and Financing Policy

Do you have any other comments about the draft Revenue and Financing Policy?

No

If yes, please provide comments:

Draft Rates Remission Policy

Do you have any comments or suggested changes on the Rates Remission Policy?

Financial Strategy

Have we got the balance right between rates increases and debt levels? **No**

Comments:

I would like to see debt reduced

Community Outcomes

Do you think the proposed Community Outcomes reflect the aspirations of the Horowhenua community? **Yes**

Are we missing something, or focusing on something we shouldn't be? **To keep our environment clean. There is no mention of policies to manage pollution.**

Lake Horowhenua needs to be clean, water going into it needs to be pollution free.

POLLUTION POLICIES are not included anywhere.

Additional Comments

Please identify any additional comments you have on what is proposed as part of Council's Draft Long Term Plan 2021-2041.

Attach any other comments:

Long Term Plan 2021-2041 - Submission Form



Submission date: **16 April 2021, 7:50PM**
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Did you provide feedback as part of pre-engagement on the Long Term Plan? **No**

Hearing of Submissions

Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a Hearing? **No**

If yes, please specify below:

Do you require a sign language interpreter? **No**

Do you require a translator? **No**

If yes, please specify translation details below:

Topic One - Foxton Pool

Tick below to identify your preferred option: **Option 2: Basic All-year pool**

Comments:

Topic Two - Infrastructure Funding: Development Contributions

Tick below to identify your preferred option: **Option 1: Using development contributions as the key source of funding for growth infrastructure, in combination with other sources.**

Comments: **Development contributions should never have been stopped in the first place!**

Draft Development Contributions Policy

Do you wish to speak to the Development Contributions Policy at a hearing? **No**

What activities do you think development contributions should be collected for as a source of funding growth infrastructure?

Roading

Water supply

Wastewater treatment

Stormwater

Community infrastructure such as parks, sportsfields, activity centres, playgrounds and more.

Comments:

Development contributions should be paid by Developers/builders when they are building multiple houses for profit making purposes, otherwise HDC ratepayers are subsidising the Developers by hundreds of thousands of dollars (as has been the case in Levin) by paying for the Developers to connect their new builds to HDC existing infrastructure, existing infrastructure that rate payers paid for.

Which approach do you think should be used?

District-wide contributions for roading and community infrastructure. Scheme-by-scheme contributions for the three waters. Growth areas pay for major expenses related to them.

Comments on Catchments:

Do you agree with this approach?

Yes

Comments on Time of payment:

Do you agree with the proposed scope for reducing development contributions?

No

Comments on Reductions:

**If the development contribution is for an individual person/family, then YES.
If the development contribution is for a profit making property development/commercial/business operation then NO**

Topic 3 - Changes to the Land Transport Targeted Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 2: Status Quo - Differential where businesses pay 35% of the Land Transport Targeted Rate and District Wide properties pay 65%.

Comments:

Businesses create heavier use of the local roads through retail and farming.

The changes in property rating values are largely as a combined result of Transmission Gully inviting investors from Wellington to buy up properties in Levin as well as the current nation wide housing shortage.

The change in the capital value of ALL properties should not change the staus quo.

Topic Four - Changes to the General Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 2: Status Quo - Rural properties (including all business in the rural zone) pay 25% of the General Rate rates income, District wide pay 75% of the General Rates rates income.

Comments:

**Rural properties do not use many of the urban amenities, for example:-
streetlights
sewerage
water supply
footpaths**

Draft Revenue and Financing Policy

Do you have any other comments about the draft Revenue and Financing Policy?

No

If yes, please provide comments:

Draft Rates Remission Policy

Do you have any comments or suggested changes on the Rates Remission Policy?

no comment

Financial Strategy

Have we got the balance right between rates increases and debt levels?

Comments:

I'm not in favour of increasing general Council debt.

Community Outcomes

Do you think the proposed Community Outcomes reflect the aspirations of the Horowhenua community? **Yes**

Are we missing something, or focusing on something we shouldn't be? **Great aspirations, is there a plan in place to achieve these goals?**

Additional Comments

Please identify any additional comments you have on what is proposed as part of Council's Draft Long Term Plan 2021-2041.

Attach any other comments:

Long Term Plan 2021-2041 - Submission Form



Submission date: **16 April 2021, 7:26PM**

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Did you provide feedback as part of pre-engagement on the Long Term Plan? **No**

Hearing of Submissions

Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a Hearing? **No**

If yes, please specify below:

Do you require a sign language interpreter? **No**

Do you require a translator? **No**

If yes, please specify translation details below:

Topic One - Foxtan Pool

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 2: Basic All-year pool

Comments:

Topic Two - Infrastructure Funding: Development Contributions

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Using development contributions as the key source of funding for growth infrastructure, in combination with other sources.

Comments:

Draft Development Contributions Policy

Do you wish to speak to the Development Contributions Policy at a hearing? **No**

What activities do you think development contributions should be collected for as a source of funding growth infrastructure?

**Roading
Water supply
Wastewater treatment
Stormwater**

Comments:

Which approach do you think should be used?

District-wide contributions for roading and community infrastructure. Scheme-by-scheme contributions for the three waters. Growth areas pay for major expenses related to them.

Comments on Catchments:

Do you agree with this approach?

Yes

Comments on Time of payment:

Do you agree with the proposed scope for reducing development contributions? **No**

Comments on Reductions:

Topic 3 - Changes to the Land Transport Targeted Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Remove Differential - All ratepayers pay the Land Transport Targeted Rate based on capital value.

Comments:

Topic Four - Changes to the General Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 2: Status Quo - Rural properties (including all business in the rural zone) pay 25% of the General Rate rates income, District wide pay 75% of the General Rates rates income.

