

Agenda for a meeting of the insert name of Taupiri Community Board to be held at the War Memorial Hall, Greenland Road, Taupiri on **MONDAY, 8 APRIL 2024** commencing at **5.00pm**.

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1. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

2. CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA

3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The register of interests is no longer included on agendas; however, members still have a duty to disclose any interests under this item.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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6. <u>PUBLIC FORUM</u>

In lieu of the standing Enhanced Annual Plan Agenda item, a Community Drop-In session to discuss the Enhanced Annual Plan will take place at the conclusion of the meeting.

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То	Taupiri Community Board		
Report title	Confirmation of Minutes		
Date:	12 March 2024		
Report Author:	Karla Brotherston, Democracy Advisor		
Authorised by:	Gaylene Kanawa, Democracy Manager		

1. Purpose of the report Te Take moo te puurongo

To confirm the minutes for a meeting of the Taupiri Community Board (TCB) held on Monday, 26 February 2024.

2. Executive summary Whakaraapopototanga matua

To confirm the minutes for a meeting of the Taupiri Community Board (TCB) held on Monday, 26 February 2024.

3. Staff recommendations Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi

THAT the Taupiri Community Board:

a. confirms the minutes for a meeting of the Taupiri Community Board held on Monday, 26 February 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

4. Attachments Ngaa taapirihanga

Attachment 1 – 240226 TCB unconfirmed minutes.



MINUTES for a meeting of the Taupiri Community Board held in the Memorial Hall, Greenlane Road, Taupiri on **MONDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2024** commencing at **6.02pm**.

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Present:

Ms J Morley (Chairperson) Ms S Cocup-Hughes (Deputy Chairperson) Cr J Gibb Mrs D Lovell Mr H Lovell Cr T Turner

Attending:

Mr J Ebenhoh (Planning & Policy Manager) Ms K Brotherston (Democracy Advisor)

The meeting opened with a karakia.

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCES

No apologies were received; all members were present.

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Cr Gibb / Ms Cocup-Hughes)

THAT the agenda for a meeting of the Taupiri Community Board held on Monday, 26 February 2024 be confirmed:

- a. with all items therein being considered in open meeting; and
- b. all reports be received except item number 6.2 Discretionary Report.

CARRIED

TCB2402/01

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Mr Lovell / Cr Turner)

THAT the minutes for a meeting of the Taupiri Community Board held on Monday, 4 December 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

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CARRIED

TCB2402/02

PUBLIC FORUM

Agenda Item 5

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

REPORTS

<u>Taupiri Works and Issues Report</u> Agenda Item 6.1

The report was received [TCB2309/02 refers] and the following discussion was held:

Community plan booklet

- Cr Gibb advised that she had been updating the booklet to include historical information previously captured in the community plans.
- It was noted that the purpose of including a snapshot of the history would aid in future tracking and referencing.

ACTION Cr Gibb to tidy up the booklet and send it to the Planning & Policy Manager.

Proposal for walkway and cycle track

• It was noted that the discussion regarding the expressway revocation had progressed, and the item would stay on the register.

Emergency Procedure

• No further updates were provided.

Structure Plan

- It was noted that the Urban design plan had been shared with the Community Board.
- The main structure plan draft was scheduled to be completed by the end of March 2024, with consultation and adoption hopefully taking place by the end of June.
- Zoning discussions re: the village retail / commercial area had taken place with relevant landowners; however, no decision had been made by landowner or Council.

Roading traffic signs

• Enquiries were made regarding the speed limit review and feedback required.

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- It was noted that traffic measuring took place over the summer, however, feedback had not been received to date.
- It was noted the Taupiri Trust was also looking into the issue due to the walkway/road.
- A request for temporary speed reduction on Gordonton Road had been made to Waka Kotahi / New Zealand Transport Authority and to date, no feedback had been received.

Footpaths/road signs/lighting/tunnels

• No further updates were provided.

Discretionary Fund Report – Action arising from the October meeting

- It was noted there would be no large-scale ANZAC celebrations taking place this year.
- Crosses would still be erected and a working party was being created to re-paint the crosses. A brief discussion ensued regarding paint prices, how many people were required and possible dates. Cr Gibb volunteered her painting services.
- Cr Gibb advised that Council had arranged a wreath to be laid at Ngaaruawaahia Cenotaph on behalf of the Taupiri Community Board, before asking if there was a member of the board who would be in attendance to place the wreath.