Comments:

Draft Revenue and Financing Policy

Do you have any other comments about the draft Revenue and Financing Policy? **No**

If yes, please provide comments:

Draft Rates Remission Policy

Do you have any comments or suggested changes on the Rates Remission Policy? **Some religious groups are run as a business should pay rates also rest homes should pay**

Financial Strategy

Have we got the balance right between rates increases and debt levels? **No**

Comments:

Reduce your spending on nice to haves splash pad should be no increase of rates due to Covid

Community Outcomes

Do you think the proposed Community Outcomes reflect the aspirations of the Horowhenua community? **Yes**

Are we missing something, or focusing on something we shouldn't be?

Additional Comments

Please identify any additional comments you have on what is proposed as part of Council's Draft Long Term Plan 2021-2041.

Attach any other comments:

Long Term Plan 2021-2041 - Submission Form



Submission date: **16 April 2021, 6:17PM**
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Did you provide feedback as part of pre-engagement on the Long Term Plan? **No**

Hearing of Submissions

Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a Hearing? **No**

If yes, please specify below:

Do you require a sign language interpreter? **No**

Do you require a translator? **No**

If yes, please specify translation details below:

Topic One - Foxton Pool

Tick below to identify your preferred option: **Option 3: Seasonal Outdoor Leisure Pool**

Comments:

Topic Two - Infrastructure Funding: Development Contributions

Tick below to identify your preferred option: **Option 2: Not using development contributions for funding growth infrastructure, and increasing rates instead.**

Comments:

Draft Development Contributions Policy

Do you wish to speak to the Development Contributions Policy at a hearing? **No**

What activities do you think development contributions should be collected for as a source of funding growth infrastructure? **Roading
Water supply
Wastewater treatment
Stormwater**

Comments:

Which approach do you think should be used? **District-wide contributions for roading and community infrastructure. Scheme-by-scheme contributions for the three waters. Growth areas pay for major expenses related to them.**

Comments on Catchments:

Do you agree with this approach? **Yes**

Comments on Time of payment:

Do you agree with the proposed scope for reducing development contributions? **Yes**

Comments on Reductions:

Topic 3 - Changes to the Land Transport Targeted Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Remove Differential - All ratepayers pay the Land Transport Targeted Rate based on capital value.

Comments:

Topic Four - Changes to the General Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 2: Status Quo - Rural properties (including all business in the rural zone) pay 25% of the General Rate rates income, District wide pay 75% of the General Rates rates income.

Comments:

Draft Revenue and Financing Policy

Do you have any other comments about the draft Revenue and Financing Policy? **No**

If yes, please provide comments:

Draft Rates Remission Policy

Do you have any comments or suggested changes on the Rates Remission Policy?

Financial Strategy

Have we got the balance right between rates increases **Yes**
and debt levels?

Comments:

Community Outcomes

Do you think the proposed Community Outcomes
reflect the aspirations of the Horowhenua community?

Are we missing something, or focusing on something we
shouldn't be?

Additional Comments

Please identify any additional comments you have on
what is proposed as part of Council's Draft Long Term
Plan 2021-2041.

Attach any other comments:

Long Term Plan 2021-2041 - Submission Form



Submission date: **18 April 2021, 2:47PM**
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Did you provide feedback as part of pre-engagement on the Long Term Plan? **No**

Hearing of Submissions

Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a Hearing? **No**

If yes, please specify below:

Do you require a sign language interpreter? **No**

Do you require a translator?

No

If yes, please specify translation details below:

Topic One - Foxton Pool

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Indoor and Outdoor Leisure Pool

Comments:

Topic Two - Infrastructure Funding: Development Contributions

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Using development contributions as the key source of funding for growth infrastructure, in combination with other sources.

Comments:

Draft Development Contributions Policy

Do you wish to speak to the Development Contributions Policy at a hearing? **No**

What activities do you think development contributions should be collected for as a source of funding growth infrastructure?

Roading

Water supply

Wastewater treatment

Stormwater

Community infrastructure such as parks, sportsfields, activity centres, playgrounds and more.

Comments:

Which approach do you think should be used?

District-wide contributions for roading and community infrastructure. Scheme-by-scheme contributions for the three waters. Growth areas pay for major expenses related to them.

Comments on Catchments:

Do you agree with this approach? **No**

Comments on Time of payment:

Do you agree with the proposed scope for reducing development contributions? **Yes**

Comments on Reductions:

Topic 3 - Changes to the Land Transport Targeted Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option: **Option 1: Remove Differential - All ratepayers pay the Land Transport Targeted Rate based on capital value.**

Comments:

Topic Four - Changes to the General Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option: **Option 1: Creating a Farming differential - Differential that only applies to Farming properties with a differential factor of 0.5 (Farming) to 1 (District Wide)**

Comments:

Draft Revenue and Financing Policy

Do you have any other comments about the draft Revenue and Financing Policy? **No**

If yes, please provide comments:

Draft Rates Remission Policy

Do you have any comments or suggested changes on the Rates Remission Policy? **Please make it fair for all others - I am happy with the statement, but when you hear wealthy people scamming the system its frustrating**

Financial Strategy

Have we got the balance right between rates increases **Yes**
and debt levels?

Comments:

Community Outcomes

Do you think the proposed Community Outcomes **Yes**
reflect the aspirations of the Horowhenua community?

Are we missing something, or focusing on something we
shouldn't be?

Additional Comments

Please identify any additional comments you have on
what is proposed as part of Council's Draft Long Term
Plan 2021-2041.

Attach any other comments:

Long Term Plan 2021-2041 - Submission Form



Submission date: **18 April 2021, 3:35PM**
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Related form version: **2**

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Did you provide feedback as part of pre-engagement on the Long Term Plan? **No**

Hearing of Submissions

Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a Hearing? **No**

If yes, please specify below:

Do you require a sign language interpreter? **No**

Do you require a translator? **No**

If yes, please specify translation details below:

Topic One - Foxton Pool

Tick below to identify your preferred option: **Option 1: Indoor and Outdoor Leisure Pool**

Comments:

Levin Pools are already full, and having a year-round indoor-outdoor pool will ensure that there is space for the overflow with population growth. It will also bring more people to Foxton in the long-term, as well as support Foxton and Shannon whānau, and help to cover increased staff costs of having it open. Option 1 is the best outcome for the district which future-proofs against need, including a larger infrastructure spend at Levin Pool in the future as the overflow can go to Foxton instead.

Also as a Shannon resident I am more likely to use the Foxton Pools than Levin.

I am happy to pay the higher rate impact.

If Option 1 is not possible then my next preferred option would be Option 2 followed by Option 3.

Topic Two - Infrastructure Funding: Development Contributions

Tick below to identify your preferred option: **Option 1: Using development contributions as the key source of funding for growth infrastructure, in combination with other sources.**

Comments:

Option 1 is a no-brainer. Discussing this with elders in the Shannon community elicits some anger and a very strong opinion that Option 1 is their preference. These are people who are otherwise extremely unlikely to make a submission to Council and are not connected digitally.

Reasoning: The property market is very high right now and developers *should* be bearing some of that cost because they are profiting immensely from their developments. It is not unreasonable to ask them to bear it, especially as the alternative is to push those costs onto ratepayers who will both not directly benefit from this development (i.e. receive huge profits per house) and also potentially be put into hardship with multi-year rates rises - particularly the 14% rates rise of Year 1 in Option 2.

I am pleased to see Council is taking up the option of the \$3.8bn infrastructure funding support to help with this too - nice work team.

I am support of Option 1 even though I am part of a team looking at ways of solving the housing crisis we are facing in Shannon, and that this will add to our costs if we do go ahead with a social housing project. Because Shannon infrastructure costs are already in place, we expect development contributions would be much lower though.

Given the growth in the district, it's possible that development contributions would be enough to create increased income for other projects too.

Do you wish to speak to the Development Contributions Policy at a hearing? **No**

What activities do you think development contributions should be collected for as a source of funding growth infrastructure?

Roading
Water supply
Wastewater treatment
Stormwater
Community infrastructure such as parks, sportsfields, activity centres, playgrounds and more.

Comments:

All should be collected as all are elements of cost which otherwise would be paid for by ratepayers.

Community infrastructure (such as green spaces) may be one area where developers might wish to create their own in lieu of council, but we should look carefully then at who would own them and land use requirements.

One thing that isn't mentioned elsewhere but I would like to draw your attention to is the recent report regarding use of arable land and that we are building over all of this to future detriment (Taraika being an example). I ask that Council when considering growth areas considers putting aside extra areas with clean fertile soil for community gardens and parks, because in the future there will be a lot more demand for the type of growing areas that are called allotments in the UK, and demand for home food production as consumption patterns shift towards organic and locally grown urban farms and small-scale agriculture production. So I ask these are balanced out. Thanks.

Which approach do you think should be used?

District-wide contributions for roading and community infrastructure. Scheme-by-scheme contributions for the three waters. Growth areas pay for major expenses related to them.

Comments on Catchments:

Do you agree with this approach?

Yes

Comments on Time of payment:

I agree with this approach. It will need to be flagged with them early though.

Do you agree with the proposed scope for reducing development contributions?

Yes

Comments on Reductions:

Yes - this directly would impact us if we created a housing development in Shannon to support our people here. So I am in support of this for that reason - and that it would help others doing similar.

Topic 3 - Changes to the Land Transport Targeted Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Remove Differential - All ratepayers pay the Land Transport Targeted Rate based on capital value.

Comments:

Topic Four - Changes to the General Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Creating a Farming differential - Differential that only applies to Farming properties with a differential factor of 0.5 (Farming) to 1 (District Wide)

Comments:

Yes I agree with this. Impact content in the LTP is clear about the financial impact on Council and individuals.

Draft Revenue and Financing Policy

Do you have any other comments about the draft Revenue and Financing Policy?

No

If yes, please provide comments:

Draft Rates Remission Policy

Do you have any comments or suggested changes on the Rates Remission Policy?

Financial Strategy

Have we got the balance right between rates increases and debt levels? **Yes**

Comments:

I think so - it does rely on growth (e.g. no further significant pandemics!).

Community Outcomes

Do you think the proposed Community Outcomes reflect the aspirations of the Horowhenua community? **Yes**

Are we missing something, or focusing on something we shouldn't be?

One thing I would love to see more of is an introduction of water meters to help people understand and monitor their usage, rainwater tanks for all new houses (or a shared one for apartment buildings) to support increased resilience in case of a natural disaster, and a focus on water conservation (including managing commercial runoff). This is especially important in areas such as Ōhau where the existing infrastructure isn't enough, and also important in places like Foxton Beach with limited water supplies. (Anecdotal example: when I moved here, I installed a 5,000L rainwater tank (not plumbed into system) and it gives me a lot of peace of mind. I used it to water the garden all summer and never emptied it, and it was full again by the end of summer.) As we have more and more people using the same limited resources, this is an obvious one to me. The cost to add a rainwater tank for a new-build is also not prohibitive - around an additional \$2k per house based on what it cost me to install mine. It would increase network resiliency enormously in case of disaster, as well as reducing stormwater runoff and

waste water and freshwater treatment costs. If the tanks were also plumbed in to provide untreated water to flush the toilet with, for example, this would have a big impact across the district and would hopefully reduce Council costs as a result (I'm sure your engineers could give you exact numbers). (There are some other councils I'm aware of who are considering these measures - you can watch their experience with this too.)