ACTION Ms Morley to obtain paint from Dulux, Mrs Lovell to circulate a selection of painting dates.

Taupiri Netball Courts

• No further updates were provided.

Taupiri Rugby club

• The Chairperson advised that she had met with the new Rugby Club Chairperson. No further updates were provided.

Memorial seat

- It was noted, the spelling within the register was incorrect. The name should read Bob Byrne.
- Clarity was sought and received on the Lions payment, it was noted that if any cost was outstanding this may need to come back to the community board.
- **ACTION** Cr Gibb to follow up with Parks Team to see if a formal service request had been lodged.

<u>Waters</u>

• No further updates were provided.

Discretionary Fund Report to 31 January 2024 Agenda Item 6.2

The report was not received [TCB2402/01 refers] and the following discussion was held:

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- It was noted that the report contained several inconsistencies, potentially there was some sort of error with pulling data through from the system.
- The Net funding remaining line stated the fund had \$4,978.89,
- There is one commitment listed of \$50, however, the total commitments line stated there was \$5,297.11 committed leaving a negative balance of -318.22.
- Cr Gibb advised that she had not received the reimbursement, however, it might have been paid but she hadn't seen the payment line.

ACTION Democracy Advisor to discuss inconsistencies with the accountant and circulate the corrected report, and follow up on Cr Gibb's reimbursement.

Taupiri Community Board Plans Agenda Item 6.3

The report was received [TCB2402/01 refers] and the following discussion was held:

- The Chairperson provided an overview of the plan, noting there was a focus on building relationships within the community and strengthening communication channels with Council.
- She advised a meeting had taken place with the Community-Led Development Advisor, before outlining the next steps.
- After a brief discussion, the board agreed to meet with the Community-Led Development Advisor on Thursday, 29 February 5pm and provisionally booked a meeting with Councillors on Thursday, 7 March 5.30pm.

2024-2034 Long-Term Plan (LTP) Update Agenda Item 6.4

- It was noted that an email had been circulated earlier in the day by Waikato District Council's Chief Operating Officer. The content of the email notified of a proposal to pause the LTP 2024/2034 and opt for an enhanced Annual Plan 2024/25
- The Planning & Policy Manager provided a brief overview of the email, noting the Central Government repeal of Water Reform as well as unconfirmed funding from Waka Kotahi / New Zealand Transport Authority were the driving factors.

- He explained the option was to postpone the LTP for one-year (subject to council meeting); there will be an 'enhanced plan' released, with the LTP being released the following year (for nine (9) years instead of 10).
- Questions around rates prices at new subdivisions such as Zillwood Lane were raised; it was noted that some houses were reported to be paying half the rates compared with other residents. In response, it was noted that this could potentially be due to section value and timeframes within the evaluation period.

ACTION Planning & Policy Manager to look into when full rates were due to commence for recently developed properties.

Waikato District Council Senior Leadership Update

Agenda Item 6.5

- The Planning & Policy Manager provided a brief update noting there was a degree of uncertainty within the Government funding space and regulatory framework (e.g. resource management reform and spatial planning,).
- He advised that Central Government was going to make optional the medium density housing requirements, noting that Waikato District Council would wait for the hearing panel's report before making decisions.
- He advised that Council had endorsed the Housing Strategy pending a review of wording within the strategy. It was noted that Council's role within the strategy was as an enabler, encouraging housing diversity and closer relationships between staff and those who build for better outcomes.
- An update was requested on the closure of railway crossing and roundabout installation. In response, it was noted that it was not Council who were instigating the closures, rather they were coming directly from KiwiRail and that the plans had not been made available to the Structure Plan Committee to view. However, there was an understanding that balance between safety and connectivity was a priority.

<u>Chairperson's Report</u> Agenda Item 6.6

• No further updates were provided as it was the first meeting of the year.