The other big aspiration/issue here in Shannon is housing - providing housing for our people who are being pushed out as the region grows. Like any other complex human system (sometimes called a "wicked" problem), ultimately supply is the challenge driving prices. But please be mindful of helping us shape the community here to one which retains its kind and close-knit nature, as there is the potential for multiple medium-sized developments here, and we want to find a way to ensure our local people (many of whom are tangata whenua or mana whenua) are not left out or pushed out. I personally would prefer intensification of the existing urban-zoned land in Shannon rather than making the town's footprint larger.

There is a lot of demand here for an after-school programme too, if an opportunity arose to support this in some way.

On a positive note: I am really grateful for the Council support of initiatives in Shannon and I am pleased to have been able to work much more closely with HDC than I ever did in Wellington which is due to the accessibility and support of council staff. Thanks, team. Your hard work makes a difference to the lives of people here.

Additional Comments

Please identify any additional comments you have on what is proposed as part of Council's Draft Long Term Plan 2021-2041.

Thanks team - I have already included my comments elsewhere. Ngā mihi.

Attach any other comments:

Long Term Plan 2021-2041 - Submission Form



Submission date: **18 April 2021, 4:08PM**
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Related form version: **2**

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Did you provide feedback as part of pre-engagement on the Long Term Plan? **No**

Hearing of Submissions

Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a Hearing? **No**

If yes, please specify below:

Do you require a sign language interpreter? **No**

Do you require a translator?

No

If yes, please specify translation details below:

Topic One - Foxton Pool

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 3: Seasonal Outdoor Leisure Pool

Comments:

Topic Two - Infrastructure Funding: Development Contributions

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Using development contributions as the key source of funding for growth infrastructure, in combination with other sources.

Comments:

Draft Development Contributions Policy

Do you wish to speak to the Development Contributions Policy at a hearing? **No**

What activities do you think development contributions should be collected for as a source of funding growth infrastructure?

Roading

Wastewater treatment

Stormwater

Community infrastructure such as parks, sportsfields, activity centres, playgrounds and more.

Comments:

Which approach do you think should be used?

Harmonisation: all required contributions are the same across the district.

Comments on Catchments:

Do you agree with this approach?

Yes

Comments on Time of payment:

Do you agree with the proposed scope for reducing development contributions? **Yes**

Comments on Reductions:

Topic 3 - Changes to the Land Transport Targeted Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 2: Status Quo - Differential where businesses pay 35% of the Land Transport Targeted Rate and District Wide properties pay 65%.

Comments:

Topic Four - Changes to the General Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Creating a Farming differential - Differential that only applies to Farming properties with a differential factor of 0.5 (Farming) to 1 (District Wide)

Comments:

Draft Revenue and Financing Policy

Do you have any other comments about the draft Revenue and Financing Policy? **No**

If yes, please provide comments:

Draft Rates Remission Policy

Do you have any comments or suggested changes on the Rates Remission Policy?

Financial Strategy

Have we got the balance right between rates increases **No**
and debt levels?

Comments:

Community Outcomes

Do you think the proposed Community Outcomes **Yes**
reflect the aspirations of the Horowhenua community?

Are we missing something, or focusing on something we
shouldn't be?

Additional Comments

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Hearing of Submissions

Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a **No**
Hearing?

If yes, please specify below:

Do you require a sign language interpreter? **No**

Do you require a translator? **No**

If yes, please specify translation details below:

Topic One - Foxton Pool

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Indoor and Outdoor Leisure Pool

Comments:

Topic Two - Infrastructure Funding: Development Contributions

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Using development contributions as the key source of funding for growth infrastructure, in combination with other sources.

Comments:

Draft Development Contributions Policy

Do you wish to speak to the Development Contributions Policy at a hearing? **No**

What activities do you think development contributions should be collected for as a source of funding growth infrastructure?

Water supply

Wastewater treatment

Community infrastructure such as parks, sportsfields, activity centres, playgrounds and more.

Comments:

Which approach do you think should be used?

Comments on Catchments:

Do you agree with this approach?

Yes

Comments on Time of payment:

Do you agree with the proposed scope for reducing development contributions?

No

Comments on Reductions:

Topic 3 - Changes to the Land Transport Targeted Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Remove Differential - All ratepayers pay the Land Transport Targeted Rate based on capital value.

Comments:

Topic Four - Changes to the General Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 2: Status Quo - Rural properties (including all business in the rural zone) pay 25% of the General Rate rates income, District wide pay 75% of the General Rates rates income.

Comments:

Draft Revenue and Financing Policy

Do you have any other comments about the draft Revenue and Financing Policy?

No

If yes, please provide comments:

Draft Rates Remission Policy

Do you have any comments or suggested changes on the Rates Remission Policy?

Financial Strategy

Have we got the balance right between rates increases and debt levels?

Comments:

Community Outcomes

Do you think the proposed Community Outcomes reflect the aspirations of the Horowhenua community?

Are we missing something, or focusing on something we shouldn't be?

Additional Comments

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Did you provide feedback as part of pre-engagement on the Long Term Plan? **No**

Hearing of Submissions

Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a Hearing? **No**

If yes, please specify below:

Do you require a sign language interpreter? **No**

Do you require a translator?

No

If yes, please specify translation details below:

Topic One - Foxton Pool

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Indoor and Outdoor Leisure Pool

Comments:

Topic Two - Infrastructure Funding: Development Contributions

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Using development contributions as the key source of funding for growth infrastructure, in combination with other sources.

Comments:

Draft Development Contributions Policy

Do you wish to speak to the Development Contributions Policy at a hearing? **No**

What activities do you think development contributions should be collected for as a source of funding growth infrastructure?

**Water supply
Community infrastructure such as parks, sportsfields, activity centres, playgrounds and more.**

Comments:

Which approach do you think should be used?

District-wide contributions for roading and community infrastructure. Scheme-by-scheme contributions for the three waters. Growth areas pay for major expenses related to them.

Comments on Catchments:

Do you agree with this approach?

Yes

Comments on Time of payment:

Do you agree with the proposed scope for reducing development contributions? **No**

Comments on Reductions:

Topic 3 - Changes to the Land Transport Targeted Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Remove Differential - All ratepayers pay the Land Transport Targeted Rate based on capital value.

Comments:

Topic Four - Changes to the General Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 2: Status Quo - Rural properties (including all business in the rural zone) pay 25% of the General Rate rates income, District wide pay 75% of the General Rates rates income.

Comments:

Draft Revenue and Financing Policy

Do you have any other comments about the draft Revenue and Financing Policy? **No**

If yes, please provide comments:

Draft Rates Remission Policy

Do you have any comments or suggested changes on the Rates Remission Policy?

Religious organisations should pay rates as they have contributing money from the community coming in.

Financial Strategy

Have we got the balance right between rates increases and debt levels? **No**

Comments:

We do not want to jump the gun, housing is growing adding more debt than we can manage results in higher tax rates in future.

Community Outcomes

Do you think the proposed Community Outcomes reflect the aspirations of the Horowhenua community? **Yes**

Are we missing something, or focusing on something we shouldn't be?

With more focus on quality infrastructure and environmental attractions the economy will be a natural progression. No point adding lots of houses and people when our medical centre and other Dr's are struggling to keep trained Dr's in horowhenua. Our parks, mountain bike tracks, Lake walks and beaches need to be maintained and celebrated.

Additional Comments

Please identify any additional comments you have on what is proposed as part of Council's Draft Long Term Plan 2021-2041.

I would like to see our adventure park monitored as it often gets damaged and left unsafe by litter/glass/needles for our tamariki. The park on Kennedy could be expanded to cater for the growing families that have moved into this area. Majority are fulltime working families that contribute to our community, it would be nice to acknowledge all families not just poverty stricken families.

Attach any other comments:

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Hearing of Submissions

Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a **Yes**
Hearing?

If yes, please specify below: **In person**

Do you require a sign language interpreter? **No**

Do you require a translator? **No**

If yes, please specify translation details below:

Topic One - Foxton Pool

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 2: Basic All-year pool

Comments:

This is a good interim option to provide Foxton with a year round facility. The only concern is have the additional costs of wages and running costs been factored into the \$26.61 per year increase or is this only to cover the cost of repaying the lending?

Topic Two - Infrastructure Funding: Development Contributions

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Using development contributions as the key source of funding for growth infrastructure, in combination with other sources.

Comments:

This needs to be implemented but the timing of charging needs to be specific, and more easily understood than the shambles that the Development Contribution levy was at its last implementation. The level of the contributions and the variance between areas also needs to be better researched.

Draft Development Contributions Policy

Do you wish to speak to the Development Contributions Policy at a hearing? **Yes**

What activities do you think development contributions should be collected for as a source of funding growth infrastructure?

Roading
Water supply
Wastewater treatment
Stormwater

Comments:

Which approach do you think should be used?

Harmonisation: all required contributions are the same across the district.

Comments on Catchments:

Do you agree with this approach?

No

Comments on Time of payment:

The above assumes that every developer will then build the houses. It does not take into account that some developers will simply sell the sections to an individual who will build later. Therefore this method will create confusion. The levy needs to be charged at the same time on all developments. ie either at 224 C or at Building Consent application

Do you agree with the proposed scope for reducing development contributions?

No

Comments on Reductions:

Topic 3 - Changes to the Land Transport Targeted Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Remove Differential - All ratepayers pay the Land Transport Targeted Rate based on capital value.

Comments:

We agree with option 1

Topic Four - Changes to the General Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Creating a Farming differential - Differential that only applies to Farming properties with a differential factor of 0.5 (Farming) to 1 (District Wide)

Comments:

We support this option in principal BUT there are a large number of rating units deemed to be vacant lifestyle that are to move automatically into the District Wide group that are actually part of a larger farming enterprises or used as farming support blocks. These blocks need to be identified and returned to the Farming category. It has come to light that a large number of these blocks are owned by numerous Maori owners/ family members and that the income from the lease of these lands is of major importance to the owners. The subsequent proposed increase in rates will make the leasing of a number of these blocks uneconomical, and they could become a liability to the owners and the Horowhenua District council. The factor of 1.00 to 0.50 will need to be further addressed because of this.

Draft Revenue and Financing Policy

Do you have any other comments about the draft Revenue and Financing Policy?

Yes

If yes, please provide comments:

Do not increase the lending. Spend only on the necessities and not on the feel good projects. Do not increase the debt upper levels, leave them at the current levels. DO NOT spend spend \$36m million on Donnelly Park.

Draft Rates Remission Policy

Do you have any comments or suggested changes on the Rates Remission Policy?

There should be included in the policy an option for these Vacant Lifestyle blocks that have been identified as being part of a farming enterprise that the rates can also be remitted back to the level they would be if they were deemed to be rural/farming land

Financial Strategy

Have we got the balance right between rates increases and debt levels? **No**

Comments:

Every LTP we are told that the debt levels will go up for the next 3 years and then start to come down. We oppose the increase in the net debit limit increase to 250% of operating income.