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<u>Community Board Members Report</u> Agenda Item 6.7

- It was noted that the school numbers were increasing and that all schools were facing uncertainty whilst they await the completion of the Ministry of Education review.
- Gala was a huge success with many people commenting on the wonderful vibe and connection-building opportunity. Schools are in limbo due to Ministry of Education review.

<u>Councillors' Reports</u> Agenda Item 6.5

• No further updates were provided.

The meeting was closed with a Karakia.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 7.05pm.

Minutes approved and confirmed this

day of

2023.

Ms J Morley CHAIRPERSON



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To Taupiri Community Board	
Report title	Works, Actions & Issues Report: Status of Items April 2024
Date:	8 April 2024
Report Author:	Jim Ebenhoh, Planning and Policy Manager
Authorised by:	Will Gauntlett, General Manager Community Growth

1. Purpose of the report Te Take moo te puurongo

To provide an update on issues arising from the previous meeting and works underway.

2. Staff recommendations Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi

THAT the Works and Issues report from the General Manager Community Growth be received.

3. Attachments Ngaa taapirihanga

Attachment - Works and Issues Report April 2024

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Taupiri Community Board's Works and Issues Report – April 2024

	Actions	To Action	Update/Response
1	Community Plan Booklet (Community Plan booklet is an ongoing process)	Taupiri Community Board	April 2024: Cr Gibb and Jim have agreed to update the Council website with the new material (Trust and Board
	Feb 2024: Cr Gibb to tidy up the booklet and send it to the Planning and Policy Manager.	Jim Ebenhoh, Planning and Policy Manager	contacts, and link to Blueprint) rather than replacing or amending the previous Community Plan.
2	Proposal for Walkway and Cycle Track In Taupiri December 2023: Councillor Turner to follow up with Taupiri Marae regarding communication on revocation.	Cr Turner	April 2024: Awaiting update from Cr Turner.
3	Emergency Procedures (item to remain on Actions Register)	The Chair, TCB	No further updates or actions required at this time.
4	Ngaruawahia, Hopuhopu & Taupiri Structure Plan / Ngaruawahia Town Centre Plan Update	Planning and Policy	April 2024:
		Manager	Outstanding pieces of work: Main Report: this is currently being worked on by Strategic Planning team and is planned to be publicly available for consultation in June
			Parks and facilities report: Completed and now with getting internally designed.
			Transport: FLOW (Consultants) is making some minor amendments to mapping. WDC to receive a

	Actions	To Action	Update/Response
			final version in the next week or so. 98% complete. Heritage, Arch, Notable trees: This report has largely been an update to ensure that the
			structure plan is reflective of the work that has been done in the PDP (Proposed District Plan). Heritage and Notable Trees section is done. Just seeking clarification from NZAA about some site data that the council currently have. 90% Complete
			Stormwater: Te Miro and WaterCare are workingto deliver the report in the next two weeks, this ismostly complete and is just a matter of bringing alltheinformationtogether.80% complete.
5	 Roading & Traffic Signs October 2023: The Planning and Policy Manager to get an update on the speed sign for Murphy Lane. Community Board members to review the email from Council regarding the speed limit review and provide feedback. Ms D Lovell agreed to lodge a service request for the 'Children' sign on Greenlane Road repair. 	Jim Ebenhoh, Planning and Policy Manager Taupiri Community Board Mrs D Lovell	April 2024: Roading team have managed to re-prioritise the budget and this job (speed sign for Murphy Lane) is programmed to be completed in April.

	Actions	To Action	Update/Response
6	Footpaths/Road signs/Lighting/Tunnels (item to remain on Actions Register)		No further updates or actions required at this time.
7	Discretionary Fund Report		April 2024:
	 February 2024: Ms Morley to obtain paint from Dulux for painting of ANZAC crosses, Mrs Lovell to circulate a selection of painting dates. 	Taupiri Community Board	Update to be provided by Taupiri Community Board.
	• Democracy Advisor to discuss inconsistencies with the accountant and circulate the corrected report and follow up on Cr Gibb's Reimbursement.	Democracy Advisor	This issue was resolved and updated report was circulated via email to the Board on 27 February. Cr Gibb has also been reimbursed.
			This is considered closed and will be removed from the report.
8	Taupiri netball courts (item to remain on Actions Register)		No further updates or actions required at this time.
9	Taupiri Rugby Club – changing room facilities (item to remain on Actions Register)		No further updates or actions required at this time.
10	Chairperson's Report February 2024:	Cr J Gribb	April 2024: Update to be provided by Taupiri Community Board.
	 <i>Memorial seat in memory of F Hansen at Bob Byrne Park.</i> Cr Gibb to follow up with Parks Team to see if a formal service request had been lodged. 		