Community Outcomes

Do you think the proposed Community Outcomes reflect the aspirations of the Horowhenua community?

Are we missing something, or focusing on something we shouldn't be?

Additional Comments

Please identify any additional comments you have on what is proposed as part of Council's Draft Long Term Plan 2021-2041.

Attach any other comments:

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Hearing of Submissions

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Hearing?

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Do you require a translator? **No**

If yes, please specify translation details below:

Topic One - Foxton Pool

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 2: Basic All-year pool

Comments:

It will give the Foxton people access to a pool 12 months of the year but we have concerns about what additional costs may not have been factored into this proposed additional rates impact in the areas of wages, maintenance and running costs.

Topic Two - Infrastructure Funding: Development Contributions

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Using development contributions as the key source of funding for growth infrastructure, in combination with other sources.

Comments:

The Development Contribution Levy needs to be uniform charge over the whole district something along the lines of \$10K for new sections with water, sewage and stormwater connections, \$7K for sections with connection to 2 of the 3 services, only one service connection \$5K and \$2K for sections that have to supply all their own services and only use the roading.

Draft Development Contributions Policy

Do you wish to speak to the Development Contributions Policy at a hearing? **Yes**

What activities do you think development contributions should be collected for as a source of funding growth infrastructure?

Roading
Water supply
Wastewater treatment
Stormwater

Comments:

Which approach do you think should be used?

Harmonisation: all required contributions are the same across the district.

Comments on Catchments:

Do you agree with this approach?

No

Comments on Time of payment:

The Levy needs to be charged at the time that a Building Consent is applied for

Do you agree with the proposed scope for reducing development contributions?

No

Comments on Reductions:

As soon as you start making dispensations then the policy will be unworkable and subject to different levels of interpretation

Topic 3 - Changes to the Land Transport Targeted Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Remove Differential - All ratepayers pay the Land Transport Targeted Rate based on capital value.

Comments:

Topic Four - Changes to the General Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Creating a Farming differential - Differential that only applies to Farming properties with a differential factor of 0.5 (Farming) to 1 (District Wide)

Comments:

We agree in principal but the issue of Vacant Lifestyle rating units which are part of farming as either part of the main farm block or used as support blocks being moved to District Wide group needs to be addressed first, therefore the differential factor may need to be amended in light of the outcome of the above

Draft Revenue and Financing Policy

Do you have any other comments about the draft Revenue and Financing Policy? **Yes**

If yes, please provide comments: **Yes refer comments at Topics 3 and 4**

Draft Rates Remission Policy

Do you have any comments or suggested changes on the Rates Remission Policy? **As the district continues to grow and goes through ongoing re-zoning lands to accommodate the growth then it is important that this policy is maintained and extended to cover the situations where the land use has not changed but the zoning has and that change of zoning has impacted on the rating charge.**

Financial Strategy

Have we got the balance right between rates increases and debt levels? **No**

Comments: **DO NOT increase the net debt limit from the current 195%. Do not waste money on the feel good projects like Donnelly Park. We are concerned about the huge proposed spending without the additional rate payers to support the additional proposed lending levels. These projects should not be envisaged until Levin has the critical mass to support financially the projects.**

Community Outcomes

Do you think the proposed Community Outcomes reflect the aspirations of the Horowhenua community?

Are we missing something, or focusing on something we shouldn't be?

Additional Comments

Please identify any additional comments you have on what is proposed as part of Council's Draft Long Term Plan 2021-2041.

Attach any other comments:

Long Term Plan 2021-2041 - Submission Form



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Did you provide feedback as part of pre-engagement on the Long Term Plan? **No**

Hearing of Submissions

Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a Hearing? **Yes**

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Do you require a sign language interpreter? **No**

Do you require a translator? **No**

If yes, please specify translation details below:

Topic One - Foxtan Pool

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Comments:

No comment

Topic Two - Infrastructure Funding: Development Contributions

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Using development contributions as the key source of funding for growth infrastructure, in combination with other sources.

Comments:

Draft Development Contributions Policy

Do you wish to speak to the Development Contributions Policy at a hearing? **No**

What activities do you think development contributions should be collected for as a source of funding growth infrastructure?

**Roading
Water supply
Wastewater treatment
Stormwater
Community infrastructure such as parks, sportsfields, activity centres, playgrounds and more.**

Comments:

These contributions should be considered against all of these areas of expenditure.

Which approach do you think should be used?

Harmonisation: all required contributions are the same across the district.

Comments on Catchments:

It seems that a more simple to administer model is worthwhile

Do you agree with this approach?

Yes

Comments on Time of payment:

I agree with this option if there is protection in the case of a developer winding up their business and leaving outstanding debt.

If this protection can't be ensured then time of payment should be considered earlier in the process.

Do you agree with the proposed scope for reducing development contributions?

Yes

Comments on Reductions:

I agree with this if the benefits are for better environmental, wellbeing, or Te Tiriti o Waitangi outcomes - economic outcomes alone should not be used to meet these criteria

Topic 3 - Changes to the Land Transport Targeted Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 2: Status Quo - Differential where businesses pay 35% of the Land Transport Targeted Rate and District Wide properties pay 65%.

Comments:

Leave it as it is for now and review again in 3 years - the community is changing quickly. As more business also choose to be based in the Horowhenua we may see more movement in this ratio.

Topic Four - Changes to the General Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Creating a Farming differential - Differential that only applies to Farming properties with a differential factor of 0.5 (Farming) to 1 (District Wide)

Comments:

Draft Revenue and Financing Policy

Do you have any other comments about the draft Revenue and Financing Policy?