	Actions	To Action	Update/Response
11	2024-2034 Long-Term Plan (LTP) Update:	Jim Ebenhoh,	April 2024:
	• Planning & Policy Manager to look into when full rates were due to commence for recently developed properties.	Planning and Policy Manager	Rates team advises that new rates reflecting recent development take effect on 1 July after subdivision and/or building consent is issued. In addition, general revaluations occur three-yearly across the district.

Further Information:

If you have noticed a problem in our district that requires our attention (roading, waters, animals, litter etc.), or have questions regarding one of our services (refuse, recycling, billing etc.) you can log a request via our online Report it tool.
 Please do NOT contact the Contractor directly.





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ToTaupiri Community BoardReport titleDiscretionary Fund Report to 25 March 2024Date:08 April 2024

Date:08 April 2024Report Author:Jen Schimanski, Support AccountantAuthorised by:Colin Bailey, Finance Manager

1. Purpose of the report Te Take moo te puurongo

The purpose of this report is to update the Taupiri Community Board on the Discretionary fund spend to date, commitments and balance as at 25 March 2024.

2. Staff recommendations Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi

THAT the Taupiri Community Board receives the Discretionary Fund Report.

3. Attachments Ngaa taapirihanga

Attachment 1 – Discretionary Fund report to 25 March 2024

As at Date:	02-Apr-2024			
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2023/24 Annu	al Plan			1,624.00
Carry forward	l from 2022/23		_	3,489.00
	Total Funding		=	5,113.00
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xpenditure				excl GST
94-Dec-2023	Payment of \$134.11 (plus GST if any) to Heart Saver NZ Ltd inv 76316 for the Defibrillator - TCB2312/04 Annual Performance Verification (Gold) APV	154.22	134.10	134.1
l 5-Jan-2024	Payment of \$50.00 (plus GST if any) for a gift card recognising a member of the community TCB2312/06 (Cr Gibb to be reimbursed)			50.00
Fotal Expendi	ture		_	184.11
			_	104.11
Net Funding F	Remaining (Excluding commitments)		_	4,928.89
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Mahere Whānui 2024-2034 Long Term Plan





Takatū Waikato Making a stand for the Waikato

Matawhānui **A Our vision**

Waikato mārohirohi: Manaaki whenua, whakamana tangata. The mighty Waikato: Caring for our place, empowering our people.

Aronga 🛧 Our purpose

Working together for a Waikato region that has a healthy environment, vibrant communities and strong economy.

Ngā aronga nui **A Our strategic priorities**

Wai Water



Takutai moana **Coastal and marine**



Rerenga rauropi, tiakitanga taiao **Biodiversity and biosecurity**



Hanganga tauwhiro Sustainable development and infrastructure

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Hononga hapori Community connections



Whakaheke tukunga Transition to a low emissions economy

Resilience and efficiency matter

- In recent times we have faced some big challenges, including COVID-19, extreme weather events and a cost-of-living crisis.
- So this long term plan focuses on what matters most – the resilience of our rohe (region).
- Resilience includes social and economic wellbeing, as well as infrastructure that can withstand climate change.
- A spatial plan will be developed to ensure good decisions are made for the entire region.



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Consultation

Consultation is open for you to tell us what you think about our proposals.

Hearings

14-17

May

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June

You can present your feedback to councillors in person (if you wish). Details will be available online at waikatoregion.govt.nz/councilmeetings/council. All meetings are open to the public.

Decision making

Councillors make decisions on the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan. Your feedback will be taken into account along with other submissions from across the region. 24-29 May

2 April

-2 May

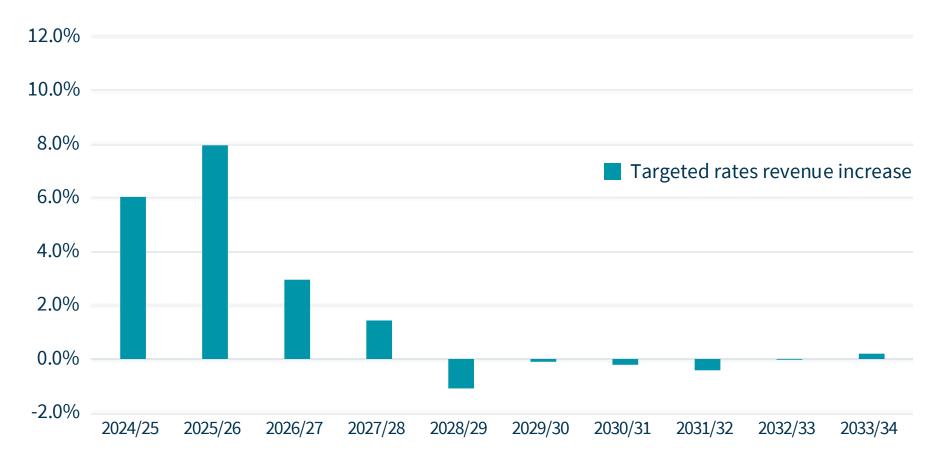
Final decision

The 2024-2034 Long Term Plan is adopted

A copy will then be made available online at waikatoregion.govt.nz/ltp.

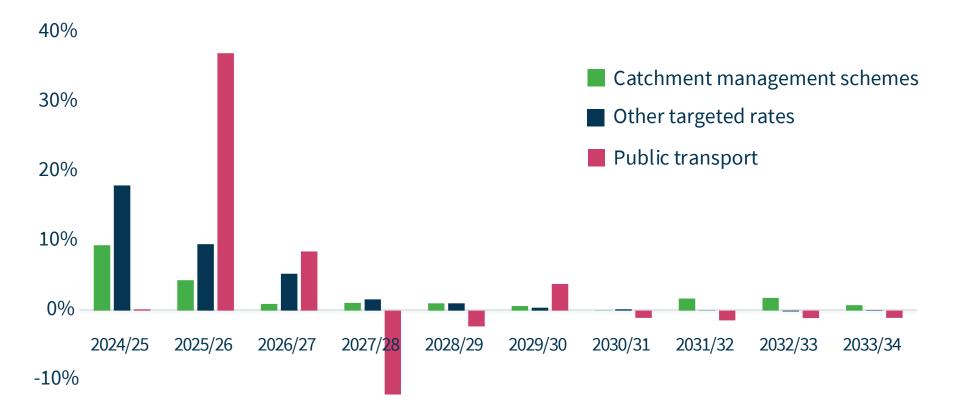
A snapshot of the impact on rates

Increase in total rates revenue from current ratepayers



A snapshot of the impact on rates

Year on year % increase in targeted rates revenue from current ratepayers



-20%

Our proposals



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Investing more in our region's biodiversity

Increasing our natural heritage rate



Regional economic development funding

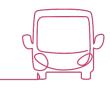
- > Discontinuing the Regional Development Fund
- > Funding for Te Waka

Investment and affordability

Changes to the funding of primary industry compliance

Simplifying public transport investment

Collecting a region-wide public transport rate



Investing more in our region's biodiversity

Increasing our natural heritage rate

- Funding for conservation projects hasn't kept pace with demand or inflation.
- At the same time, more people are involved in conservation efforts, requiring more support.
- Existing funds have successfully enabled valuable projects like planting, predator control & ecological restoration.
- Increased project complexity and multi-year needs have outpaced current resources.

Proposal

• Preferred option is to catch up with inflation (\$8.68 per property).

Benefits

- Fund more community conservation projects.
- Protect and restore our region's unique biodiversity.
- Achieve biodiversity goals faster.



Investing more in our region's biodiversity

OPTION 1

Council increases the Natural Heritage rate to \$8.68 per property per annum, with further increases for the proposed work programme after this.

Preferred option

OPTION 2

Council increases the Natural Heritage rate to \$15 per property per annum (to enable more work to be done sooner to improve biodiversity).

OPTION 3

Council keeps the Natural Heritage rate at \$5.80 per property per annum.

Simplifying public transport investment

Collecting a region-wide public transport rate

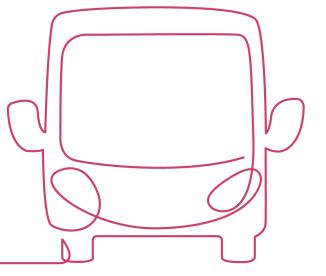
- Complex funding creates delays and hinders strategic planning for a connected region-wide network.
- The current system is fragmented Waikato Regional Council rates some areas, others use general rates.
- This creates challenges such as:
 - lengthy planning and approval processes
 - o unclear cost contributions for cross-jurisdictional services
 - inequitable funding across districts.

Proposal

 Region-wide public transport rate – with further opportunity for more detailed engagement on options through the next annual plan.

Benefits

- Streamlined planning and administration.
- Fairer cost sharing based on proximity to services.
- More efficient response to changing community needs.
- No impact to levels of service or council borrowing.



Simplifying public transport investment

OPTION 1

> 80 per cent of the funding required from rates comes from properties within 5km of a bus route.

20 per cent of the funding required from rates is paid by all other properties in the area.

OPTION 2

> 80 per cent of the funding required from rates comes from properties within 800m of a bus stop.

20 per cent of the funding required from rates comes from properties between 800m and 5km of a bus stop.

Discontinuing the Regional Development Fund

- Regional Development Fund (RDF) created in 2015 for environment-friendly economic projects.
- Low uptake only 3 grants approved in 8 years.
- High staff time for administration.
- Limited impact compared to potential uses.

Proposal

• Disestablish the RDF.

Benefits

- Redirect unallocated funds (\$3.979 million) to higher-impact priorities.
- Free up staff time for strategic economic development initiatives.
- Repurpose RDF investment returns for better use with an overall aim of finding more effective ways to promote a strong regional economy.





Funding for Te Waka

- Te Waka was established in 2018 by the Waikato Mayoral Forum.
- Its purpose is to champion regional economic growth through partnerships.
- Current WRC funding: \$750,000 annually from investment returns (past 3 years).

Proposal

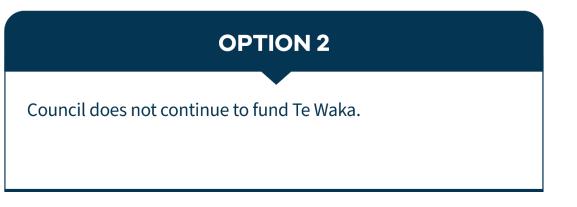
• Continue funding of \$750,000 per annum for 3 years using unallocated RDF funds.

Benefits

- Continue to have an agency that can champion regional economic growth through partnerships.
- Continued funding would depend on new accountability measures to help ensure outcomes.

OPTION 1

Council provides \$750,000 per annum over three years to Te Waka using unallocated money from the Regional Development Fund.



Investment and affordability

Changes to the funding of primary industry compliance

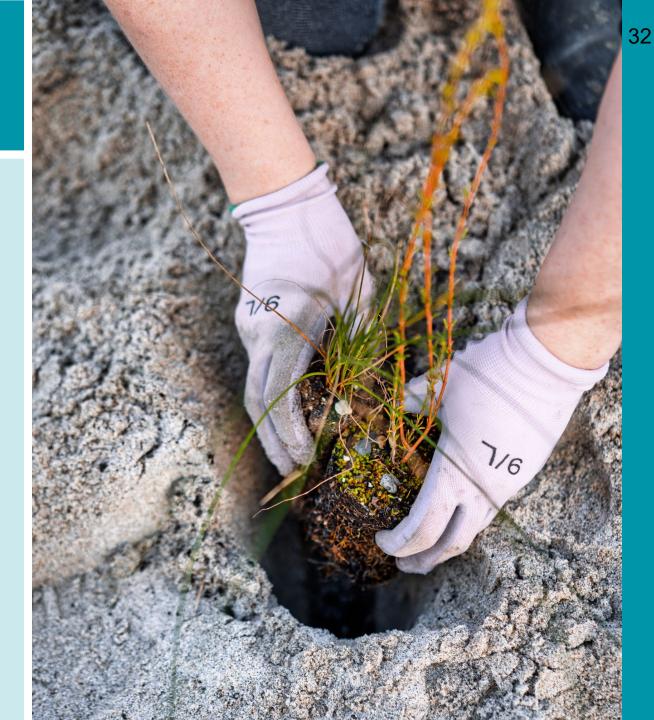
- Permitted activity monitoring is funded by all properties 2+ hectares.
- Farm plan implementation is funded by general rates.
- Challenges with the current model include:
 - Monitoring focuses on larger rural properties, 20+ hectares
 - Farm plan regulations impact properties 20+ hectares.

Proposal

• New targeted 'Primary Industry Compliance Rate' for larger properties.

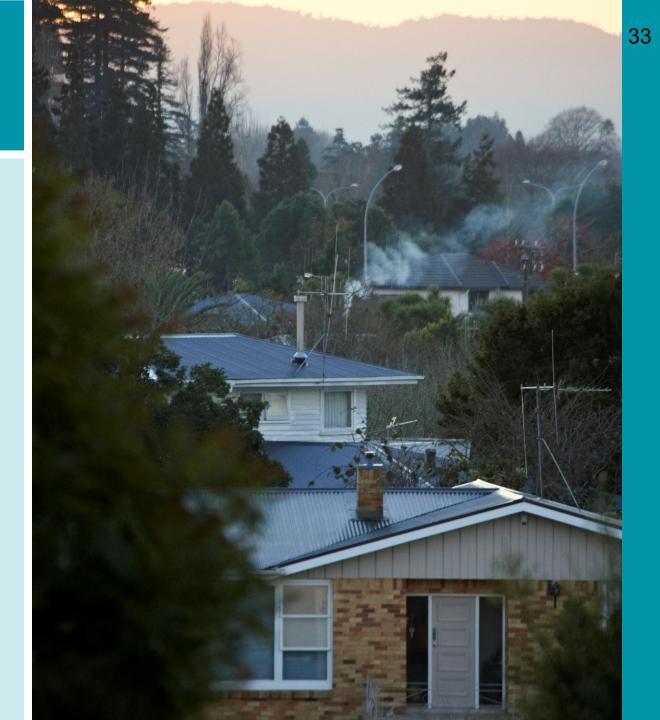
Benefits

- Increased fairness larger properties pay more for services they primarily benefit from.
- Modest general rate increase (0.3%).



Other work we're prioritising

- Improving Whangamarino Wetland and Lake Waikare
- A strategy for water security
- Understanding our coastal marine areas
- Stepping up pest management
- For peat's sake
- Wharekawa Coast 2120
- Regional spatial planning
- Te Huia: passenger rail service
 - Future service improvements
 - Renewal of rolling stock



Work we're not doing

- Eco Retrofit withdrawn
- On the house

Infrastructure strategy

 Over the next 50 years, it is expected we would need to invest over \$1 billion in the replacement of some of our assets, and a further \$1.87 billion on non-capital related costs like ongoing operating and maintenance, and depreciation.

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- These cost estimates do not include consideration of the increasing challenges we are facing, such as climate change, new government legislation, affordability, morphology and business capability.
- Simply replacing or repairing assets, as we have done in the past, may no longer be economically or environmentally sustainable, affordable, or workable.
- Therefore, to account for these challenges, significant changes have been made to the Infrastructure Strategy 2024-2074.



Infrastructure strategy

- Better alignment to our focus on wellbeing and climate change.
- Transition to more sustainable and holistic flood risk management by:
 - focusing on maintenance improvement for the next decade
 - applying strategic direction priorities and goals through a transparent decision making framework

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- prioritising nature-based solutions and water quality improvements
- collaboration with others to address climate risks and secure funding.
- Key objectives in future investment decisions:
 - Cost effectiveness and alternatives
 - New or remedial capital works consider ecosystem services and long term risk reduction.
- Will include non-structural assets like monitoring and public transport infrastructure, etc.



Share your views

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Email: <u>haveyoursay@waikatoregion.govt.nz</u>

>> Consultation closes at 4pm on Thursday, 2 May 2024.