No

If yes, please provide comments:

Draft Rates Remission Policy

Do you have any comments or suggested changes on the Rates Remission Policy?

Financial Strategy

Have we got the balance right between rates increases and debt levels? **Yes**

Comments:

In the current climate of regional growth and a number of complex issues facing the region (3 waters, climate change, housing crises) I think it is appropriate to ensure the appropriate investment in the district through rates and borrowing.

Community Outcomes

Do you think the proposed Community Outcomes reflect the aspirations of the Horowhenua community? **Yes**

Are we missing something, or focusing on something we shouldn't be? **I'm sure these have been debated well amongst the team. In general I can agree with these, but would offer some suggestions.**

Re economy - sustainable my be a better word than vibrant - diversity and resilience are important, which sustainable better encapsulates.

Re Environment - perhaps focusing more on the connection of people and environment - 'Appreciated Environment' or 'Accessible Environment'

Tangata Whenua - great to see that there

Additional Comments

Please identify any additional comments you have on what is proposed as part of Council's Draft Long Term Plan 2021-2041.

Waste

1. I note that the waste management and minimisation plan has targets for activities that have not been completed - is there adequate funding allocated within the budgets to allow the outstanding actions to be completed and the plan implemented as originally consulted on.

2. Activities such as green waste being diverted from landfill (49% of kerbside waste is green waste) needs focus, as per the waste minimisation and management plan.

Cycleways

1. It's great to see an increase in cycleway funding - I've observed the cost to build new cycleways is expensive, compared to the cost of converting existing roadspace to cycleways. Many more km of cycleways can be delivered if existing road corridor is converted to cycling.

2. I also note the approach of shared pathways - in semi rural, low foot traffic areas these seem to be suitable. However in developed urban areas these cause a conflict between people on foot and people on bikes - people on foot may have kids, wheelchairs, prams, dogs on a lead. These forms of transport do not mix and shared pathways will introduce more conflict between the modes - as per point 1 - I suggest converting road space to bike lanes.

3. Delivering cycleways for recreation and cycleways for transport are two different objectives. Transport corridors where cycleways will provide viable transport options deserves more focus - e.g. focusing on getting children to school safely on bike. In Levin key transport corridors are Queen St, Bath St, Liverpool, Oxford, Cambridge, Tiro Tiro, Weraroa, Mako Mako, etc... these corridors take people from A to B and they need safe cycling infrastructure to enable cycling as a viable transport option

Urban form:

1. Our growing district is spreading out very quickly through greenfield development - this introduces a range of challenges, including many environmental issues. Our urban communities have very low density and there is a lot of opportunity to grow the population within the existing urban footprint. Encouraging high quality medium density housing where infrastructure exists makes a lot of sense. Concepts such as a '20 minute town' have been implemented in other cities with success. Our current approach of urban sprawl has us following cities and towns like Paraparaumu, Palmerston North and Hamilton with loss of land and a town dependent on private vehicles to do anything.

2. The current approach to urban form perpetuates car dependency, which introduces a significant

environmental impact and loss of wellbeing. We loose connections with people and the environment and it is a much more expensive way of building our towns.

3. Stormwater is a growing issue with the sensitive receiving environments in our district - and growing the urban footprint will exasperate this issue more than intensification.

Attach any other comments:

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Did you provide feedback as part of pre-engagement on the Long Term Plan? **No**

Hearing of Submissions

Do you wish to present your submission to Council at a Hearing? **Yes**

If yes, please specify below: **In person**

Do you require a sign language interpreter? **No**

Do you require a translator?

No

If yes, please specify translation details below:

Topic One - Foxton Pool

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Indoor and Outdoor Leisure Pool

Comments:

I realise that this is the most expensive option and adds additional increase to rate payers more than any other option. However, after personal research on this specific topic: reading the full feasibility study and recommendations and reasoning behind them, discussion with various people knowledgeable about both the feasibility study process and residents connected with the Foxton community and their desires, also considering the potential for increased revenue for both such a leisure pool operating and associated income coming into the local community and benefitting the township of Foxton, also considering a major decision needing to be made in 2027 about the Levin Aquatic Centre and future redevelopment there. I carefully considered a wide range of factors before coming to the conclusion that, despite the huge build cost, Option 1 would provide the better medium and longer term benefit to both Foxton and the wider district. I am hoping that the significant build cost could be offset by saving elsewhere with nonessential upgrades delayed or reduced in project size.

Topic Two - Infrastructure Funding: Development Contributions

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Using development contributions as the key source of funding for growth infrastructure, in combination with other sources.

Comments:

Option 1 for reasons outlined in the consultation document and the Draft Development Contributions Policy. I also note that that HDC 'A Community Driven Housing Action Plan' Our Vision: 'Home For All' p.17 notes that 'one proposal, based on the Developers' Working Group was that any levies needed to be at a level of around \$3,000-\$5,000 per lot to enable Council to advance infrastructure necessary to support infrastructure development'.

Draft Development Contributions Policy

Do you wish to speak to the Development Contributions Policy at a hearing? **No**

What activities do you think development contributions should be collected for as a source of funding growth infrastructure?

Roading
Water supply
Wastewater treatment
Stormwater
Community infrastructure such as parks, sportsfields, activity centres, playgrounds and more.

Comments:

Which approach do you think should be used?

Harmonisation: all required contributions are the same across the district.

Comments on Catchments:

Logically, I think harmonisation seems a fairer process, otherwise how would the very smallest towns ever afford the huge costs of significant capital water projects?

However, in the interest of equity, it would be good to know if harmonisation has been the practice in the past, or if in the past, previous water associated schemes / projects (Stormwater, supply or wastewater) have been paid for disproportionately by the residents in those locations: specifically Shannon / Mangaore, Tokomaru, plus Foxton specifically for Stormwater?

I understand that in Shannon rate payers used to pay a 'water levy' many years ago (which had a foundation for the Shannon Community Development Trust Fund currently in place).

If harmonisation has not occurred in the past or has occurred in a partial way then it would seem inequitable and indeed unethical if HDC now introduced full harmonisation. Maybe there is a middle way that considers all factors outlined, with weighting depending on the population of the location.

Do you agree with this approach?

Yes

Comments on Time of payment:

To enable better cash flow management for developers.

Do you agree with the proposed scope for reducing development contributions?

Yes

Comments on Reductions:

Both principals seem highly relevant; as if developments expected to provide a significant public benefit or address significant affordability issues then remission, reductions or postponement on a case-by-case basis would seem ideal.

Topic 3 - Changes to the Land Transport Targeted Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Remove Differential - All ratepayers pay the Land Transport Targeted Rate based on capital value.

Comments:

Option 1, for reasons outlined in consultation document.

Topic Four - Changes to the General Rate

Tick below to identify your preferred option:

Option 1: Creating a Farming differential - Differential that only applies to Farming properties with a differential factor of 0.5 (Farming) to 1 (District Wide)

Comments:

Option 1, for reasons outlined in the consultation document.

Draft Revenue and Financing Policy

Do you have any other comments about the draft Revenue and Financing Policy?

Yes

If yes, please provide comments:

I am very mindful of the proposed rates increases; with the recent increase in minimum wage being just 5.8% in comparison, benefits by 3.1%, coupled with steep rising rent costs or mortgage expenditure. Costs of housing increasing by 67.5% in Horowhenua from 2016-2019 and seemingly still keeps rising since then. The property market in Shannon (probably like elsewhere) seems almost unbelievable, houses are selling for way above their assessed market value (mostly to people migrating to Shannon from other districts being able to afford such prices, as beyond affordability of local population). Anecdotally, some rent increases are astronomical, for example a 5 bed house in central Shannon town on a medium size section for currently \$650 a week, seriously, this would have be unheard of in the past. This leaves me wondering, with the fractional increases in cost of living but substantial increases in accommodation costs how some people are going to be able to afford the proposed increases in rates. I really wish (as I submitted to in last year's Annual Plan) we had received a small rates increase last year, instead of the bigger ones planned for 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 in particular. I acknowledge this percentage tapers off somewhat after 2023. I respectfully request that Council look at all possible ways of reducing the proposed percentage increase of rates by undertaking a similar process to last year, with the thorough exploration of expenditure: what is essential, non-essential, what can be reduced, postponed or even discarded. I appreciate this is challenging in such a time of growth and hopefully external funding, like that for Tara-Ika, will eventuate.

Do you have any comments or suggested changes on the Rates Remission Policy? **No, no suggested changes.**

Financial Strategy

Have we got the balance right between rates increases and debt levels? **No**

Comments:

Not quite, I think up to 7.5% is too high and too much for some people living in impoverished circumstances to afford. I am not financially savvy but wondering if it would be possible to increase the average for that following 10 years and spread over a longer period? I see how Council need to use increased debt funding for associated growth costs, like new infrastructure due to current population growth circumstances and although not ideal hopefully funding for Tara-Ika will come externally.

Community Outcomes

Do you think the proposed Community Outcomes reflect the aspirations of the Horowhenua community? **Yes**

Are we missing something, or focusing on something we shouldn't be? **Yes, most of them.**

Looking at the last LPT consultation document community outcomes, maybe missing something specific about access to health, social and recreational facilities, plus all communities having opportunities to participate in community development.

Additional Comments

Please identify any additional comments you have on what is proposed as part of Council's Draft Long Term Plan 2021-2041.

Regarding the consultation documentation, does it have to be so glossy and expensive, could it be produced cheaper and in paper format please, with

less and smaller photos?

Also, gone from being 31 pages to 59 pages. This is a lot for some people to read and understand. It has taken me hours and hours to dig deeper for information to inform my own feedback.

I am wondering if the Council could produce two versions, one more detailed and one simpler in a summarised easy to read language. For example, I tried my best to summarise issues covered for the Shannon Youth Group, to ascertain the feelings of the youth about LTP and their feedback but, to be honest, it was challenging and they were struggling to understand the issues and impact on their lives. It would be great to have a 'youth friendly' booklet for consultation about the LTP in future years, not just 'one size fits all'.

For the supplementary documentation found online, such as the Feasibility Report for the Foxtton Pool, which was a specific topic feedback was requested about, then, in the interest of equity and for those who do not use online versions, there needs to be a paper copy in each library / service centre for reference (not one in Shannon, I checked and informed staff, despite the huge file of supplementary information w.r.t. the LTP). This feasibility study was significant in influencing my preference for Option 1 and when the Council note a preference for Option 2 then it seems suspect not to have all the supplementary information, available in all formats, in all locations. Also, I have no doubt the timeframe would have been legally acceptable and even typical but it seemed to be such a rushed process of consultation, would it be possible to start the process earlier, say in February or even start of March? or, alternatively close the consultation process a week or to later?

Information dissemination can take a while in communities and if groups or organisations wish to discuss submissions and their views together then they have little time to do so, especially if they are

scheduled at the end of the drop in sessions (as Shannon was originally on the 12th April; but fortunately Shannon had a couple of other information sessions set up with HDC staff earlier also, which helped).

Finally, I want to note how impressive I find the array of feedback options, various ways online, in person or on paper; also, the increased number of drop in sessions and events, thank you.

Attach any other comments: