Christchurch City Council
AGENDA

Notice of Meeting:

An ordinary meeting of the Christchurch City Council will be held on:

Date: **Thursday 2 May 2024**
Time: **3pm**
Venue: **Council Chambers, Civic Offices, 53 Hereford Street, Christchurch**

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1. Apologies Ngā Whakapāha

At the close of the agenda no apologies had been received.

2. Declarations of Interest Ngā Whakapuaki Aronga

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant and to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as an elected representative and any private or other external interest they might have.

Item 3

3. Draft Long Term Plan 2024-2034 Hearing of Verbal Submissions - Thursday 2 May 2024

Reference Te Tohutoro:	24/690120
Responsible Officer(s) Te Pou Matua:	Cathy Harlow, Committee and Hearings Advisor Samantha Kelly, Team Leader Hearings and Council Support
Accountable ELT Member Pouwhakarae:	Mary Richardson, Interim Chief Executive

1. Brief Summary

1.1 The purpose of this report is for the Council to receive the attached volume of submissions of those wishing to be heard at the Draft Long Term Plan 2024-34 hearing held on Thursday 2 May 2024.

1.2 Attachment A contains the hearing schedule.

1.3 Attachment B contains a volume of submissions.

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8:00pm	**Meeting adjourned**		

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Draft Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 19/04/2024
First name: Paul **Last name:** McMahon
Please provide the name of the organisation you represent:

Waitai Coastal-Burwood-Linwood Community Board

What is your role in the organisation:

Chairperson

Do you want to speak to the Council about your submission at a hearing?

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Feedback

Have we got the balance right - comments

The Board accepts that the Council is in a difficult position, particularly due to the extra burden the "Multi-use Arena" places on the capital budget. • The total net cost of debt servicing is $216.1m in 2024-25, and $2.9b over 10 years ($1.2b repayment and $1.7b interest). • The $216.1m of debt servicing is 27.8% of 2024-25 rates of $777m. • That is almost 28 cents of every ratepayer dollar for debt servicing. • In 2033-34, debt servicing will cost $335m a year. Previous Councils have chosen this path, and this Council is proposing to borrow $93m more in the period to 2031, thereby failing to meet its Balanced Budget Benchmark for the first three years of the LTP. It's breaking its own policy by reducing the portion of renewals which it funds from rates. The solution to this problem is to defer some non-urgent capital projects to fund more renewals from rates (or to increase rates).

Average rates - multiple-choice

Yes

Average rates - comments

The Board understands that the inflationary pressure the Council faces is greater than households, due to supply chain disruption, global instability, and labour market shortages. However, the Board wishes to note that residents of the Waitai Board Area are, on average, lower income than across the city as a whole – they are less able to absorb rates increases than in some other areas. The Board notes that the proposed rates increases are lower than other metropolitan councils.

Changes to how we rate - comments

The Board strongly supports the extension of the vacant land differential to include New Brighton (and other areas) and would like to see additional measures to encourage the development of vacant buildings in suburban centres

and where they are contributing to loss of amenity. The Board strongly supports the 'AirBnB' rate change. The Board opposes the changes to rates postponement because it will require additional administrative costs and put in place barriers to access. The Board supports the proposed simplifcation of rates remission for charities policy. The Board supports incorporating the Heritage Targeted Rate into the general rate because it is a fairer method of applying costs across the whole city. The Board would prefer the Active Travel Targeted Rate to be incorporated into the general rate, for the same reason as the Heritage Targeted Rate.

Fees & charges - comments

The Council should consider both the financial and equity impacts when making this decision. The Board suggests 1-hour free parking then $4.50 for three hours after that.

Operational spending priorities - multiple-choice

Yes

Operational spending - comments

The Board supports maintaining levels of service at the same levels as present in general. However, we would like to see the level of service increased in and around suburban villages such as Woolston, New Brighton, and Queenspark. For example, rubbish removal, weeding, infrastructure maintenance (pothole repairs), back-flow valve maintenance, beach access boardwalks/tracks/infrastructure being 'lifted'. The Board wishes to ensure that the funding for playground renewals is adequate for true like-for-like replacements and would like staff to investigate additional procurement avenues. The Board would like to ensure that there is adequate funding to maintain the sand dunes at a low enough level in-front of He Puna Taimoana.

Capital programme priorities - multiple-choice

Yes

Capital programme - comments

The Board supports the overall spread of proposed spending. Our top five priorities are: • Pages Road Bridge (27273): this is our top priority. It is an essential lifeline. • New Brighton Mall Upgrade including line items 45165 and 63360, which are a part of our Board Plan. • Southshore Estuary Edge project to continue as consenting allows (61615). • Wastewater Treatment Plant (59076 etc), including any new funding required to eliminate or mitigate the impact on residents (including the Eastern Priority project). • Marshlands Hall Trust – support the funding required for the Marshland Hall Trust community facility business case and that these should be included within the LTP allocations. The Board notes the urgent need for integrated coastal hazards adaptation and emergency response planning.

Capital: Transport - comments

In addition to the top five priorities, the Board wishes to highlight the following: • Keep Otakaro-Avon Major Cycleway Route $100k (26603), tying into Aranui Streets for People – planning work can be done now. • Burwood/Mairehau Intersection (2034)– supportive. • Burwood/Mairehau corridor improvements (42010) – supportive. • Funding Improving Bromley's Roads to ensure (value-engineered) projects proceed. • Street renewals where surfaces have deteriorated most significantly, including Hay Street, Bower Avenue, Maces Road and Ruru Road between Maces Road and Dyers Roads. • Wyon and Hulbert Street Renewals (formerly CRAF) should be Long Term Plan projects. • Funding to renew the North Linwood streets (formerly through the Healthy Streets Linwood Plan).

Capital: Parks, heritage or the coastal environment - comments

In addition to the top five priorities, the Board wishes to highlight the following: • QEII Master Plan (56898, 56899, 58911 and 61787) – the Board supports the implementation of the plan but would like to prioritise the playground and the number 2 carpark and, if need be, to use the funding left over from the partial sale of QEII land to make sure that these things are not delayed. • The Board requests that the QEII playspace be a separate line item. • Burwood Park Cricket Facilities renewal. • New Brighton Olympic – track upgrade at Rawhiti Domain • Hard Surface renewals at Rawhiti Domain – stand-alone item to be included in the LTP. • South Brighton Community Centre carpark renewal. • Cockayne Reserve Car Park renewal. • North Ramp Retaining walls – street side need renewing. • Spencer Park flooding issues need to be remedied.

Capital: Libraries - comments

The Board loves libraries.

Capital: Solid waste and resource recovery - comments
The Board is concerned that low-income households still struggle to dispose of their waste and wishes that the Council provide mechanisms to support them to do so.

Capital: Other - comments
In addition to the top five priorities, the Board wishes to highlight the following: • 74801 Waitaki Storm Basin (OARC) – strongly support. • Stormwater and Flood protection – in an earlier draft of the LTP, when the consenting issue with Environment Canterbury was unresolved, there was a $40m reduction in stormwater and flood protection – the Board wishes to ensure there is no reduction in this, which was identified as the top priority in What Matters Most for our Board Area. • Accessible Toilet/Changing facility at Taiora QEII – supportive. • 2415 Programme - SW Management Plan on Pūharakekenui - Styx Waterway Detention & Treatment Facilities – proceed as quickly as consenting allows. • The Board would like to see investigation of stop-banks for Spencerville through to Brooklands. • The Board would like to support funding for the Bexley Landfill remediation being brought forward, if at all possible. • The Board would like Cygnet Street Pipeline as a separate line item.

Focus for 24-34 LTP - multiple-choice
Don't know.

Areas to reduce costs to provide savings - comments
See introductory comments.

Event bid funding - multiple-choice
Leave the bid funding for major and business events at current levels in the draft LTP, as proposed. This expenditure is included in the proposed rates increase. While it may not have an impact on rates, it could have implications for our ability to attract major and business events in the short term.

Event bid funding - comments
Nil.

Bring forward $1.8m for CAPP - multiple-choice
Yes - bring $1.8 million forward.

Create climate adaption fund - multiple-choice
Yes - create a climate adaption fund.

Adapting to climate change - comments
The Board would support additional funding for Coastal Hazards Adaptation Planning and for Civil Defence preparedness and response planning. We consider both can and should be addressed in an integrated manner, supported with funding and some urgency. Our Board Area, along with Banks Peninsula communities, will be most affected by sea level rise and tsunami events. While the Board supports the upgrade of the Tsunami Warning System, this does not relieve the Council of the need to fund the completion of an evacuation plan, a response plan, and supporting our communities in their preparedness.

Strategic Framework - comments
Nil.

Disposal of 5 Council-owned properties - comments
Nil.

Disposal of Red Zone properties - comments
The Board supports this if there is demonstrable benefit to the public.

Gift of Yaldhurst Memorial Hall - comments
The Board supports this.

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Anything else about the LTP24-34 - comments

The Board notes with concern that East Christchurch still does not have the same level of Council Social Housing as prior to the Earthquakes. We would like to see the amount of social housing increased to the same (2010) level adjusted for population growth.

Agree to future contact for consultations - multiple-choice

No.

Attached Documents

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Draft Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 16/04/2024
First name: Jason **Last name:** Middlemiss
Please provide the name of the organisation you represent:

Waimāero Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board

What is your role in the organisation:

Submissions Committee Chairperson

Do you want to speak to the Council about your submission at a hearing?

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Feedback

Have we got the balance right - comments

The Board thanks the Council for the opportunity to submit on the Draft Long Term Plan 2024-34. While acknowledging the effort invested in the draft LTP, the Board regrets that this process hasn't delved deeper into assessing levels of service to identify potential cost-saving measures. In the current climate of escalating living costs, where financial strain is palpable for many, it's imperative that we leave no stone unturned. Unfortunately, the thorough review necessary to discern where savings could be realized seems to have been overlooked. This oversight is concerning as it leaves us without a clear understanding of where efficiencies could be made. Consequently, it's premature to affirm that the balance has been struck correctly. Given the absence of essential information, it's difficult to justify the current rate. Moving forward, it's essential that we conduct the required analysis to ensure our financial decisions are informed and equitable for all stakeholders.

Average rates - multiple-choice

No

Average rates - comments

In light of the significant financial challenges confronting both the Council and residents, it's evident that difficult decisions must be made. The proposed average rates increase of 13.24% across all ratepayers and 12.4% for residential rates is substantial and cannot be taken lightly, particularly in the midst of a living costs crisis. The absence of a comprehensive review of levels of service is a missed opportunity, as such an assessment could have potentially unearthed avenues for cost savings and efficiencies. The current draft LTP places an undue burden on ratepayers already struggling with financial pressures. It's imperative that we reassess our approach to strike a balance between maintaining essential services and infrastructure while alleviating the financial strain on residents. Exploring alternative solutions and avenues for cost reduction should be prioritized to ensure a more equitable and sustainable outcome for all stakeholders involved. The LTP consultation material discusses the Council's desire to

win back the trust of its residents. When it does not appear that the Council has made a serious attempt to review its costs, at a time when our residents are having to do the same, it does not inspire trust in the Council. This fosters a level of community disengagement.

Changes to how we rate - comments

The Board is concerned about the Council's plan to fund its capital programme through debt. Our concern is that in the long term this will lead to a perpetual accumulation of debt which will be unsustainable for future generations. The Board generally supports the Council's approach to the city vacant differential and rating short term visitor accommodation in residential units as a business.

Fees & charges - comments

The Board acknowledges that the car parking spaces in Hagley Park are not utilised to their full potential, because many people park here to visit destinations in the wider central city and not for visiting the Gardens. The Board also understands that this proposal is intended to increase revenue to offset the significant rates increase. However, charging people to park at Hagley Park is a very difficult proposition for our residents. The Board finds it distasteful that we are put in the position of deciding whether or not to support this proposal, when the Council was not willing to put other cost-saving options on the table.

Operational spending priorities - multiple-choice

No

Operational spending - comments

While recognising the essential nature of operational spending in sustaining the day-to-day services provided by the Council, it's imperative to assess whether we are prioritising these expenditures effectively. The absence of a comprehensive levels of service review poses a significant challenge in determining the appropriateness of our operational spending. Without a thorough examination of the demands and standards of service required, we run the risk of allocating resources inefficiently and potentially overlooking opportunities for cost savings. This lack of clarity raises concerns that we may be allocating funds to areas that do not align with community needs or expectations, inadvertently squandering resources that could be redirected to more impactful initiatives. Therefore, it's crucial that we prioritise conducting a thorough levels of service review to ensure that our operational spending is optimised, enabling us to make informed decisions and allocate resources where they can deliver the greatest value for our community. As an example of where Council spending is not aligned with community expectations, the Board wishes to reiterate concerns we have expressed in past submissions, that there are assets owned by Council with no associated maintenance budget. These are often features of subdivisions, and a specific example are the sculptures throughout the Northwood area. The result is that residents are left with broken or deteriorating assets next to their homes, and the past 11 years have taught us all what this can do to peoples' wellbeing. The lack of a routine maintenance budget is an example of why our residents regularly report concerns about the Council not addressing the basics. Without a full account of the Council's assets and the necessary resources to maintain them, it is difficult to make the necessary budget allowances. The Board invites the Council to re-consider reviewing the opening hours of some Council facilities, for example libraries. The Board acknowledges that the previous proposal to reduce some opening hours was declined due to concerns about equitable access to our facilities. The Board agrees that this is a genuine concern, but submits that we need to find the right balance by targeting extended operating hours at facilities where there is clear demand for the service. Anecdotally we have heard that there is very low demand for extended operating hours at some of our libraries.

Capital programme priorities - multiple-choice

Don't know

Capital programme - comments

While the Board supports the focus on developing a deliverable capital programme, to ensure the success and sustainability of these exciting projects, it's crucial to adopt a staged phase approach. By breaking down the implementation into manageable stages, we can mitigate the risk of cost blowouts and ensure that the Council stays on track with budgetary goals. This phased approach allows for better monitoring, risk management, and adjustment as needed, thereby enhancing the overall effectiveness and efficiency of the capital programme. The Board wishes to raise concerns about the Council's use of large programme-level budgets with minimal transparency of the projects contained within them. The Board understands that there are financial advantages to this approach, including the ability to use cost-savings from some projects as contingency against other cost overruns. However there should still be more transparency about the specific projects that these programmes plan to address.

Capital: Transport - comments

The Board wishes to express its concern that the Sawyers Arms/Greers/Northcote intersection improvement project

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has been removed from the LTP. This intersection is dysfunctional in its current state and improvements have been promised to the community for a number of years. It is the Board's view that this is an essential project and removing it from the LTP now will only result in it being reintroduced at an inflated cost sometime in the future. The Board also makes the point that this project is one component of a wider programme of work to improve the transport network in this area of the city, and was intended to support Sawyers Arms Road to accommodate more traffic when Harewood Road drops down to one lane. Removing this project risks undermining the expected benefits of the other investments Council is making on the network. The Board highlights that 14 transport projects within our Wards have been removed from the LTP, of those this is the one we are most concerned about retaining.

Capital: Other - comments

The Board submits that it is difficult to make a meaningful submission on the level of investment we make in facilities such as pools and libraries without further information. For example, a comparison of how much Christchurch spends per capita compared to other New Zealand cities.

Focus for 24-34 LTP - multiple-choice

Explore other ways to bring down our proposed rates increases across the Draft LTP (e.g. reduce or change some of the services we provide, review our grants funding, increasing fees and charges for some services)

Areas to reduce costs to provide savings - comments

The Board's preference is for the Council to explore other ways to bring down our proposed rates increases. The Board reiterates its concern at reports that a number of opportunities for operational cost savings were not explored by the Council. While it is possible that many of these options would not have been acceptable to the community, we cannot know for sure without asking them. The Board is concerned that this has undermined our community's ability to provide feedback on ways they would like the Council to save money. This reinforces our previous comment about lack of trust in the Council.

Event bid funding - multiple-choice

Leave the bid funding for major and business events at current levels in the draft LTP, as proposed. This expenditure is included in the proposed rates increase. While it may not have an impact on rates, it could have implications for our ability to attract major and business events in the short term.

Event bid funding - comments

The Board understands that the background to this proposal was a concern that the events bid funding would be inadequate to support events in Te Kaha during its first year of operation. The Board is sympathetic to this concern, as having the facility underutilised would be a poor return on the Council's investment. Equally, the Board acknowledges that this is a difficult economic environment in which to consider spending additional money on events. Before making any decision about increasing the bid funding, the Board encourages the Council to seek advice on any cost-neutral options for making the city more attractive to event organisers, and seek cost efficiencies from existing events to free up more event bid budget for Te Kaha. The Board also submits that any decision to invest in event bid funding must be made in the context of robust evidence of the return on investment the city should expect to receive from the event.

Bring forward $1.8m for CAPP - multiple-choice

Don't know - not sure if we should bring $1.8 million forward.

Create climate adaption fund - multiple-choice

Don't know - not sure if we should create a climate adaption fund.

Adapting to climate change - comments

The Board submits that it is confusing to be asked whether to include this funding, when climate change investment is named as the Council's top priority and the Council has declared a climate change emergency. Our expectation is that the top priority issues would have been baked into the plan, with lower priority projects not included. Establishing a dedicated fund to manage future necessary changes to Council assets aligns with our adaptation plans and provides a sensible approach to allocate resources for unforeseen climate-related challenges. Having a fund set aside for this purpose offers flexibility and ensures that we are prepared to address emerging issues promptly. However, it is essential to proceed cautiously, considering the uncertainties surrounding the climate crisis and the potential solutions or challenges we may face in the future. The lack of clarity on how the fund would be established, managed, governed, and the criteria for its utilisation raises concerns about transparency and accountability. Residents deserve transparency and certainty regarding how their rates are being utilised and how the fund will

safeguard Council assets. The Board's view is that these issues need to be addressed before a decision can be made on the establishment of the fund. This is likely to require a separate consultation and deliberation process. In relation to bringing forward funding for the Coastal Adaptation Planning Programme, the Board does not dispute that this is vital work. However, we need to balance this against the immediate needs of our residents. To bring this funding forward in the current economic environment, the Board's view is the Council would need to be confident that the outcome would be a greater return on investment than if we waited until 2027/28.

Disposal of 5 Council-owned properties - comments

The Board submits that we believe there will be more opportunities for property sales to free up Capital and reduce operating costs.

Gift of Yaldhurst Memorial Hall - comments

The Board cautiously supports the proposal. However, the site is likely to be a liability and not an asset, and it would set a dangerous precedent if the Council were to contribute further costs towards the restoration and operations of the Hall. The Board's view is this risk needs to be mitigated in the agreement with the Yaldhurst Rural Residents' Association.

Attached Documents

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Draft Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 19/04/2024
First name: Lyn **Last name:** Leslie
Please provide the name of the organisation you represent:

Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula Community Board

What is your role in the organisation:

Chairperson

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Feedback

Have we got the balance right - comments

Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula Community Board (the Board) appreciates the opportunity to provide a submission to the Christchurch City Council on the Draft Long Term Plan 2024-34. The Board's statutory role is, “to represent, and act as an advocate for, the interests of its community” and "to prepare an annual submission to the territorial authority for expenditure within the community" (Local Government Act 2002, section 52). The Board provides this submission in its capacity as a representative of Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula communities. Our Community Board Plan’s vision is: We are committed to upholding Te Tiriti o Waitangi by engaging well with papatipu rūnanga and holding Te Ao Māori values at the core of our decision-making; the views, interests, needs and aspirations of residents are effectively represented; We have an open and transparent decision-making process that residents can understand and engage in; Our focus is to enhance environmental, cultural, social and economic wellbeing. The Board supports maintaining and continued support of the historical aspects of Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula including but not limited to: Takapūneke /Akaroa/Okains and Lyttleton Museums. With the change of the school syllabus Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula has seen an increase in schools using Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula resources to tell the early history of New Zealand.

Average rates - multiple-choice

Yes

Average rates - comments

The Board acknowledges in order to maintain the existing levels of service and investment increases will be needed in the future. The Board understands the rates increase; we do support the proposed first three years of the timelines of rates increase to soften the impact on the community.

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Fees & charges - comments
The Board supports the proposal to introduce parking charges at key parks (Botanic Gardens and Hagley Park carparks). Such charges will assist with identified issues such as the lack of parking space availability.

Operational spending - comments
The Board acknowledges the items highlighted in the Draft Long Term Plan, such as the higher interest rates, insurance premiums, salary & wages, and general overheads of running the Council organisation. The Board continues to believe savings can be made on repairs & maintenance and capital programme works within Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula by using peninsula-based contractors. As a consequence the savings can be found as well as increased responsivity times for immediate issues. We encourage an increased investment in Climate Resilience, as recognised by the Coastal Hazard Adaptation Plan. More support in this space will grow the capacity and availability of the programme to inform other Council work. Such investment will inform a proactive and prudent management of Council's assets. The Board believes this work is a high priority and umbrellas the majority of Council's work. The funding that focusses on Pest Management on Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula and the city is important to the community and the partnerships involved. The Board wishes the retention of all funds relevant to pest management and continue to be accessible to the community.

Capital: Transport - comments
Many rural roads are narrow and unsealed that many residents and tourists travel. Numerous Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula roads do not get recognised as a priority in the Council's Minor Safety Works owing to the numbers travelling them. The residents who live on those roads are often called upon to assist motorists/cyclists; these small incidents are not always reported. Review levels of service for rural roads and marine structures, this is supported by our Community Board Plan, Improve infrastructure to support community resilience. The Board understands that many of these isolated rural roads do not need to be sealed, however minor safety works would greatly improve their use e.g. culvert and road markers, safe pedestrian crossings within settlements bisected by State Highway or a main road, and guard barriers. The Board advocates that Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula rural roads are given a higher priority within the Council's minor safety works programme. The Board has been advised that there is currently no funding available for the replacement of the Pigeon Bay seawall. The Board was assured that staff monitor the seawall at least once a month. The Board believes that the Pigeon Bay seawall should be taken into consideration as a project under the Coastal Hazards Adaptation Programme, which needs to include the whole of Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula.

Capital: Parks, heritage or the coastal environment - comments
The Board supports 15 Reserve Committees within Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula. The Board is concerned that there appears to be nil funding for these committees (Regional Parks) past FY25/26. The Board seeks reassurance that the Board's Reserve Committees will be funded and supported beyond FY25/26 with a dedicated line budget. Part of the support for the Board's Reserve Committees would include the completion of Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula Reserves Management Plan. This has been a work in progress for quite a bit of time. It would be excellent for the Board to see the Plan completed so as to enable the Board's Reserve Committees to have access and use.

Capital: Other - comments
The Board recognises the significant water supply infrastructure projects on Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula that will support community well-being by our communities having access to reliable and safe drinking water. The Board would like Council to consider bringing forward Project 57808 Duvauchelle water supply membrane filtration to stop the carting of water which is an extra expense to the Council. However, the Board is concerned regarding the coastal inundation effect on significant infrastructure, and would like to see a project document developed and implemented that has considered the impact of coastal inundation on any Council proposed projects. The Board would like Council to consider bringing forward Project 57808 Duvauchelle water supply membrane filtration to stop the carting of water which is an extra expense to the Council. Many rural roads are narrow and unsealed that many residents and tourists travel. Numerous Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula roads do not get recognised as a priority in the Council's Minor Safety Works owing to the numbers travelling them. The residents who live on those roads are often called upon to assist motorists/cyclists; these small incidents are not always reported. Review levels of service for rural roads and marine structures, this is supported by our Community Board Plan, Improve infrastructure to support community resilience. The Board understands that many of these isolated rural roads do not need to be sealed, however minor safety works would greatly improve their use e.g. culvert and road markers, safe pedestrian crossings within settlements bisected by State Highway or a main road, and guard barriers. The Board advocates that Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula rural roads are given a higher priority within the Council's minor safety works programme. The Board has been advised that there is currently no funding available for the replacement of the Pigeon Bay seawall. The Board was assured that staff monitor the seawall at least once a month. The Board believes that the Pigeon Bay seawall should be taken into consideration as a project under the Coastal Hazards Adaptation Programme, which needs to include the whole of Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula.

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Focus for 24-34 LTP - multiple-choice

Accelerate work on some projects and programmes, with a focus on balancing the needs of today's residents with the needs of future generations (e.g. spending more on climate change adaptation, boost the funding for major events).

Areas to reduce costs to provide savings - comments

The Board believes that savings can be made on repairs & maintenance and capital programme works within Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula by using peninsula-based contractors.

Event bid funding - multiple-choice

Leave the bid funding for major and business events at current levels in the draft LTP, as proposed. This expenditure is included in the proposed rates increase. While it may not have an impact on rates, it could have implications for our ability to attract major and business events in the short term.

Event bid funding - comments

The Board encourages Council to leave the bid funding for major and business events at current levels in the Draft LTP.

Bring forward $1.8m for CAPP - multiple-choice

Yes - bring $1.8 million forward.

Create climate adaption fund - multiple-choice

Yes - create a climate adaption fund.

Adapting to climate change - comments

The Board believes that the Coastal Hazards Adaptation Programme should be accelerated and extended across the whole of Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula. The programme is essential for Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula for both Council's and communities' critical infrastructure. It will aid the Council to make informed decisions on the replacement of its assets. The Board would support a Climate Resilience Fund. The Board believes that such fund is imperative considering the reality of climate change and its impact on Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula communities. The Board agrees with bringing forward climate change adaptation proposals/projects as proposed. Climate Change is at the top of our communities thinking. The Board has many examples of what climate change is doing to areas within Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula. It will help identify areas that will need to be adapted, prior to more resources being funnelled into these projects. The council can conduct comprehensive assessments to understand climate change impacts on key infrastructure and community well-being. This analysis helps identify areas at risk and prioritise them for action include improving emergency response plans and supporting community resilience groups with resources which can be tap into in case of a natural disaster. Local communities of the peninsula re resourceful and these proactive measures from the council will enhance community resilience and reduce their vulnerability in the long-run The Board would like the Council to maintain the spend on proposed capital projects and include an inundation lens. The Board has heard from its communities that are dealing with flooding during coastal tides, and the increased extreme weather, as well as natural disasters that lead to damage of key Council infrastructure. The Board urges the Council to expedite its response to natural disasters to address these issues promptly. With the Council's current response timeline the Council will experience a backlog of repair work due to the increasing frequency and intensity of climate change-related events resulting in significantly higher costs for the Council. The Board received a briefing from Te Rūnanga o Koukourarata about tidal and weather flooding that is regularly occurring in Koukourarata Port Levy effecting roading, stormwater and utilities infrastructure as well as damage to private property. The Board have come to the conclusion that the Koukourarata Port Levy flooding requires coordination, strategic leadership and collaboration between stakeholders and would recommend having a community led working group with Council units, like what happened and is still happening to address Wairewa Little River flooding. The Board received a staff briefing on post Canterbury Earthquakes 2010/11 vertical land movement. The Board would strongly support funding to do further research work on Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula to inform any community/Council resilience work, with a focus on future-proofing and adaptability. The Board strongly supports the Council's Bio-Diversity Fund and the proposed increase. The Board sees the fund as an investment towards reducing the impact of natural disasters.

Anything else about the LTP24-34 - comments

The Board would like to see a Council programme/project to identify the reduction of heavy metals into the Council infrastructure from both private and public communities. The Board would like to see the Council develop plans to ensure the development and use of all Council facilities achieve energy efficiency to reduce the effects of climate change. The Board wishes to support Civil Defence Emergency Management by asking the Council to provide

adequate funding to upgrade communication options in our remote peninsula communities. The Board recently recommended the adoption of Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula Destination Plan (DMP) to the Council. The Board wishes to see an engaged and implemented Destination Management Plan. In the DMP the community highlighted many things including the lowering of emissions and regenerative tourism. The Board wishes to encourage the Council to commence the promotion of regenerative tourism and how that can be supported.

Agree to future contact for consultations - multiple-choice

Yes.

Attached Documents

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Do you want to speak to the Council about your submission at a hearing?

- (•) Yes
- ( ) I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Thu 2 May pm

Please select the hearing date(s) above that suit you best. You can select more than one date.
Hearings will be held in the Council Chambers at 53 Hereford Street.
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Feedback

Have we got the balance right - comments

The Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board ('the Board') thanks the Council for the opportunity to submit on the Council's Draft Long Term Plan 2024-34. It does so in accordance with its role to represent, and act as an advocate for, the interests of its community in the Papanui-Innes-Central area. The Board fundamentally supports keeping the cost of, and any increase in the amount of rates charged, as low as possible while not losing sight of the priorities for the city that the Board understands to be important to residents. The Board supports the overarching proposal to focus on a deliverable capital programme to help drive the city forward, and acknowledges the efforts to ensure that debt repayments are spread fairly across the generations of ratepayers who will benefit from them where there is borrowing for new projects that have long-term value. The Board also supports the efforts to maintain enough financial flexibility to be able to effectively respond to unplanned events, agreeing that this is very important. As a city, region and country, we have much experience in recent times of needing to respond to, and recover from, a range of adverse events. The Board broadly considers that the overall proposal has got the balance right, reflecting that in the 'what matters most' early engagement residents in our Board area prioritised: drinking water, climate change, road and footpaths, travel choice, and parks and gardens, as being important to them. However it may not always be readily apparent to residents how community development is fundamental to making our communities the vibrant, safe and supportive spaces they value living in. The Board obtains and maintains this insight through its work, advancing community development to further advocate for residents' interests, amenity, connection and overall quality of life. Supporting the development of our communities in partnership with them is vital. With the labour of community groups and our council staff often unseen in this respect, there's a risk that the role and significance of community development is not fully understood when it comes to the importance it plays in helping a city flourish and supporting the growth of what really matters to our communities.

Average rates - multiple-choice

Yes

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Average rates - comments

The Board appreciates the mahi to minimise rates rises while ensuring that the city and wider region continue to be a great place to live, work and play. The Board observes that many are still struggling with the cost of living, and ratepayers and tenants are facing challenging times. The Board also acknowledges the balance that needs to be struck between minimising rates rises and the need to responsibly invest in the city to ensure it runs efficiently and sustainably, is resilient, and infrastructure and levels of service adequately support us all. The Board broadly considers that the balance has been struck as best it can under the circumstances, subject to reviewing some points as suggested in this submission, and subject to listening to community feedback through the consultation period. The Board appreciates that many will be challenged by the rates increase, but as we know from experience, it is critically important that the city is properly prepared for the future and possible adversity, particularly related to our vulnerability to natural disaster and climate change. The Board also understands from some of our residents that they do not support the city and the levels of service reducing. Where the Council can demonstrate they have exercised due diligence in order to achieve value for money and prioritise the essentials – pulling back from 'nice-to-haves' – it is recognised that there is a price worth paying for a having a city that supports dignified living, and people taking enough pride in their city that they see the worth in contributing, with compounding effect, to make this a great place to live. What that price is, will be ascertained though the consultation and resulting consideration by our city councillors, supported by our community boards. The Board considers it important to invest in the city, so that both the current generations can thrive, and our future generations will have a city that is even better than it is now, as they will inherit the consequences of today's decisions. Furthermore and broadly speaking, the Board is unaware of many, if any, instances to date where residents disagree with at least maintaining existing levels of service financial support for community groups, projects and events. To the contrary, there are reasonably consistent calls to maintain and even increase levels of service and investment, stemming, as indicated, from the pride our residents take in their communities, and a desire to see those communities flourish and strengthen. While the Board certainly supports achieving value for money, we submit that there is not value for money in reducing levels of service which is likely to result in outcomes that are not what we and our residents have come to expect – including but not limited to: well maintained parks and green spaces, outstanding rubbish and recyling services, well used libraries and leisure centres, and improving active transport options. Pride in what we see around us plays a significant part in people wanting to engage and participate, which further strengthens our communities, neighbourhoods and city.

Changes to how we rate - comments

The Board is broadly supportive of the proposals, noting the following comments from its last Annual Plan submission regarding extending the use of the City Vacant Differential rating in the commercially zoned areas of Linwood Village, Lyttelton, New Brighton and Sydenham: "The Board is mindful of the tremendous contribution many residents make to the city in their efforts to present their homes, businesses and neighbourhoods in the best form, and wishes to reciprocate by advocating that fair measures should be taken to incentivise new investment and site improvement. "The Board supports the concept and the intent of the proposal, but considers that it needs to be adapted to the circumstances of these areas outside the Central City as having a more suburban context and that could allow for creativity and community contribution/partnership, instead of higher cost options as outlined in the Vacant Sites Improvement Guide. "The Board would also support the differential rating implementation for Linwood Village being aligned with the Linwood Village Streetscape Improvement Project's delayed completion date." The Board also supports the intent behind rating visitor accommodation in a residential unit as a business, though on the basis there is some parity with planning rules for such activity.

Fees & charges - comments

The Board recognises the metropolitan significance of the Botanic Gardens and Hagley Park, as jewels in the city's crown. It hopes all residents and visitors can continue to enjoy this amazing space in the centre of our city, recognising that many of the Board's residents are fortunate in their proximity to the park and gardens, and may take advantage of active modes of transport to get to them rather than incurring parking charges. The Board is broadly supportive of the proposed changes to fees and charges, however with some reluctance. We understand that such increases are required to be considered in order to help keep rates rises down. The Board strongly suggests that the proposal to apply parking charges in the Armagh Street car park, if approved and implemented, is monitored to ensure that the gardens and park remain accessible and well-used by everyone who wants to use them. They should be there for everyone, and care must be taken to ensure that the cost of parking should not become a barrier as visiting the gardens and Hagley Park is central to living in, and visiting Christchurch. It should be noted that the surface of the entry to the car park as well as the car park itself is in significant need of repair/resurfacing and these improvements prior to new parking costs being applied could be helpful as far as public acceptance is concerned.

Operational spending priorities - multiple-choice

Yes

Operational spending - comments

The Board appreciates the balanced comments in the consultation document. The Council and our staff face significant and conflicting pressures in regard to minimising rates rises, while also recognising that residents

provide feedback reflecting that they do not support lowering levels of service, and expect the city to thrive in ways that require continued investment and operational spending to be maintained. Community Development: The Board also recognises the many ways, not always apparent, in which community funding, development and resilience are integral to retaining a safe and thriving city that is prepared for dealing with possible adversity. The Council, by far, does not do all the 'heavy lifting' in the city to make it a great place to live; much of that work is community-led, though greatly in need of the Council maintaining its funding support for the groups and organisations on the ground who do the mahi. As previously mentioned, this work is not always apparent but is an essential and fundamental social glue that's key to supporting our wellbeing as citizens – an important part of our social cohesion being reliant on the collective efforts of these volunteers and organisations. Community and Climate Resilience and Civil Defence Emergency Management: Similarly, it is only when significant events or challenges occur, as may be increasingly likely as a result of climate change, that we see the importance of maintaining the investment in emergency management and community connection and the resulting resilience. While it is not always clear to see exactly how much of Council and Board spending supports having a safe and strong community, the Board does see and support the importance of this operational spending. As such, the Board recognises the financial relief created by having lower rates, however it is important to consider the negative outcomes and hardships that may also occur as a result. The Board also highlights its support for the Ōtautahi-Christchurch Urban Forest Plan, noting the importance of replacing and improving tree cover and green/parks amenities, particularly as an offset to housing intensification. Community Safety Initiatives: The Board indicated in its Board Plan in relation to its prioritisation of safety initiatives that it will, among other things: "• Advocate for short and medium-term solutions to address youth safety issues at Northlands Shopping Centre and the surrounding area. • Where appropriate partner with government agencies, local businesses, and the community to support safety and crime prevention initiatives in our board area. • Advocate that Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles are considered on appropriate projects. • Continue to provide community investment through the provision of funding to support community groups addressing harm-reduction initiatives." These prioritisations from the Board Plan have been developed in conversation with the community, and out of the Board's experience of the need for these initiatives to support creating safe places to live. The Board is grateful for being able to effectively support our community through the continued funding of community grants and community development which facilitate a large number of groups and projects, to help address the issues that have required these initiatives. Community Funding and Partnerships: An example of the importance of maintaining the funding to partner with our community is the work being undertaken on the revitalisation of Petrie Park. The local community group, in conversation with residents, is doing amazing mahi to activate this space and the Board continues to support them to fulfil the vision for the park. We would strongly indicate that the support this community receives through board funding, and the time and expertise of the Parks Unit which is critically important, should not be compromised by any aspect of the LTP. The project is an exemplar of what community can do, and how it can be made better, just by maintaining responsible, socially conscious levels of spending. Central City Attraction and Accessibility: The Board also highlights the reference in its Board Plan to advocating for a trial of a central city shuttle. The Board understands this would need to be funded, but wishes to support such community ideas that engage residents with the central city as an area of metropolitan significance the Council has substantially invested in. The Council would be enabling equitable accessibility around the central city with this initiative, recognising that the significant change and development in the city requires innovative thinking and plan implementation. The city should be a vibrant, innovative and accessible place for visitors and locals to ensure it can thrive and attract people to support local businesses and be ambassadors for our city in promoting "excellent experiences" to others.

Capital programme priorities - multiple-choice

Yes

Capital programme - comments

A key document that guides the Board's advocacy for its community is the Community Board Plan 2023-25, which it engaged with the community on at the start of this electoral term, taking full account of the feedback received, before adopting the Plan. In regard to the LTP, the Board agreed with the community that it would advocate for funding to be included/retained for specific projects as detailed within the submission points for the next question. The projects are: • the need for Phillipstown Community Hub to have a permanent home in the long term • for Shirley Community Reserve to be capable of being shaped to the community vision • for surface flooding in the Board area to be mitigated • for intensification to be managed by budgeting for the facilities necessary to retain levels of amenity that foster thriving communities • for youth in the Papanui Ward to have a facility (this is responding to significant growth in the ward) The Board broadly agrees with the proposed prioritisations, though are advocating for assurance that the key projects in its Board Plan, which are important to addressing particular community needs, receive the required consideration, resourcing and funding. Three Waters: The Board is particularly supportive of the considerable proposed investment in the Three Waters, emphasising that we must continue to upgrade our infrastructure as there would be unacceptable consequences of failing to do so. We need to do this for current residents and visitors, as well as for those in generations to come. This prioritisation is further justified by drinking water, and stormwater and drainage, coming through prominently in the early engagement on 'what matters most' for the Papanui-Innes-Central wards – drinking water coming just above climate change as the top priority for the Board area as a whole.

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Capital: Transport - comments

As noted in its Board Plan, the Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board identifies that a city with a good transport network is vital for a connected and accessible community. The Board seeks to ensure that community safety is at the forefront of all transport decisions, including the need for safe speeds and safe streets for all of our residents. The Board supports local cycleways, looks forward to completion of the MCR projects, and then connectors thereon. It supports a network of safe and productive streets and roads that balance the needs of residents and people travelling by foot, bicycle, car, public transport, micro-vehicles and more. Part of this safety needs to include consideration around good traffic flow and reduced congestion as this can create driver frustration which leads to poor decision making and ultimately accidents or at least dangerous behaviour. Simple changes to improve light phasing as well as real time monitoring of traffic flows, auditing and monitoring traffic behaviour as new roading changes are implemented (speed, changed layouts etc) are also supported by the Board. The Board is also committed to supporting the Ōtautahi Christchurch Climate Resilience Strategy's Climate Goals along with advocating strongly for active transport modes and networks to support walking, cycling, and public transport. Greers/Langdons traffic lights: The Board has supported the installation of traffic lights on the Greers/Langdons Road intersection, and so appreciates the provision from the Transport budget to complete this project, acknowledging the Council's support with this. Trial of a central city shuttle: The Board advocates for a trial of a central city shuttle as flagged in its Board Plan, drawing from its understanding of community interest in such a service, and noting it as a great gateway initiative to bringing more people to the central city, being more inclusive of those with accessibility issues, and helping people to become more accustomed to using public transport as a lower emission travel choice, also reducing the amount of cars into, out of, and around the CBD. Additionally, with so many significant changes to the inner city – new buildings (e.g. the library, the soon to be opened Court Theatre, Riverside, and a number of large hotels across the CBD), a shuttle should make it easier for people to travel around the inner city and have a positive experience. This can only further help promote the city as a great place in which to work, live, play and visit. The Board again refers to the early engagement on 'what matters most', which reflected that travel choice is high among residents' priorities in the Central ward, being among the top two, along with climate change. Active Transport: The Board, furthermore, appreciates and supports the provision for completing the Northern Line MCR cycle connections, reflecting that we signalled in our Board Plan we would support active transport initiatives which promote walking, cycling, and using public transport. The Board also references its previous submission in support of the Wheels to Wings cycleway, which we reaffirms here. The Wheels to Wings cycleway has been through two rounds of public consultation, a hearings panel process, and the scheme design has been approved by the Council. The Council has a long-standing commitment to deliver the cycleway, and it would not be unreasonable for elected members and the community to expect the LTP to be very clear that it can be delivered. Further relating to the Northern Line, the Board is especially keen to ensure there is scope to bring work forward (should it be possible with respect to requiring Kiwirail clearance) on signalised crossings for Harewood and Langdons Road by the railway crossings. There is consistent community demand to see these implemented as soon as possible, especially from parents concerned for the safety of their children. They and local school principals have indicated to the Board that this cycleway is especially relevant to encouraging and supporting tamariki to regularly cycle, which would increase the likelihood they will carry into adulthood this contribution to lowering transport emissions and improving their own health and wellbeing. The Board does perceive that the draft LTP appears to be retreating from the current amended LTP in some respects which suggests negative impacts on local cycle network connections, which would be disappointing for parts of the community. It also noted, in connection with the Minister of Transport advising Council at the end of last year that CERF funding is no longer available for the majority of the projects in Council's CERF programme that the Te Aratai College pedestrian and cycle access project is affected, and it is unclear whether this will be addressed. Intensification and development impacts on the transport network: The Board signalled an intent in its Plan to take a measured, 'big picture' view of local transport issues, including considering the impacts of intensification about which it remains very aware and concerned. Again it is a balance between supporting fiscal prudence when it comes to Council spending and recognising/advocating for what the community sees as important transport issues and/or projects. The Board recently fed back to staff that the Capital Programme can be difficult to navigate in terms of understanding the true impact of some projects, for example the difficulty seeing where the costs on the Council to support new housing developments such as in the Cranford Basin/Grassmere Street area of East Papanui, will ultimately be offset by government infrastructure funding, or other sources. This is key to having a clearer picture of what costs will be borne by the Council and ratepayers over the longer term. Northcote traffic safety: The Board believes there is an urgent need relating to the Northcote Road corridor being investigated for improvement. Both the wider and local community have communicated their concerns about the adverse impacts resulting from recent developments, including the opening of a very large supermarket and school, together with increased traffic in the area generally. The Board is concerned that the draft LTP is showing significantly reduced investment for improving this corridor (project 915). The Board appreciates that the nature of any project will need to be informed by investigations, but advocates for some funding/resourcing to be able to act on these, and should at least be noted in the LTP and be included in an Annual Plan. The Board refers to the deputations of St Bede's College and Marian College students to its 11 April 2024 meeting (recorded on its YouTube channel here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tdktSPxnyrA) outlining their traffic safety concerns for the area surrounding their schools. The Board, responding to such local insight, has approved Better Off funding for a Northcote Road Corridor Safety Improvements Investigation that it could expect to be seeking the Council's support with to implement resulting recommendations, intending these be considered in further conversation with the students and community. The Board is also concerned to see project 243, Greers, Northcote & Sawyers Arms Intersection Safety Improvement, not appearing in the draft LTP, and would advocate for its inclusion, understanding there to be relevant interconnectivity with the projects for the Greers/Langdons Traffic Lights and Northcote Road Corridor Improvement. What the local community has said matters: The community feedback from the Board area in

the 'what matters most' early engagement on this LTP suggested prioritising climate change, roads and footpaths, and travel choices, so the Board would like to reiterate this. The Board also recognises the reliance of the local economy on a well-functioning transport network through the busy Board area; the importance of keeping children safe around schools; and, with climate change being a top priority from 'what matters most' for much of the Board area, the time-sensitivity of prioritising projects that will lower emissions. The Board (taking cues from its Board Plan) has advocated for pedestrian safety on the Springfield Road corridor, and improved efficiency along the Langdons Road corridor; the Board awaits clarification on where these matters sit in larger programmes. The Board also indicated in its Plan it would continue to support the greenway cycleway to link Richmond to the central city; we appreciate that an extension of the greenway beyond the area the Board are able to support with the CRAF funding has been hindered by the government's announcement that no further funding from the Climate Emergency Response Fund for projects that are part of the Transport Choices programme will be approved. Downstream Effects Management Plan: Finally in respect of the Transport budget, the Board also signalled in its Board Plan regarding its prioritisation of the Downstream Effects Management Plan (DEMP) for the Christchurch Northern Corridor (CNC) that it will: "• Advocate for money to stay on time and on budget as per the DEMP staged plan. • Continue to advocate for and support any ongoing initiatives due to the effects of the CNC and bring forward funding if appropriate. • Advocate for options to be presented for a street renewal along Flockton Street."

Capital: Parks, heritage or the coastal environment - comments

In its Board Plan, the Board signalled that it would, and does, advocate for amenities, such as greenspace, and recreation, sports and community facilities, in future development areas to ensure that the wellbeing of our fast-growing population and communities in the Papanui Innes Central ward area, are supported with these important amenities. We also highlighted some priorities of particular importance as below, as well as the revitalisation of Petrie Park as a local partnership project with the community, which there needs to be continued support for, recognising the work of the rangers with the local group. More broadly important in the vicinity to Greater Christchurch though is the ecological restoration of the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor, which we also support. Papanui Youth Facility: The Board has particularly prioritised a youth facility in the Papanui/Redwood area in its Board Plan. There appears to be a significant budget reduction proposed for developing new recreational spaces (project 61804) and play spaces (project 73999) in this area, though this may be owing to the construction budget being absorbed into the parent programme (61782). The Board asks that the Council offer assurance in its Long Term Plan that it is indeed planning for the long term trajectory of our wards and particularly this area of future development. The Council resolved in its LTP 2021-31 to specify the project (noted as a Papanui Skate Facility at that time) as a separate line item, and this should be reinstated in full to show the construction component of the budget in the line item as well. This will enable a youth audit to proceed with confidence and clarity that this will be a meaningful engagement with youth in the area, exploring what would truly improve the space, and will confirm there is budget to complete this project in the future. Though the Board recognises the difficulty of finding appropriate space in the heart of Papanui for new recreational spaces, the Board requests that clearer provision for green and recreational space be made in the LTP in areas earmarked for new housing developments. It would be reassuring for residents if the Council demonstrated adequate planning and budgeting for youth spaces in this area in light of nearby intensification, with Papanui developing as a higher density area. While the Board supports fiscal restraint to assist current residents, it does not support it to the extent of depriving future residents and the younger generation of the opportunity to retain levels of community amenity that directly impact wellbeing and social connections. Although there is likely to be an effect on overall budgets for new recreation and play developments, it is also vital to retain provision for community grants and community development budgets to contribute to this essential area. Our youth require the support that comes from these budgets to create initiatives which benefit their safety and wellbeing. Organisations like Papanui Youth Development Trust and Te Ora Hou, which the Board has supported through the Strengthening Communities Fund, serve an important role with their work and facilities, when Council is limited in what it can deliver for youth in the area. Shirley Community Reserve: Shirley Community Reserve (projects 20053 and 74005) is a specific dedicated priority in the Community Board Plan. The community has been consulted several times over the last three terms regarding their vision for the future of the reserve, where a well used Community Centre stood before the Canterbury earthquakes. The Board supports funding being brought forward to be in line with a forthcoming Board decision. This will provide certainty to the community that this key space will be duly invested in and developed so it can be successfully activated. There is understood to be additional funding for the Parks-funded component of Shirley Community Reserve, available in the parent programme (61782), subject to the nature of the decision on its future of the reserve, theoretically suggesting the possibility of commencing with Parks-funded components ahead of where the Facility funding (20053) is currently sitting. Again, the Board would like to see the Parks funding drawn down from the parent programme into a separate line item, so that it may be visible and subject to a current decision-making process.

Capital: Libraries - comments

The Board is encouraged to see Project 838 to support population growth tagged to Papanui ward, reflecting the focus in the Board Plan on the needs of youth and a growing ward. As repeated throughout in this submission, investing in community is vital for a thriving city and people, and the Board supports this manner of planning for the long term. Libraries are important to communities in many ways, not only repositories of information and learning, but as places where people can find connections and become aware of, and engaged with, the Council's work – they are very important for many citizens in providing a sense of place, community, and a regular destination that shapes their lives. Libraries thus significantly contribute to community, and often personal wellbeing.

Capital: Solid waste and resource recovery - comments

The Board considers the Council is handling this aspect of its proposed capital programme with appropriate prudence, and particularly supports investment in it as proportional to its relevance to the goals of the Ōtautahi Christchurch Climate Resilience Strategy. It is also noted that streetside dumping of inorganic waste (like old mattresses) has been a significant frustration in Central ward particularly. Like graffiti, it creates an environment that impedes the development of safe communities, and has a gateway effect toward other antisocial behaviours. Clearance via community efforts and reporting (such as Snap Send Solve) has significantly reduced the activity and the Board encourages the continuation of this service.

Capital: Other - comments

Phillipstown Community Hub: In regard to prioritisation in the Board Plan of Philipstown Community Centre (project 69275), there appears no clear requirement to bring funding forward at this time to support a land purchase. However, this may be relevant to an Annual Plan depending on the Ministry of Education's decision in regard to the land occupied by Phillipstown Community Hub. It is vital though that the current funding in this project be retained as an investment in maintaining this heart to the community. Flood Mitigation: The Board's prioritisation in its Board Plan of advocating for flood mitigation projects aimed at the surface flooding, which the community has highlighted to it, informs its support for the proposed surface flooding reduction programme. As noted in its Board Plan: "The community board is well aware of the community concern about localised surface flooding experienced in parts of the board area and across the city caused by the record-breaking rain events of July 2022, and indications that with climate change such events may become more frequent. At a community meeting the residents sought assurances from the community board that the drainage network is working and being maintained as effectively as possible to drain stormwater away rapidly during and after significant rain events. Residents also expressed the need for quicker road closures and more education about the effects on drinking water in flooded areas." In light of this, the Board said it would, and seeks here to: "• Advocate for the prioritisation and inclusion of required flood mitigation projects by identifying in the board submission what options for flood mitigation represent the best value for money, prioritising community safety and wellbeing while recognising that some street flooding in significant rain events is part of a functional drainage network that avoids inappropriately creating property flooding downstream. • Advocate for a resource that helps communities understand what to do, what not to do, and support them more generally in flood events. • Advocate for mitigation options to be considered ahead of significant rain events especially around, but not limited to, Francis Avenue, Edgeware Village, Emmett Street, and Harris Crescent. • Advocate that all residential and commercial impacts are considered when flood mitigation projects are being considered, including in setting levels of service. • Advocate that the Council continues to investigate the use of permeable surfaces/rain gardens where applicable." The Board specifically requests that it be investigated whether flood mitigation levels of service are inappropriately excluding non-residential properties, having witnessed the impact on Edgeware Village and the community who use it from the 2022 significant rain events. Currently Council staff are limited in their response options when flood waters inundate or threaten commercial premises because there are no levels of service for such an event. This urgently requires addressing by council, in deciding the levels of service for commercial properties. The Board also signalled it would advocate that flood mitigation is considered in new developments to ensure existing networks are not overwhelmed and remain effective in significant rain events. The Board is encouraged in this respect to see some appearance of provision for new development in East Papanui (between Cranford and Grassmere streets), though remains concerned that it is yet to be evidenced that intensification across the Papanui-Innes-Central wards will not contribute to surface flooding issues. Flood Response: While the Board supports finding spending efficiencies, it would not see any creation of risks of property flooding through this, or of being under-prepared for emergency responses to severe weather, as a more broadly efficient. The Board highlights the distress such events cause the community, and the vital importance of mitigating this distress and risk by maintaining what residents expect in terms of investing in flood response, such as the ability to deploy temporary pumps, road closures, civil defence emergency management personnel/resources, and other modes of preparedness developed through community resilience initiatives.

Areas to reduce costs to provide savings - comments

Levels of service are really important to our residents, particularly the many who take a great level of pride in our city and make it a great place to live. While a review of levels of service is important to ensure costs are being managed well, the valuable interactions the Board have with residents highlight that the Council's investment in the city motivates residents to match it in investing their time in helping keep the city safe, beautiful and vibrant. The Board sees first-hand how partnering with community, and maintaining the investment in community spaces that levels of service represent, enables and motivates residents to participate and connect locally, enriching both their own lives and their neighbourhoods. Whether this be through community planting days, supported by Parks staff, community grants that support groups to facilitate community-led development countering anti-social elements, or the essential work of the Council's traffic engineers, community travel advisors, and road maintenance staff, who respond to our growing and changing city to make it accessible, functional and safe, it is not lost on the Board that where the Council invests in the city, residents pitch in to create compounding returns for community wellbeing.

Event bid funding - comments

The Board does not have a steer on this from the community as yet, and has heard compelling rationale for both

options. It looks forward to learning the community's views on this.

Adapting to climate change - comments
The Board signalled in its Community Board Plan 2023-25 that it is committed to supporting the Ōtautahi Christchurch Climate Resilience Strategy's climate goals and considers these options to advance investment in adapting to climate change as most consistent with those. Accordingly, it offers its support here in line with its vision for the Board area, reflecting that a resilient community, prepared for the ongoing impacts of a climate change, is a matter of due responsibility to invest in. The Board also highlights in this respect that it shone through in the 'what matters most' early engagement on the LTP that 'climate change' was either the top or near top priority for the wards in the Board area, reinforcing the representative aspect of this advocacy. Particularly in relation to the Board's prioritisation of a connected transport network, and in regard to addressing flooding and intensification, the Board signalled in its Board Plan that it will consider the goals of the Ōtautahi Christchurch Climate Resilience Strategy in all decision making, and in this context it seeks that the Council consider these also in this matter.

Strategic Framework - comments
The Board supports the Council's vision, community outcomes and strategic priorities, and asks that the Council support the Board Plan through its LTP, demonstrating the consideration of the boards' priorities as relevant to local views. The Board would also like to know that maintaining community funding is essentially embodied in the Council's outcomes and priorities in light of how fundamental an empowered and resourced community sector is to the Council being able to sustainably achieve anything.

Disposal of 5 Council-owned properties - comments
The Board supports the responsible review of these holdings in light of the present circumstances of needing to minimise rates rises, while maintaining appropriate investment in the future of the city, suggesting that there is a balance to be struck to ensure that the city is prepared for its future needs. The Board also supports local voices and representation being heard in these matters, respecting the Council's role in balancing needs across the city.

Disposal of Red Zone properties - comments
The Board supports the review of these holdings, though suggests that decisions in respect of matters regarding the Port Hills are enabled to be informed by a Port Hills Management Plan, as the Council had previously resolved to develop. The Port Hills are of citywide significance, and there should be some assurance that decision-making affecting them is guided by a planning instrument reflecting that.

Gift of Yaldhurst Memorial Hall - comments
The Board is not opposed to the proposal as supporting local community where the impact is not materially significant at a citywide level.

Anything else about the LTP24-34 - comments
The Board developed its Community Board Plan 2023-25 in consultation with residents to reflect its priorities for this term, drawing on the Board's local understanding of what matters to residents in the Papanui-Innes-Central ward. The Board wishes to advance in this submission what it said it would in the Board Plan, and has endeavoured to do so in relation to the relevant priorities, but encourages the Council to review the Plan at the following link to further understand the specific priorities for the area: https://ccc.govt.nz/assets/Documents/The-Council/Community-Boards/Plans/2023-2025/Papanui-Innes-Central-2023-25-Community-Board-Plan.pdf.

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Draft Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 21/04/2024
First name: Callum **Last name:** Ward
Please provide the name of the organisation you represent:

Waihoro Spreydon Cashmere Heathcote Community Board

What is your role in the organisation:

Community Board Chair

Do you want to speak to the Council about your submission at a hearing?

- (•) Yes
- ( ) I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Please select the hearing date(s) above that suit you best. You can select more than one date.
Hearings will be held in the Council Chambers at 53 Hereford Street.
We'll be in touch to arrange a date and time and will try to accommodate your preferences.
Please make sure you've provided your telephone number in **Section 1** so we can contact you.

Feedback

Have we got the balance right - comments

The Waihoro Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote Community Board appreciates the opportunity to provide a submission to the Christchurch City Council on the Draft Long Term Plan 2024-34. The Board's statutory role is, “to represent, and act as an advocate for, the interests of its community” and "to prepare an annual submission to the territorial authority for expenditure within the community" (Local Government Act 2002, section 52). The Board provides this submission in its capacity as a representative of the communities in the Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote area. Our Community Board Plan’s vision is that our people are actively engaged and contribute to thriving communities and environments, where they feel they belong and are safe and connected with each other. The Board appreciates the difficulty in balancing the needs of current residents and providing security around the reasonably foreseeable needs of future. We strongly support the proposed capital and operational investments in our communities. We also ask that the Council make a small number of changes (referenced later), particularly for transport, parks and facilities, so that the budget can better achieve our vision for our communities. We also strongly support the stated focus of the budget to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through making changes to the way we travel, the waste we create and the energy we use, and will comment further on this in sections 4. Capital Programme – Transport, and 9. Climate Change. We expect this budget to make the capital and operational investments needed to deliver the Council’s Climate Resilience Strategy.

Average rates - multiple-choice

Yes

Average rates - comments

The Board supports maintaining the existing levels of service. Specifically, the Board also supports changing the water supply leakage goals to under 20% by 2030, and under 15% by 2034.

Changes to how we rate - comments
The Board supports the proposed changes.

Fees & charges - comments
The Board supports the removal of hold fees in libraries.

Operational spending priorities - multiple-choice
Don't know

Operational spending - comments
The Board cannot answer the above question and believes the current lack of transparency of the OPEX, both in terms of a comprehensive view of services delivered and budget allocation, are a barrier to the Board carrying out its Governance role of "maintaining an overview of services provided by the territorial authority within the community" as per the Local Government Act 2002. 1. Temporary services following the closure of South Library are proposed to be taken from operational funds that would have otherwise been spent running the services at South Library. The Board has concerns about the level of service that will be provided to south Christchurch communities during the demolition and rebuild period. The Board would also support additional funding for public programming and the mobile service to continue the delivery of service across the South Library catchment. The Board seeks an additional $150,000 as a minimum (additional information will be provided at the hearing, once requested information has been received) 2. The Waihoro Board wishes to ensure operational spending set aside for the Port Hills Plan is retained, and requests that a holistic model of working alongside the community, such as the Coastal Hazards working party is considered. 3. The Board wishes to ensure sufficient operational spending is set aside for the Pest Plant Plan, and for the work to be coordinated across units. This relates in particular to pest plant control along the Ōpāwaho Heathcote River Corridor, where land is owned and managed separately by Parks, Transport and Three Waters. Having an internal resource coordinating pest management with these three departments, and involving community groups such as the OHRN, would deliver far better value for money and better outcomes for the river than the current piecemeal approach. 4. The Board seeks for Community Grants, in particular Strengthening Communities, to be retained and increased in line with inflation, living wage. The Board wishes to see the Sustainability Fund continued. 5. The Board requests increased operational spending to augment the Urban Forest Plan and extend it beyond Parks to streets and waterways.

Capital: Transport - comments
Evidence tells us that transport has the most significant impact on carbon emissions, therefore Council's stated focus of the budget reducing greenhouse gas emissions through making changes to the way we travel needs to be enacted. The Board strongly encourages Council to prioritise projects that enable residents to use safe active transport means. Safe Transport Choices are a key priority in the Waihoro Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote Community Board Plan, so in order to achieve these the Board wishes to see the following: • Bring back the MCRs (3) Southern Lights, Simeon St (build) and Ōpāwaho River Routes. In particular the Board would like to see the planning and engagement components, of these projects, which are the least costly, so these projects are shovel ready when the immediate budget constraints have passed. • Funding be found for the design of connector cycleways in the Community Board area, including Sparks Road-Westmorland through to Princess Margaret Hospital • Requests the Innovating Streets projects and transitional projects have a planned pathway to permanence. • Funding be found for the Te Aratai College Cycle Connection, which although it is not actually in Waihoro is paramount for the safety of students from this Community Board area to get to school. • The Board supports the continuation of the Support Safer Speed Plan – especially around schools and on the hills. • The Board also supports the continued funding of the Safety and Ancillary Projects programme, as it enables a degree of responsiveness to local transport safety issues and minor safety interventions as they arise, which in turns enables good local living. • The Board requests that funding for 65924 Minor Safety Improvements, is increased • Support of Transport Safety Projects across the Community Board area • Support Completion of Selwyn St Masterplan • Reinstatement of 60106 Disraeli, Harman and Selwyn St Intersection • The Board supports the Selwyn St Master Plan remaining in the LTP and to be completed once the Brougham St upgrade has been completed.

Capital: Parks, heritage or the coastal environment - comments
The Board supports the following matters concerning Parks Facilities, which is a key Community Board Plan priority: • The Board seeks to hold a coherent overview of the proposed works on Parks facilities across the Community Board area, so that they can overlay the local knowledge shared with them as they interact in the community; and where it better meets the interests of the community, projects are able to be swapped within the programme. For example, Somerfield Park toilet renewal was identified in 2022 in poor condition but is not on the programme in, but the Victoria Park toilets received the same grade as Somerfield but are which are less urgent from a community perspective, are in the programme. The Board would like to see processes in place for the next LTP process. • Retaining funding for pump track and full-basketball court at Hunter Terrace – will look to a full court following completion of Ōmōkihi. • Completion of the Hoon Hay Park pavilion project • Barrington Park toilet renewal •

Working alongside local groups, such as the Addington Farm and the Friends of Addington Park in their vision to refresh Addington Park • Considering the placement of a toilet in Francis Reserve, in response to the growing community in Westmoreland • Working towards accessible access to Sumner beach • Support the superb work done by Port Hills Rangers and work already done and request additional budget for active land management to reduce fire risk, and the use of the unformed legal (paper) roads in the hills as fire breaks. • In 2014 there was an opportunity for Council to purchase the ecologically significant land at Kennaway Farm, which was not taken up. The recent Resource Consent, ecological and now legal issues created by the Portlink industrial complex has identified for the Board, the need for Council to have a policy and process that enables the purchase of strategic ecologically significant land as it comes up for sale (ref. Port Link). The Board requests that Council investigate this. • Provision of new toilets on Rapaki Track • An acknowledgement of the unmarked graves at Sydenham Cemetery • That parks include multi-age, multi-ability, multi-use and accessible equipment as appropriate each community, in their playground renewal programme. • Provision of fit-for-purpose toilets at Somerfield and Addington Parks • Address the flooding issues at Sydenham Cemetery • That $150,000 be put aside for 10-year strategy weed control of Sycamore trees in the Ōpāwaho Heathcote River and Port Hills environments.

Capital: Libraries - comments

• Ōmōkihi The Board supports the $28,800,000 budget set aside for the Ōmōkihi South Library & Service Centre Earthquake Rebuild. • Temporary Library Service While acknowledging that there is no way to provide the same level of service as with a functioning building the Board is of the view that the current plans, which are driven by funding envelopes, leave significant gaps. In particular the board has concerns about access to services in the eastern part of the facility's catchment - across Beckenham, Sydenham, Waltham and Opawa-St Martins. The Board would like to see additional funding provided to allow for a dedicated Library space in this area, to complement the proposed work at Barrington. The Board suggests $400,000 be made available for this. (waiting on information from staff)

Capital: Solid waste and resource recovery - comments

• The Board would like to see the bin-lid clips in use city-wide, and in particular across the Port Hills and requests Council put a programme in place to achieve this.

Capital: Other - comments

Water • There has been a significant reduction in the amount of money for water programmes. The Board has concerns about the levels of service for land drainage in Hillsborough and along the Ōpāwaho Heathcote River catchment.

Focus for 24-34 LTP - multiple-choice

Accelerate work on some projects and programmes, with a focus on balancing the needs of today's residents with the needs of future generations (e.g. spending more on climate change adaptation, boost the funding for major events).

Areas to reduce costs to provide savings - comments

no comment

Event bid funding - multiple-choice

Leave the bid funding for major and business events at current levels in the draft LTP, as proposed. This expenditure is included in the proposed rates increase. While it may not have an impact on rates, it could have implications for our ability to attract major and business events in the short term.

Bring forward $1.8m for CAPP - multiple-choice

Yes - bring $1.8 million forward.

Create climate adaption fund - multiple-choice

Yes - create a climate adaption fund.

Adapting to climate change - comments

Emergency preparedness is a Board Priority, and spending on the Port Hills with reducing fire risk in mind is important to the Community Board. The Community Board would like to see the Urban Forest Plan extended to include more trees on the streets, road reserve and along waterways. Prioritise funding to map the trees, therefore the board proposes an increase to internal funding and information sessions to gain an overview before decisions making.

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Strategic Framework - comments
support

Disposal of 5 Council-owned properties - comments
support

Disposal of Red Zone properties - comments
• Whilst [red zone land] Raekura Place is not part of the properties up for disposal, the Board wishes for this land to be retained and staff work with the Mt Pleasant Pottery Group to allow continued and future access. • 32 Hillier Place [rating ID 81759] should be removed from the disposal list, as this property was purchased (directly from HNZC) utilising funds from a bequest to the social housing unit for the purpose of social housing provision only. Any funds from this property should be ringfenced for social housing purposes alone. Furthermore, the property was purchased as a secondary access into Andrews Crescent on the recommendation of transport and CPTED staff as the existing road access into Andrew's crescent was deemed insufficient and poorly placed (distance to adjacent junction) if used as the sole entrance into a larger redevelopment. The disposal of this site could be short-sighted and lead to poor safety and community outcomes. • The Community Board thanks staff for the considerable ongoing work with community members who wish to make use of RRZ land.

Gift of Yaldhurst Memorial Hall - comments
support

Anything else about the LTP24-34 - comments
The Board desires that community funding increase in line with inflation, due to Living Wage and inflation considerations. The Board is generally supportive of inclusive arts programmes. Again, the Board would like to re-iterate the importance of visibility of the operational programme in order to meaningfully carry out its governance function. The Board wishes to be heard on its submission

Agree to future contact for consultations - multiple-choice
Yes.

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Waihoro Community Board Submission on Council draft 24-34 LTP

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Submission on Christchurch City Council's
Draft Long-Term Plan 2024-34

NOTE – Board comment has been written in this document in **blue** and the "tick boxes" in the online submission are shown as highlighted.

1. What matters most?

Our overarching proposal is to focus on a deliverable capital programme that helps drive our city forward, with particular investment in roads and transport infrastructure and in protecting and upgrading our water networks. We're borrowing for new projects that have long-term value and ensuring that the debt repayments are spread fairly across the generations of ratepayers who will benefit from them. We're maintaining enough financial flexibility to be able to handle unplanned events, and we're finding permanent efficiencies in our day-to-day spending.

Overall, have we got the balance right?

Comments

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Our Community Board Plan's vision is that our people are actively engaged and contribute to thriving communities and environments, where they feel they belong and are safe and connected with each other.

The Board appreciates the difficulty in balancing the needs of current residents and providing security around the reasonably foreseeable needs of future.

We strongly support the proposed capital and operational investments in our communities. We also ask that the Council make a small number of changes (referenced later), particularly for transport, parks and facilities, so that the budget can better achieve our vision for our communities.

We also strongly support the stated focus of the budget to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through making changes to the way we travel, the waste we create and the energy we use, and will comment further on this in sections 4. Capital Programme – Transport, and 9. Climate Change.

We expect this budget to make the capital and operational investments needed to deliver the Council's Climate Resilience Strategy.

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2. Rates

Given that both the Council and residents are facing significant financial challenges, should we be maintaining our existing levels of service and level of investment in our core infrastructure and facilities, which will mean **a proposed average rates increase of 13.24% across all ratepayers and an average residential rate increase of 12.4%?**

Yes
No
Don't know

Comments

The Board supports maintaining the existing levels of service. Specifically, the Board also supports changing the water supply leakage goals to under 20% by 2030, and under 15% by 2034.

We're proposing some changes to how we rate, including changes to the city vacant differential, rating visitor accommodation in a residential unit as a business, and changes to our rates postponement and remissions for charities policies.

Do you have any comments on our proposed changes to how we rate?

The Board supports the proposed changes.

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3. Fees & Charges

Do you have any comments on our proposed changes to fees and charges (e.g. our proposal to introduce parking charges at key parks)?

Comments

The Board supports the removal of hold fees in libraries.

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4. Operational spending

Operational spending funds the day to day services that the Council provides. Our operational spending is funded mainly through rates and therefore has a direct impact on the level of rates we charge. Everything we build, own and provide requires people to get the work done. For example, ongoing costs to operate a library, or to service our parks and waterways includes staff salaries, and maintenance and running costs such as electricity and insurance.

Are we prioritising the right things?

Yes
No
Don't know

The Board cannot answer the above question, and believes the current lack of transparency of the OPEX, both in terms of a comprehensive view of services delivered and budget allocation, are a barrier to the Board carrying out its Governance role of "maintaining an overview of services provided by the territorial authority within the community" as per the Local Government Act 2002

Comments

1. Temporary services following the closure of South Library are proposed to be taken from operational funds that would have otherwise been spent running the services at South Library. The Board has

concerns about the level of service that will be provided to south Christchurch communities during the demolition and rebuild period.

The Board would also support additional funding for public programming and the mobile service to continue the delivery of service across the South Library catchment.

The Board seeks an additional $150,000 as a minimum (additional information will be provided at the hearing, once requested information has been received)

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5. Capital Programme

In this LTP we have focused on developing a deliverable capital programme.

We're proposing to spend $6.5 billion over the next 10 years across a range of activities, including some key areas that you've told us are important through our residents' surveys, and our early engagement on the LTP:

- $2.7 billion on three waters (drinking water, wastewater and stormwater) (31.5%)
- $1.6 billion on transport (24.9%)
- $870 million on parks, heritage & the coastal environment (13.4%)
- $286 million on Te Kaha (4.41%)
- $140 million on libraries (2.16%)
- $137 million on solid waste and resource recovery (2.11%).

Are we prioritising the right things?

Yes
No
Don't know

Comments

Is there anything that you would like to tell us about specific aspects of our proposed capital spend or capital programme?

a. Transport?

Evidence tells us that transport has the most significant impact on carbon emissions, therefore Council's stated focus of the budget reducing greenhouse gas emissions through making changes to the way we travel needs to be enacted. The Board strongly encourages Council to prioritise projects that enable residents to use safe active transport means.

Safe Transport Choices are a key priority in the Waihoro Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote Community Board Plan, so in order to achieve these the Board wishes to see the following:

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- Funding be found for the design of **connector cycleways** in the Community Board area, including Sparks Road-Westmorland through to Princess Margaret Hospital

- Requests the Innovating Streets projects and transitional projects have a planned pathway to permanence.

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- The Board supports the continuation of the **Support Safer Speed Plan** – especially around schools and on the hills.

- The Board also supports the continued funding of the **Safety and Ancillary Projects** programme, as it enables a degree of responsiveness to local transport safety issues and minor safety interventions as they arise, which in turns enables good local living.

- The Board requests that funding for 65924 Minor Safety Improvements, is increased

- Support of **Transport Safety Projects** across the Community Board area

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- The Board supports the Selwyn St Master Plan remaining in the LTP and to be completed once the Brougham St upgrade has been completed.

Parks, heritage or the coastal environment?

The Board supports the following matters concerning Parks Facilities, which is a key Community Board Plan priority:

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- **Barrington Park toilet renewal**

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- That $150,000 be put aside for 10-year strategy weed control of Sycamore trees in the Ōpāwaho Heathcote River and Port Hills environments.

Libraries?

- **Ōmōkihi**

  The Board supports the $28,800,000 budget set aside for the Ōmōkihi South Library & Service Centre Earthquake Rebuild.

- **Temporary Library Service**

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Solid waste and resource recovery?

- The Board would like to see the bin-lid clips in use city-wide, and in particular across the Port Hills and requests Council put a programme in place to achieve this.

Other aspects of our capital spend or capital programme?

Water

- There has been a significant reduction in the amount of money for water programmes. The Board has concerns about the levels of service for land drainage in Hillsborough and along the Ōpāwaho Heathcote River catchment.

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6. Additional opportunity and options to our main proposal

We're working hard to reduce the impact of rates rises on residents while ensuring that Christchurch and Banks Peninsula continue to be great places to live. To do this we have had to balance the impact of rates rises with the investment needed to care for our city and asset. However, there are some additional things that we could do that would accelerate work on some projects and programmes, or we could continue to explore ways to bring down our proposed rates increases.

Which of the following do you think should be our focus for the 2024 - 2034 Long Term Plan? [choose one]

Deliver what we have proposed in the Draft Long Term Plan (e.g. maintain existing levels of service and invest in our core infrastructure and facilities that keep Christchurch and Banks Peninsula running).

Explore other ways to bring down our proposed rates increases across the Draft LTP (e.g. reduce or change some of the services we provide, review our grants funding, increasing fees and charges for some services)

Accelerate work on some projects and programmes, with a focus on balancing the needs of today's residents with the needs of future generations (e.g. spending more on climate change adaptation, boost the funding for major events).

Don't know.

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7. Additional savings and efficiencies

Are there any areas where you feel we should be reviewing the services we provide to reduce our costs throughout the Draft LTP 2024-2034?

Comment no comment

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8. Major event bid funding

Christchurch competes with other cities in New Zealand and around the world to attract major international sports, business and music events through event bid funding. While the city has an established portfolio of events and attracts a range of other events, there are opportunities to grow the existing events and attract new events to the city. This would require additional funding.

Should we leave bid funding for major and business events at current levels in the draft LTP, as proposed? Or should we increase the bid funding?

Leave the bid funding for major and business events at current levels in the draft LTP, as proposed. This expenditure is included in the proposed rates increase. While it may not have an impact on rates, it could have implications for our ability to attract major and business events in the short term.

Increase the bid funding. This means we will be able to continue to attract new major international sports, business and music events, but would also mean an additional rates increase of 0.42% in year one of the LTP, 0.04% in year two, and 0.14% in year 3.

Do you have any comments on the additional event bid funding proposal?

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9. More investment in adapting to climate change

Our district faces diverse climate hazards, from rising sea levels to more frequent extreme weather events. At a high level, we're spending $318 million over 10 years on projects that have a direct impact on climate change mitigation, and $1 billion over 10 years on projects that directly help us adapt and build our resilience. We could bring forward to 2024/25 the additional $1.8 million annually that is currently proposed to start in 2027/28. This would accelerate the Coastal Adaptation Planning Programme and boost overall community preparedness and resilience.

Do you think we should bring forward to 2024/25 the additional $1.8 million spend currently proposed to commence in 2027/28, to accelerate our grasp of the climate risks? The early investment would bring forward a rates increase of 0.29% to 2024/25 from 2027/28.

Yes - bring $1.8 million forward.
No - don't bring $1.8 million forward.
Don't know - not sure if we should bring $1.8 million forward.

Should we create a climate adaptation fund to set aside funds now to manage future necessary changes to Council assets, including roads, water systems, and buildings, in alignment with our adaptation plans? Implementing this fund would result in a rates increase of 0.25% per annum over the LTP period. How this fund would be established, managed and governed, and the criteria of how the fund will be used, all require further work. As part of that process there will be further opportunity for residents to have their say.

Yes - create a climate adaption fund.
No - don't create a climate adaption fund.
Don't know - not sure if we should create a climate adaption fund.

Do you have any comments on our additional proposals to invest more in adapting to climate change?

Emergency preparedness is a Board Priority, and spending on the Port Hills with reducing fire risk in mind is important to the Community Board.

The Community Board would like to see the Urban Forest Plan extended to include more trees on the streets, road reserve and along waterways.

Prioritise funding to map the trees (internal resourcing / request info session)

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10. Our Community Outcomes and Priorities

Our LTP is guided by the Council's Strategic Framework 2024-34 - it's the cornerstone for our long term vision, steering how we dedicate our energy and resources. Our community outcomes and priorities have shaped all our proposals in this Draft LTP ensuring that every initiative, project, and effort resonates with our commitment to build a thriving, inclusive, and sustainable city for all.

Do you have any thoughts on our vision, community outcomes and strategic priorities?

Supports.

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11. Potential disposal of Council-owned properties

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What do you think of our proposal to start formal processes to dispose of five Council-owned properties?

Support.

What do you think of our proposal to dispose of other Council-owned properties which includes former Residential Red Zone Port Hills properties?

- Whilst [red zone land] Raekura Place is not part of the properties up for disposal, the Board wishes for this land to be retained and staff work with the Mt Pleasant Pottery Group to allow continued and future access.
- 32 Hillier Place [rating ID 81759] should be removed from the disposal list, as this property was purchased (directly from HNZC) utilising funds from a bequest to the social housing unit for the purpose of social housing provision only. Any funds from this property should be ringfenced for social housing purposes alone. Furthermore, the property was purchased as a secondary access into Andrews Crescent on the recommendation of transport and CPTED staff as the existing road access into Andrew's crescent was deemed insufficient and poorly placed (distance to adjacent junction) if used as the sole entrance into a larger redevelopment. The disposal of this site could be short-sighted and lead to poor safety and community outcomes.
- The Community Board thanks staff for the considerable ongoing work with community members who wish to make use of RRZ land.

What do you think of our proposal to gift Yaldhurst Memorial Hall to the Yaldhurst Rural Residents' Association?

Support.

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12. Anything else?

Is there anything else that you would like to tell us about the Draft Long Term Plan 2024-2034?

The Board desires that community funding increase in line with inflation, due to Living Wage and inflation considerations.

The Board is generally supportive of inclusive arts programmes.

Again, the Board would like to re-iterate the importance of visibility of the operational programme in order to meaningfully carry out its governance function.

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Submitter Details

Submission Date: 19/04/2024
First name: Helen **Last name:** Broughton
Please provide the name of the organisation you represent:
Waipuna Halswell Hornby Riccarton Community Board
What is your role in the organisation: Board Chairperson

Do you want to speak to the Council about your submission at a hearing?

- (•) Yes
- ( ) I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Please select the hearing date(s) above that suit you best. You can select more than one date.
Hearings will be held in the Council Chambers at 53 Hereford Street.
We'll be in touch to arrange a date and time and will try to accommodate your preferences.
Please make sure you've provided your telephone number in **Section 1** so we can contact you.

Feedback

Have we got the balance right - comments
• Overall, the Board considers that the Council has got the balance right and that focus on a deliverable capital programme that helps drive the city forward, with particular investment in roads and transport infrastructure and in protecting and upgrading water networks reflects the feedback provided in response to the "What matters most" consultation. • The Board is aware of residents' concerns about the proposed level of rates increase to fund the programme and encourages the Council to investigate other options for revenue, for example reviewing options to increase the financial return to ratepayers of CCHL without selling the asset.

Average rates - multiple-choice
Yes

Average rates - comments
• While the Board considers that the Council should be maintaining existing levels of service and level of investment in core infrastructure and facilities it is aware that many residents consider that the proposed average rates increase of 13.24% across all ratepayers and an average residential rate increase of 12.4% are not acceptable and that any increase should be less than 10%. • The Board is aware that it is not only service levels that impact rates and urges the Council to explore other options for revenue to enable a lower level of rates increase. • The Board appreciates the inclusion of rates analysis provided in the consultation document that enables residents and business owners to see the likely increase in their rates that will result from the proposed budget.

Changes to how we rate - comments
• The Board supports the extension of city vacant differential rating to suburban centres. • The Board supports the proposal for rating visitor accommodation in a residential unit as a business differential if they're used for unhosted

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short term accommodation for more than 60 nights per year, have a resource consent for such activity, or are predominantly used for such activity. The Board agrees that this is equitable because it will result in these properties being rated in the same way as other short term accommodation providers such as motels. • The Board supports extending qualification for rates postponements to people of any age who are experiencing financial hardship but considers that the current automatic qualification for postponements for those aged 65 years or older be retained. • The Board supports simplifying the wording of the Remission Policy 1 (not-for-profit community-based organisations) and Policy 2 (land owned or used by the Council for community benefit) to give more flexibility to grant remissions that are consistent with the Council's objectives and the extent of the ratepayer's financial need, noting that this change is not expected to have a material impact on the total amount of remissions granted, or on the rates revenue required to pay for them.

Fees & charges - comments

• The Board does not support the introduction of parking charges at the Botanic Gardens Armagh Street carpark and Riccarton Avenue North Hagley carpark that could result in impacting access of families to these facilities but would be supportive of charges to deter all day parking.

Operational spending priorities - multiple-choice

Yes

Operational spending - comments

• The Board considers that the proposed spending accords with the feedback provided in response to the "What matters most" consultation. • The Board supports the development of a road map for obtaining Chlorine exemptions for Christchurch water supplies?

Capital programme priorities - multiple-choice

Yes

Capital programme - comments

The Board notes that the funding for the Heritage component is only a small proportion of the $725 million operational Spending proposed for Parks, Heritage and coastal Environment over the next ten years.

Capital: Transport - comments

The Board considers that there needs to be additional provision for footpaths in Halswell. This is a Community Board Plan priority. The Board seeks that the Awatea/Springs/Amyes Roads Intersection Improvements:be brought forward due to its long overdue status and population growth in the area. The Board considers Waterloo/Gilberthorpes/Parker Street Intersection Improvement need to be investigated as a priority

Capital: Parks, heritage or the coastal environment - comments

The Board urges the Council to include provision for the revitilisation of Sockburn Park as this is identified as a priority in the Community Board plan and is much sought after by residents in an area that is lacking in useable greenspace. The Board suggests that the investigation a new Dog Park in South West Christchurch be retained in the LTP and brought forward to 25/26 to align with the Community Board Plan Priority.

Capital: Libraries - comments

No Comment

Capital: Solid waste and resource recovery - comments

No Comment

Capital: Other - comments

The Board requests investigation of Wharenui Pool Refurbishment: In light of proposed intensification in Riccarton and that the Parakiore is not yet open.

Focus for 24-34 LTP - multiple-choice

Explore other ways to bring down our proposed rates increases across the Draft LTP (e.g. reduce or change some of the services we provide, review our grants funding, increasing fees and charges for some services)

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Areas to reduce costs to provide savings - comments
The Board considers that the Council could review the opening hours of libraries to determine whether a reduction could result in savings while still providing a good level of service to residents. Additionally the Board considers that the Council could revisit the abolition of Library fines for overdue items.

Event bid funding - multiple-choice
Increase the bid funding. This means we will be able to continue to attract new major international sports, business and music events, but would also mean an additional rates increase of 0.42% in year one of the LTP, 0.04% in year two, and 0.14% in year 3.

Event bid funding - comments
There are mixed views within the Board and the community on the appropriate level of bid funding.

Bring forward $1.8m for CAPP - multiple-choice
No - don't bring $1.8 million forward.

Create climate adaption fund - multiple-choice
Yes - create a climate adaption fund.

Adapting to climate change - comments
There are mixed views within the Board and community on how to provide for climate adaptation expenditure.

Strategic Framework - comments
The Board overall supports the vision set out in the Council's Strategic Framework 2024–34 but is concerned that the guiding vision emphasises the new without recognising the value of what already exists in Christchurch.

Disposal of 5 Council-owned properties - comments
The Board supports the disposal of properties that are surplus to the Council's requirements and considers that the Vacant Section (Lot 2 Deposited Plan 7106) being the Balance of Te Kuru not required is in this category.

Disposal of Red Zone properties - comments
No comment

Gift of Yaldhurst Memorial Hall - comments
The Board is very supportive of the proposal to gift Yaldhurst Memorial Hall to the Yaldhurst Rural Residents' Association.

Anything else about the LTP24-34 - comments
The Board commends the Council for the quality of the consultation document provided that it considers to be clear and easy to read and understand.

Agree to future contact for consultations - multiple-choice
Yes.

Attached Documents

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No records to display.

LTP Submission 2024 from Murray Dickinson, Chair of Te Matatiki Toi Ora The Arts Centre on behalf of the Trustees.

Te Matatiki Toi Ora The Arts Centre made a proposal for funding to Council in September 2023 that described three scenarios with funding in a range of $1.8m - $2.5m.

Council did not include a proposal for funding in the Draft Long-Term Plan.

We understand the financial constraints that Council must work within and we would like to offer for consideration a series of mechanisms in order to maintain the momentum achieved by The Arts Centre over recent years and not lose the benefits of previous investment made by Council for the good of The Arts Centre and our citizens:

- Given the concentration of rates increases in Years 1 and 2 of the forthcoming cycle, The Arts Centre could use its reserves (that are ringfenced for maintenance of the Observatory Hotel over its 35-year lease) to bridge a funding gap during this two year period so long as those funds are replaced in Years 3 and beyond. For Trustees to be confident that the Trust remains a going concern this would require a funding agreement.

- Depreciation:
  The Trust Board is open to deferring this for a year or two on the basis this won't be immediately required.

  However, the Trust Board signals this will lead to a long term degradation of the Category 1 heritage 1 stone buildings and this will need to be funded in the future. This is a short-term measure only.

Neither of the above is prudent or sensible, but if the alternative is to fold the trust, which will incur extra costs for the ratepayer, then the Trust is willing to consider them.

- Rates Remission – Circa $205k pa:
  We suggest a rates remission, as this would reduce the cash deficit and operational loss accordingly.

- Insurance is a major cost. It has escalated by $300,000 per annum since we made our Proposal for Funding in September last year. It is now $1.2m per annum. The Trustees have a legal obligation under the 2015 Arts Centre of Christchurch Act of Parliament to protect the heritage buildings. They have a legal duty to insure. We have looked at mitigating the costs by partially insuring. But reducing the cover from $600m to say, $50m only returns a small saving. We have looked at dropping earthquake insurance – which of course is a large proportion – but again this fails the legal test.

  In our Proposal to Council we have suggested that Council absorb the insurance cost into its portfolio where Council will have access to better rates through the volume of the portfolio. We do not have your buying power.

- Other operational efficiencies and savings:

The Arts Centre is open to any further operational savings or efficiencies that Council can assist us with. This may include the use of Council's purchasing power (including annual insurance costs, as discussed with Council staff). Outside of Council assistance though, we are confident that we have already achieved as many savings as possible within the constraints of our Act of Parliament.

- "Other funding sources"
  Council staff have indicated there are other sources of funding available to The Arts Centre. The Trust board believes it has widely sought funding and has achieved significant corporate, trust funding and sponsorship, but is open to any appropriate sources and advice that Council can specify that would reduce the funding deficit.

Background

In Aotearoa arts centres are funded by local councils and Te Matatiki Toi Ora has enjoyed regular funding from Christchurch City Council. In 2018 the recurring operational grant was withdrawn as part of a wider package of funding cuts.

In the last Long-Term Plan, after receiving overwhelming public support in the consultation process, the Council made a grant to The Arts Centre of $5.5m or $1.83m per annum for three years 2021 – 2023. The "capital" grant was given on the understanding that The Arts Centre used its earthquake insurance funds to support operations – facilitating a less expensive method for Council to make what was agreed by both parties as effectively an operational grant. The earthquake insurance funds are now expended.

What's the Ask?

The Arts Centre is asking the City Council for a grant of $1.83 million per annum in its Long-Term Plan funding. This would mean the Council continuing its current grant from the 2021-2023 LTP (though this time it will be specified as operational rather than a capital sum split over three years). This will allow the Centre to remain open and operate at a nominal level. Staff and operational cuts from 2020 would remain in force.

The shortfall of $1.83 million per annum grant could be partially subsidised from The Arts Centre's ring- fenced reserves in Years 1 and 2 providing it is made good in subsequent years.

For The Arts Centre to really thrive, however, a grant of $2 million pa would give us wings and secure continuation of the many festivals, events and programmes that make up our significantly culturally diverse community.

A Mechanism for Funding

In our Proposal for Funding of last September we requested that a Mechanism for funding be established. The LTP process has been frustrating and costly in resource and hours for all concerned. We all go through this process every three years.

Everyone seems to agree on the value of The Arts Centre to the city – and the public overwhelmingly do. We ask Council to establish a Mechanism for Funding that can give certainty to the public, the Council and The Arts Centre.

What's the Context?

The Arts Centre is projecting an annual deficit of around $1.85m per annum. This has been covered by the Council grant for the last three years. Without the grant the Trustees would be unable to recognise the Centre as a going concern and cannot sign off the annual accounts.

The Centre's income is predominantly rental revenue. This has been maximised (fully let at market rates) but the cost of running a heritage site is always higher than the income that can be derived from it.

Since the 2021 Council grant, on top of inflation, five more heritage buildings have been restored and reopened incurring increases in insurance (now $1.2m pa), rates (approx. $205,000 pa) and staffing costs. The lift in income from additional rents is outstripped by the higher running costs.

Prior to 2023, when restoration insurance funding was fully expended, the annual deficit was covered by the interest on the 2012 $168m earthquake insurance pay out.

The LTP Process

Having not included The Arts Centre in the Draft Plan the Mayor encouraged The Arts Centre to "make your case in public". This has been done through a campaign which, it is important to note, has been paid for by a private donor and supported by print, media and creative partners.

We would like to thank Council staff who, in anticipation of receiving large numbers of submissions, worked with us to facilitate an easy way of making submissions using a QR code to a Google form. This saved Council staff a tremendous amount of time processing large numbers of email submissions.

We understand many people have made submissions showing clear and loud support for the continued full funding of The Arts Centre.

Correcting Misinformation

The briefing document received by Councillors at the Council Workshop on 26 March contains a series of misdirection's and factual errors. These errors have been repeated in the media. For Councillors to make informed decisions it is important that they are presented with facts, viz:

- Since The Arts Centre was gifted to the people of Ōtautahi Christchurch in 1975 it has regularly received operational funding from the Council
- The grant of $5.5m made in the last LTP was for *operations.* It was 'dressed up' as a capital grant to allow the Council to borrow at a cheaper rate. It was given on the understanding that the Centre used its last earthquake insurance restoration funds to pay $1.83m per annum to cover the operational shortfall.
- The Arts Centre is requesting the continuance of this operational funding.
- The Council's briefing document refers to the cost of Creative Programming as being $800k pa. This is incorrect. The arts programme is $200k pa. The line-item referred to in the accounts is in fact the full departmental 'Creative Team' budget which includes marketing, Te Whare Tapere, education, venues and arts programming.

For example, our programming includes three major festivals (funded by a grant from Creative New Zealand, sponsorship, donations and ticket sales), three school holiday programmes, a day long festival of Music from the Moslem World (funded by a Boosted campaign), Monday Lunchtime Concert series and Rising Stars programme (both funded through a partnership with Concerts for Christchurch Trust and proceedings from venue hires), a Chamber Music series in partnership with the University of Canterbury, Rutherford's Den Museum, the Rauora exhibition, Creative Residencies (predominantly funded by a grant from Creative New Zealand), a Christmas programme, Te Whare Tapere (Māori arts space) (with start-up funding provided from Rātā Foundation and the Lottery Canterbury Kaikoura community fund), stargazing etc. As you can see, this programming is paid for in the vast majority through one-off grants, donations and sponsorships. This huge programme costs just $200,000 a year, and this list is not exhaustive.

The document presents programming as a fiscal failure but actually it speaks of an incredibly efficient and effective delivery mechanism. In comparison one small Council supported festival with permanent full-time staff costs around $500,000 per annum.

- The Council document recommends that The Arts Centre bring back the market, which has been happening since 2016 and in May 2024 will increase in size fourfold.
- It recommends the return of food trucks – all suitable sites for food trucks are already fully let.
- It recommends an "increase in foot traffic and vibrancy through activities with a wider appeal" :
    - Footfall is 980,000 pa
    - To get an understanding of the vast array of diverse communities that the staff at The Arts Centre facilitates please confer with the Māori arts community who have a home in Te Whare Tapere and who have created the exhibition of a Ngai Tahu creation story and showcase mahi toi in our annual Matariki Festival; the lovers of heritage architecture for who we provide experiences during Open Christchurch and the Council led annual Heritage Festival; the Islamic arts community, the Chinese arts company, Everyone an Arts Trust; inclusive dance company, Jolt; Pasifika led youth arts organisation, th'Orchard,; Dr Erin Harrington, UC Cultural Studies Lecturer and cultural critic, the thousands of parents who bring their tamariki to the holiday programmes; the many people who attend dance and voice lessons; the audiences at the sold out lunchtime concerts and to the young performers in the Rising Star concert series; the musicians of Canterbury University that we collaborate with; the parents of the young children who engage in theatre with Cubbin Theatre's year long programme at The Arts Centre this year; our past Creative Residence who create bold new arts work and provide public programmes for our communities; the artists who annually exhibit work at our Sculpture Festival; the street artists who regularly perform here; the mural artists who have adorned the hoardings around the site; the choirs who rehearse and perform here; the corporate community who hold events here; the weddings that fill the summer months; and the huge array of organisations that we partner with: Lumiere Cinema; film and advertising companies who use The Arts Centre as a location for shoots; arts and crafts classes; outdoor cinema events. We will endeavour to increase this

vibrancy through further engagement with Council staff to ensure we are a world class arts centre – this is our bold vision and ambition for this city.

- It has been suggested that management salaries are high.

  In 2022 (the last Audited accounts) the Senior Management group was 5.5FTE with remuneration of $709,250.

  The Director's salary was set by Strategic Pay Ltd in 2018 (on appointment). It was subsequently reduced, as were all management salaries, in the retrenchment of 2020. The Director took a 33% cut. It has been increased subsequently but is still a long way down from the agreed salary in 2020.

  We have looked at salaries of equivalent positions paid by Council at The Arts Gallery. A Tier 1 manager at The Arts Centre is paid about the same as a Tier 3 Council employee.

  Staff costs at a Council owned Arts Centre would be higher than under the Trust.

  The reduced staff structure made in the 2020 retrenchment remains in place. Four positions are funded by grants; two are partially funded by grants; 1½ are self-funding; five are in Maintenance and 29 roles are volunteers.

  Of the remaining, 8 positions were created to cut costs (contractors: cleaning and security).

  Otherwise there is a small core staff of one Operations Manager, one Marketing Manager, a part-time graphic designer; a Visitor Services Co-ordinator (who manages the Volunteers hosts), the Finance Manager and the Director.

- A comparison with a similar major tourist attraction:

Canterbury Museum (2022-2023):	Public Subsidy $9.7m
	Visitors 766,000 (including 'Quake City)
	Staff 77.5 FTE
	Wages: $6.8m
The Arts Centre (2023):	Requested Funding $1.8m-$2m
	Visitors 980,000
	Staff 24 FTE
	Operations Wages $1.76m

- It has been suggested that Tenants are not paying full commercial rates. We have changed the model for tenants' rents from before the earthquakes (when arts tenancies were subsidised). Now all tenants pay market rents. The issue is with opex. The cost of running heritage buildings is always higher than the amount that can be on-charged to tenants. So not all tenants pay full opex. Some do but not all. If we on-charged it all we would lose some tenants.

However as The Arts Centre becomes more and more popular (footfall is now 1m per annum and the place is vivid and exciting) we will have more and more demand from tenants and we will be able to recover more from tenants as they compete to be here. We are not in that position yet but we are fully let.

- **The Dux**

There has been media coverage of the trustees' decision to decline the offer from the group Redux to restore the Student Union. The offer was a poor commercial offer with no rent coming to the Trust for the 50-year period of the proposed agreement.

The proposal had further weaknesses: the necessary hospitality expertise was missing as Richard Sinke, the owner of The Dux, said he would not be involved beyond licensing the brand for an annual royalty payment and promoting the project. The Trustees felt that it was important to have an experienced owner operator involved.

The business case was not convincing. The Trust took advice from experts using solid hospitality data. Redux's model was based on a number of false assumptions.

The model had considerable risk in its reliance on raising millions from Dux enthusiasts. Having successfully run fundraising campaigns which have raised $38m for The Arts centre since the earthquakes we were well positioned to assess those risks.

Hospitality businesses tend to fall either side of a middle ground; they can be failures or huge successes with few falling in the middle.

The Redux model, if successful, accrued large benefits to the founding directors – but not to The Arts Centre. It would have contributed no rental income.

Redux promoted the idea that additional footfall would be of great value, albeit no financial value. We already have footfall of 1m per annum.

As there was no commercial benefit to the Trust beyond a modest ground rent, after two years engagement with Redux, the proposal was declined, on commercial grounds.

It has been suggested that the Trust should have reengaged with Redux and that a few tweaks to the agreement could have got it across the line. This did happen. Lianne Dalziel, while still Mayor, brought the parties together again and the lawyer David Stock proposed a simple agreement which fulfilled the stated ambitions of both parties. The Arts Centre accepted this proposal.

The proposal was rejected by Redux.

Dissolution of the Trust

We believe that Councillors understand the implications of not fully funding The Arts Centre. The Trustees, as Directors, would be negligent were they not to initiate the dissolution of the Trust if they are not confident it remains a going concern.

Assumption of Council Ownership

On dissolution, The Trust, as a charitable company would distribute its assets according to the Charites Act. Being constituted "for the people of Christchurch and its visitors" we believe that the most likely future owner would be the Council. There is legal precedent for Councils to receive such assets. Council has taken its own legal advice on this.

Costs of Transferring Ownership

If the Trust's assets are transferred to Council, there will be significant costs that would then fall to the ratepayer:

- The process of dissolution will be through the High Court and is likely to be long and protracted with high legal costs. The trust could use its reserves, which are otherwise held to maintain the hotel over its 35 year lease. Maintenance and the funds required are an obligation of the Hotel Lease. Those funds would have to be replaced at the ratepayers' expense.
- Without changing the 2015 Arts Centre Act – which would be fiercely resisted by many, including parliamentarians – the Council would have the same obligations as the Trust, including staff costs. We have compared senior management salaries to those at The Art Gallery (Council employees) which shows that staff costs would be higher under Council ownership.
- Council would not receive the one-off grants (from Gaming Trusts, Creative NZ, Rātā etc) nor the sponsorships or philanthropy that the Trust receives to support our work.

  In the last three years we have received $1.5m, for operations and programming alone, from such sources.

The Arts Centre is a hugely successful vehicle for delivering the Council's arts strategy and the 'Cultural Powerhouse City' community outcome as defined in the draft Long Term Plan– and does so very efficiently.

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Submitter Details

Submission Date: 09/04/2024
First name: Christine **Last name:** Rose
Please provide the name of the organisation you represent:

Māui and Hector's Dolphin Defenders NZ Inc

What is your role in the organisation:

Chairperson

Do you want to speak to the Council about your submission at a hearing?

- ○ Yes
- ◉ I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Feedback

Have we got the balance right - comments
Our specific interest relates to Hector's dolphins, SailGP and events that do not put the dolphins at risk

Average rates - multiple-choice
Don't know

Average rates - comments
Not relevant to our specific interests

Changes to how we rate - comments
N/A

Fees & charges - comments
N/A

Operational spending priorities - multiple-choice
Don't know

Operational spending - comments
Not relevant to our specific interests

Capital programme priorities - multiple-choice
No

Capital programme - comments
Encouraging SailGP in Hector's harbour habitat is not doing the right thing

Capital: Transport - comments
N/A

Capital: Parks, heritage or the coastal environment - comments
You should be prioritising Hector's dolphins and all their threats given the significant proportion of the population that live in Canterbury waters. The council can address threats they face like finding somewhere else for SailGP (not Hector's habitat) and managing pollution and litter into the coastal marine area

Capital: Libraries - comments
N/A

Capital: Solid waste and resource recovery - comments
Manage waste and rubbish to avoid marine pollution to keep Hector's safe

Capital: Other - comments
Find somewhere else for SailGP

Focus for 24-34 LTP - multiple-choice
Don't know.

Event bid funding - comments
Find somewhere else for SailGP

Bring forward $1.8m for CAPP - multiple-choice
Yes - bring $1.8 million forward.

Create climate adaption fund - multiple-choice
Yes - create a climate adaption fund.

Adapting to climate change - comments
Hector's dolphins are effected by climate change and more adaptation and mitigation is needed

Strategic Framework - comments
Find somewhere else for SailGP

Disposal of 5 Council-owned properties - comments
N/A

Disposal of Red Zone properties - comments
N/A

Gift of Yaldhurst Memorial Hall - comments
N/A

Anything else about the LTP24-34 - comments
No

Agree to future contact for consultations - multiple-choice
Yes.

Attached Documents

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Draft LTP Submission Christchurch City Council
PO Box 73017
Christchurch 8154

April 19 2024
Submitter: Victoria Andrews

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✓ I wish to be heard in support of my submission

- What Matters Most? **Climate Change.** <u>The council declared a climate and ecological emergency in May 2019 to ensure that climate change is a key consideration in long-term planning</u>.
- The council does not have the balance right nor is it correctly prioritising urgent matters.

The Main Points of My Submission Are

- <u>Prioritise and accelerate</u> the council's Coastal Hazards Adaptation Planning Programme and establish a Climate Resilience Fund and Civic Defence.
- Maintain and enhance the level of service (LOS) for council facilities and activities in Akaroa.
- <u>I support</u> the Council funding the Takapūneke reserve.
- <u>I do not support</u> additional Council funding to restore Christ Church Cathedral which is largely a visitor attraction. Let the Anglican Church and wealthy patrons donate money as well as the business community and possibly central government to cover the funding shortfall.
- Stop applying the council's 'one size fits' approach all with regard to Akaroa and Banks Peninsula which contain numerous remote and isolated communities of interest that have little in common with the developed urban areas of Christchurch.
- <u>I support</u> maintaining and enhancing the level of service for the Akaroa Museum, Service Centre, School and Community Library.

1. Coastal Hazards Adaptation Planning Programme and establish a Climate Resilience Fund.

As a resident of Akaroa I have witnessed sea level rise in relation to the harbour in a matter of a few years. It is happening at an alarming rate. As such it is an urgent matter which cannot be ignored or put at the bottom of the list for action at some point in the future.

The Tonkin and Taylor report, commissioned and revised by Christchurch City Council, illustrates the impact sea level rise will have on Akaroa.

It is time to stop beating around the bush and take action. Flooding is already a regular occurrence in some parts of the township.

Drummond's jetty, 57 Beach Road, Akaroa 23 December 2020

Rue Lavaud, the main road into and out of Akaroa, 21 July 2022

The Akaroa recreation ground and sports complex, 21 July 2022

2. Maintain and Enhance the Level of Service for Council Based Facilities in Akaroa

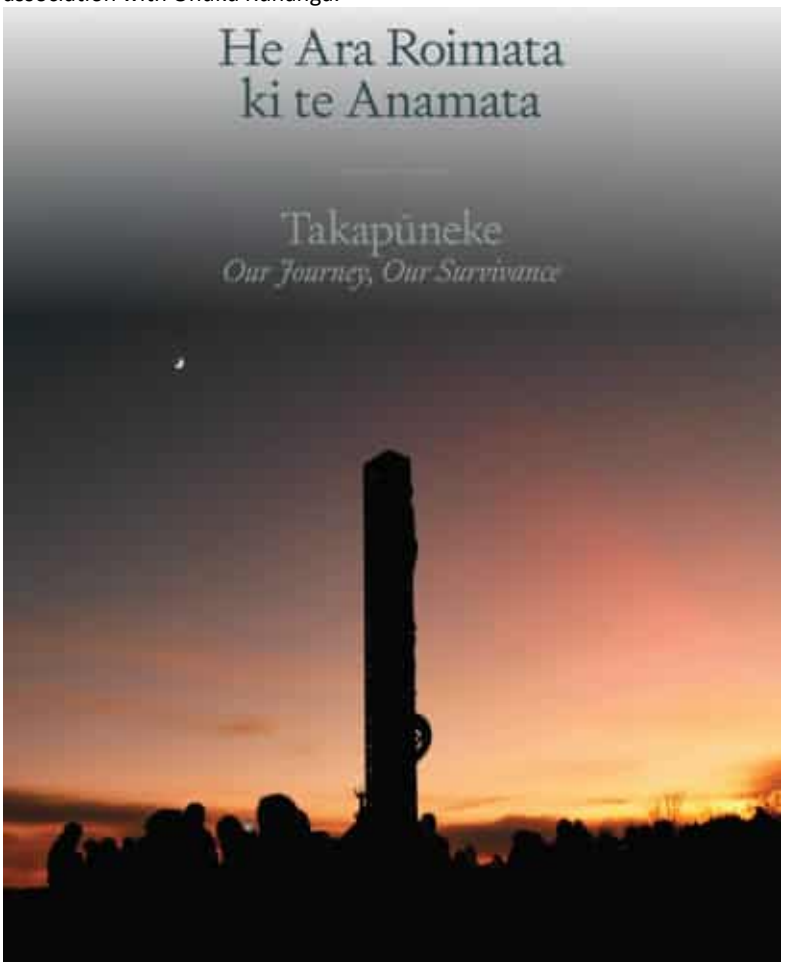
Akaroa is a rural, remote and isolated community located 80 kilometres from Christchurch. It is therefore critical to retain and enhance levels of service for ratepayers. In addition, the town must provide a professional level of service for domestic and international visitors since tourism underpins the local economy. Akaroa is also a major tourism attraction for the Canterbury region.

The Akaroa Museum

Maintaining adequate operational funding for Akaroa Museum through the Long Term Plan process is essential. The Museum is a key council facility and an important community heritage resource. It is important that Akaroa Museum maintains the levels of service as in previous years. The Akaroa Museum contributes to supporting the town's economy which is largely based on tourism which now includes returning international visitors.

The Museum oversees three important Heritage New Zealand listed historic buildings and it plays a vital role in the Council's delivery of its *Our Heritage, Our Taonga 2019-2029* strategy through its exhibition policy and educational programme.

The Akaroa Museum has a close association with Ōnuku Rūnanga and it presented an important exhibition in 2010, *Nga Roimata o Takapūneke: Tears of Takapūneke*. The exhibition received Christchurch Heritage Awards for Heritage Education and Interpretation and the Museum will soon open *He Ara Roimata ki te Anamata – Takapūneke, Our Journey, Our Survivance* working in close association with Ōnuku Rūnanga.



He Ara Roimata ki te Anamata – Takapūneke, Our Journey, Our Survivance
Akaroa Museum, 20 April-30 November, 2024

It is important to utilise the Museum's resources and staff expertise to the fullest extent as a vital link to Ōnuku Rūnanga and the wider community.

It is vital that Christchurch City Council continues to recognise the Museum's significant contribution to the town's economy as well as to the wellbeing of ratepayers, visiting school groups and tourists. The Museum is the key institution for understanding the history of the area, which encompasses themes of national importance, including the significance of Takapūneke and the Britomart Memorial.

Akaroa Museum has underpinned the culture, heritage and wellbeing of Akaroa and the surrounding area since it was founded in 1964. Since the mid-1980s it has been in the ownership and under the management of the local authority (Akaroa County Council, then Banks Peninsula District Council, now Christchurch City Council), and has been open to the public seven days a week since its inception. It is a professional institution serving members of the community and the wider Canterbury region, as well as attracting and then informing national and international visitors about the history of Akaroa and the harbour. Appointments can also be made by researchers to view the collection which requires professional care and oversight while also noting there has been no loss or damage to items held by the museum.

The role of the Museum is to collect, curate and display objects of significance to Banks Peninsula, and to care for these objects in perpetuity. The collection, valued at more than $1.5 million, is owned by, and is the responsibility of, Christchurch City Council. Special exhibitions with high quality interpretation occur throughout the year. Gallery talks and educational lectures are provided to visiting schools, and researchers utilise the Museum as a vital resource.

The Museum is critical to the wellbeing of the community, which includes the Outer Bays. Akaroa Museum is viewed as a key facility by residents of Christchurch as well, and it provides face to face interactions for ratepayers, students and visitors.

The Akaroa Service Centre

The Akaroa Service Centre is housed in the historic 1914 Post Office building in the heart of Akaroa.

The structure was fully earthquake strengthened, however staff decided to shut the facility in December 2020 without consulting the Banks Peninsula Community Board or residents. The service centre was downsized and moved into the Akaroa Area School and Community Library as a cost saving measure. As a strategic asset which is listed in the District Plan, public consultation was required. The resulting evidence was that ratepayers demanded the return of the Service Centre to its former location on the main street of the town. However, staffing was greatly reduced and opening hours have been cut to 4 hours per day Monday-Friday. The council appears to view the facility as being underutilised.

As stated, Akaroa is 80 kilometres from Christchurch. There is no public transport available. It is essential that Council levels of service are not reduced further in order to fund activities in Christchurch such as underwriting Te Kaha and other non-essential services in the city.
The Akaroa Service Centre is the first point of contact for many ratepayers and it requires adequate staffing as well as funding.

The Akaroa Area School and Community Library
The Akaroa Library is part of the council's library system.

It is a shared facility with the school which is located adjacent the library. It is an excellent although small facility which is professionally staffed by skilled librarians. It is open Monday – Friday and Saturday between 10am-2pm. The library is a community meeting point which is always welcoming and free of charge. It is an important council facility for residents and their children because the town lacks the diversity of activities which are largely taken for granted in Christchurch.
Removing reserve and transfer fees has been greatly appreciated because residents have been able to get a range of material sent to Akaroa at no charge thus opening up opportunities for those living on a budget and limited income.

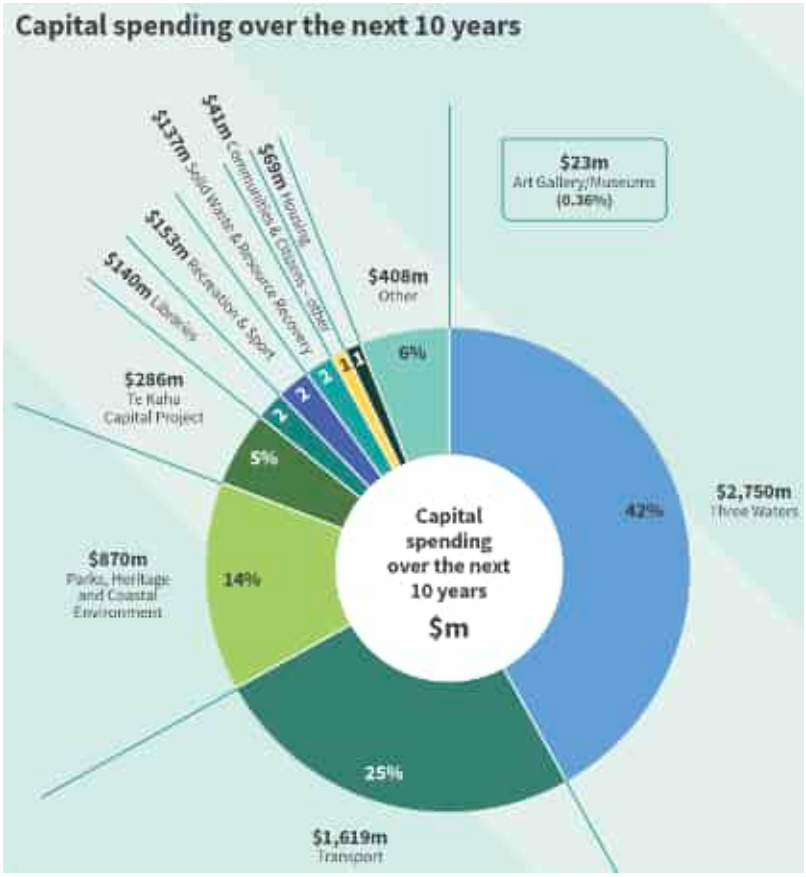
3. Council's One Size Fits All Approach in Relation to Akaroa and Rural Parts of Banks Peninsula
The council applies policies across the board without regard to where activities often take place. Doing so impinges on the level of service and quality of life for many in the Akaroa community some of whom lack the resources to travel into town to access a dentist (Akaroa has no dentist), attend appointments, seek entertainment or to further their education.
Parts of the Peninsula are often cut off from Christchurch due to inclement weather conditions.

Highway 75, 20 March 2014, photo supplied by [redacted]

In my experience, staff sometimes provide reports about the Akaroa area that do not reflect the actual situation based on the location of the activity and limitations which are not often found in the city. Councillors are then expected to make decisions on inadequate and inaccurate information.

In my view the focus of Christchurch City Council remains firmly on the CBD and the suburbs of the city. It also appears that some decisions can be swayed by powerful business and sporting interests. An example was the decision to add 5,000 seats to the new stadium bringing the total number up to a 30,000 capacity while knowing full well the facility will remain empty during most of the year. Influential developers appear to have the capacity to override council reports and decisions at will.

Te Kaha gets a whopping $286 million at 5% of capital spending (see below) plus probably of a portion of the $408 million listed under "other" of the capital spend over the next 10 years. The average ratepayer has been left out of the discussion leaving them little recourse other than writing a public submission until the next election comes along.



I understand that **Climate Change** was the number one concern ratepayers expressed but in the council's consultation document yet it was downgraded to item #10 next to Libraries at #9 (Have your say, page 33).

I do not support the Events Ecosystem Fund in relation to ChristchurchNZ (plus an additional $700,000 fee) or paying for the All Blacks to play a game of rugby in Christchurch or to pay for SailGP to perform in the Lyttelton harbour.

Bid Funding for major and business events, page 49, is all about ensuring that "we can host world class events in Christchurch" at the same time as many ratepayers are struggling to put food on the table and pay their ever increasing rates. Let the business and sporting community underwrite the expense if it is so important, not ratepayers.

In my experience and in my view, ChristchurchNZ is an overstaffed department. It could function with fewer employees as a cost saving measure.

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Draft Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 06/04/2024
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Please provide the name of the organisation you represent:

Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust (BPCT)

What is your role in the organisation:

Do you want to speak to the Council about your submission at a hearing?

- (•) Yes
- ( ) I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Thu 2 May pm **Fri 3 May pm** **Mon 6 May pm** **Wed 8 May pm**

Please select the hearing date(s) above that suit you best. You can select more than one date.
Hearings will be held in the Council Chambers at 53 Hereford Street.
We'll be in touch to arrange a date and time and will try to accommodate your preferences.
Please make sure you've provided your telephone number in **Section 1** so we can contact you.

Feedback

Have we got the balance right - comments
See attached submission

Average rates - comments
See attached submission

Operational spending - comments
See attached submission

Capital programme - comments
See attached submission

Capital: Parks, heritage or the coastal environment - comments
See attached submission

Adapting to climate change - comments
See attached submission

Anything else about the LTP24-34 - comments
see attached submission

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Agree to future contact for consultations - multiple-choice
Yes.

Attached Documents

File
BPCT submission CCC LTP March 2024 final
2050 Ecological Vision for Banks Peninsula mar24 final

2050 Ecological Vision for Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula (including the Port Hills)

October 2023

The vision:
In 2050 native biodiversity is thriving across Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula. Native ecosystems underpin our resilient communities, recognising that when nature thrives, people thrive.

Ka ora te whenua
Ka ora te tāngata

Introduction

The ecological vision for Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula has been developed by the Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust (BPCT) with input from many partner organisations, including mana whenua, landowners, Christchurch City Council, Environment Canterbury, the Department of Conservation, and other community groups. The BPCT is proud to promote the ecological vision and acknowledges with gratitude the many contributors who assisted its development. The ecological vision is a resource to be used by the whole community and others are encouraged to adopt it, or adapt it for their own purposes.

Banks Peninsula (which includes Port Hills), with its breath-taking landscapes, diverse ecosystems and precious wildlife, has long captured the hearts of those fortunate enough to engage with this special place. The Peninsula's wide range of habitats support a remarkable biodiversity, from penguins and inanga to wētā and forest birds, from kelp forest and podocarp forest to cliff and mountaintop plants. This biodiversity has great value - as taonga, for recreation, for tourism, and for ecosystem services such as flood protection.

The challenges posed by climate change and human activities have threatened the delicate balance that sustains this ecological gem. The 10 ecological goals outlined here chart a path through those challenges and towards a thriving, resilient and biodiverse future. In adopting this vision, we can take encouragement from the progress made to date. Since the 1920s, when indigenous forest was reduced to only 1% of Banks Peninsula's area, indigenous woody vegetation has steadily increased so that today about 20% of the land is covered in regenerating native vegetation. Remarkably, despite extensive historical losses of forest, few native species were lost locally, and Banks Peninsula remains a biodiversity hotspot for Waitaha Canterbury and for Aotearoa.

The 10 interconnected goals in this vision will guide collective efforts towards the recovery of this unique area, enabling it to flourish. Success depends not on any single entity or a few, but on us all: mana whenua, landowners, agencies, conservation organisations and the wider community, working hand in hand to achieve our shared aspirations. This vision is intended to facilitate collaboration and provide new solutions to complex issues. Together, we can foster a culture of environmental stewardship, implementing sustainable land management practices, and embracing innovative conservation strategies.

On Banks Peninsula we envision a future where native species thrive and ecosystems regenerate, offering sanctuary for both resident and migratory species. The restoration of ecological corridors, the protection of critical habitats, and the reintroduction of locally extinct species will restore the Peninsula's ecological integrity, and provide inspiration for the rest of Canterbury and Aotearoa. The 2050 ecological vision for Banks Peninsula invites us to dream big, and to work tirelessly for a future where our actions today foster the thriving biodiversity of tomorrow. It is a call to unite in creating a better future.

When Nature Thrives, We Thrive – Ka ora whenua, ka ora te tāngata

Penny Carnaby
Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust Chair

The 10 Ecological Goals

This vision outlines 10 interconnected goals which collectively will guide efforts towards enhancing the biodiversity and thriving ecosystems of Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula.

Goal 1: Protect all remaining old-growth forest remnants

The deeper soils on Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula were once extensively covered in podocarp forest, with hardwood trees and ferns beneath the lofty tōtara, mataī and kahikatea, sometimes with miro and rimu. Sub-alpine areas were dominated by thin barked tōtara with native cedar. The south-east corner of the Peninsula had localised areas of red and black beech.

Podocarp trees were highly prized by settlers for timber, and those growing on the lowlands were among the first resources to be extracted. Forests were further cleared by burning to make land available for farming. These tree species have a lineage dating back to Gondwana. Their lives can span many hundreds of years, sequestering and storing carbon while they grow. They are important for wildlife, providing valuable food sources for even the largest forest birds, kerurū and kākā, as well as nesting and roosting sites. Older trees with holes and hollows provide nesting places for ruru, mohua, riflemen, bats and kiwi. Healthy forest soils support a rich and diverse ecosystem.

These remnant forest types are now rare, but are important windows into the previous native ecosystems. They are small fractions of what once existed, and are now mostly small, isolated patches. Often their margins are vulnerable to wind, stock damage and weed pests. Elsewhere, there are single old-growth trees which are isolated from forests and even more vulnerable to damage. These remnant trees and forests hold the genetic material of the next generation, as well as providing food and shelter for large numbers of birds, insects and other wildlife.

Now is our chance to covenant or otherwise legally protect and manage the small remaining areas of these mighty forests before they are lost. They can also be protected by restoration planting of native trees around the edges to enlarge the forest patches and provide shelter to the older trees in the centre.

Goal 2: Protect the full range of rare[1] and naturally uncommon ecosystems

From its summits down to the coasts and plains around its perimeter, Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula has many distinctive geographic features supporting specialised ecosystems that are rare or naturally uncommon in Aotearoa. They have distinctive soils and climatic conditions which support uncommon flora and fauna. These ecosystems are varied and mostly small and unforested. To survive, these need protection from pests, grazing animals, introduced weeds and from development.

They include:

- Inland cliffs, scarps and tors, which are often home to threatened or rare plants and animals, such as the nationally critical Lyttelton forget-me-not, Banks Peninsula sun hebe, waitaha gecko and Banks Peninsula tree wētā.
- Wetlands, such as lagoons and estuary margins, seepages and flushes on valley floors and slopes, and ephemeral wetlands, which each have their own characteristic assemblage of plants and animals.
- Boulderfields, which create microclimates and provide refuges for native shrubs, invertebrates and lizards.
- Coastal cliffs and rock stacks, which provide nesting, burrowing and roosting sites for penguins, shags, petrels and other sea-going birds, and for lizards.
- Sand-dunes, shingle beaches, coastal turfs and sea mammal haul-out areas, which each have different characteristics suited to specific assemblages of plants, invertebrates, lizards and birds.

These special ecosystems make a significant contribution to national biodiversity.

[1] These ecosystems are now classified as naturally uncommon. See: https://www.landcareresearch.co.nz/publications/naturally-uncommon-ecosystems/

Goal 3: Protect streams and coastal seas through better land management

Aquatic habitats need to be healthy in order to support the many native species that depend on freshwater and marine environments for part or all of their life cycle. Freshwater and marine ecosystems are greatly affected by the conditions on the land adjacent to them. Silty sediment chokes up streams and coastal waters, greatly reducing their ability to support life. High nutrient loads promote excessive algal growth.

Good land management can greatly reduce sediment and nutrient inputs into streams and coastal seas. On steeper slopes and near coastal margins, native forest cover helps to reduce silt run-off. The forest and its soils absorb water and release it slowly, reducing sediment movement and the risk of flooding. Appropriate indigenous vegetation along the stream margins all the way down the catchment intercepts silt and nutrient run-off, reducing sediment and nutrient overload in streams and wetlands. Overhanging trees shade waterways, reducing light and heat reaching the water, which further reduces the likelihood of detrimental algal blooms. Falling leaves and other terrestrial inputs provide food for a healthy in-stream food web that supports aquatic invertebrate larvae, tuna/eels, adult galaxids (whitebait species) and kōura/freshwater crayfish. In slow-moving wetland areas, vegetation offers further filtration and buffering, which improves water quality. Clear water then reaches the sea, promoting healthy beds of kelp and seagrass, which support nurseries of fish and other marine life.

Many of our iconic native species such as kororā/little blue penguin, tītī/petrels, spotted shags, tuna/eels and inanga/whitebait rely on the healthy state of the land, freshwater and the marine environment to survive.

Inanga and other whitebait species need good water quality throughout their life cycle

Adult inanga live in coastal wetland areas (creeks, rivers, estuaries, etc.) and feed on tiny insects that also need healthy freshwater to breed. A few days before the full moons and new moons of February to May the adult inanga travel downstream to the place where the freshwater meets the incoming seawater. They wait for the very high waters of the spring tide to carry them up into flooded vegetation on the edge of the streams where they work their way into the base of dense, grassy vegetation to lay their eggs. The eggs are hidden there, shielded from natural predators (herons and eels) and from the sun's UV, and, ideally, safe from trampling stock. They develop over the next few weeks until they are ready to hatch on the next high spring tide. The tiny larvae are carried downstream to the sea, where they feed on plankton in coastal waters for 6 months until spring arrives, when they migrate back into clean wetlands, rivers and streams.

Goal 4: Establish four large biodiversity hubs of indigenous vegetation

Fragmented forest patches have small interiors with most of the habitat being close to an edge. Edges are more vulnerable to drying winds, and to weed and predator incursion. This limits the resilience of the plants, animals, important soil-living microbes and fungal networks, especially under a warming climate, thus reducing the diversity of species that can survive, and compromising those that remain. This goal is to establish four large-scale hubs, of more than 1000 hectares each, of connected and protected indigenous vegetation. These hubs will contain old-growth and regenerating forest and naturally uncommon ecosystems, providing ecosystem resilience from summit to sea.

Establishing large hubs of continuous native habitat from summit to sea and across spurs, valleys and rocky tops enables a rich diversity of native plants and animals to thrive. They support larger populations, increasing genetic diversity. Animal species can move safely between food and water sources, and adapt as the seasons and climate change; this is particularly important for smaller species that are less able to cross large open gaps in a more fragmented landscape, e.g. tomtit, rifleman and gecko.

These areas of 1000 hectares or greater will be in various ownerships, with large parts of them likely to be in private ownership sympathetic to this goal, such as with the Wildside which has Hinewai Reserve at the core. There may be residential areas within them.

Goal 5: Enhance native biodiversity within the rural environment

Most of Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula is rural, and this environment is a diverse mix of native and exotic elements. Much of the native remnant ecosystems are embedded within a matrix of primary production (agriculture, forestry, horticulture, etc.) and with areas of human habitation within it (farm houses, baches and small villages). Wildlife species move across this landscape, from mountaintop to lower country and down to the coastal margin or Kā Pākihi Whakateketeka a Waitaha Canterbury Plains, from one bush area to the next, or from stream to lake and sea, in order to find food, to find safe shelter, to breed, and to cope with the changes in seasons and weather patterns. With the worldwide shift in climate, this habitat flexibility is becoming increasingly important.

Many native birds, such as kererū, bellbird, tūī and fantail, spend considerable amounts of time within gardens and amongst farmland, opportunistically moving with the seasons. Other smaller species, like riflemen, lizards and beetles, struggle to cross large open stretches without native cover and safe shelter from pests. Springs, streams and rivers, critical for production and settlement, are also critical for biodiversity.

Sympathetic management of the native ecosystems within the areas of primary production and settled areas is important in order to sustain native species and to build ecosystem resilience into the landscape. Developing resilience against climate change will benefit both the environment and the people that live there. There are many things that can be done. These include restoring forest corridors and other habitat connections, waterway and stream-edge restoration, sympathetic road verge management, use of native species in shelter belts, and weed and animal pest control. These actions will improve ecosystem services and bring benefits to the primary production values and to human wellbeing. Owners can choose to legally protect their areas of native habitat in perpetuity through covenanting.

Goal 6: Increase the abundance of rare and uncommon native species

Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula has a wide range of native biodiversity, of varying abundance. Some native species are relatively common and are found throughout the Peninsula, such as fantails, silvereyes and black-back gulls. Some are locally uncommon, such as ruru, tūī, tītī and nikau palms. Some rare species are classified as nationally threatened, at risk or locally endemic, including hoiho, kārearea, spotted shag, Banks Peninsula tree wētā, a number of endemic moths, Lyttelton forget-me-not and Cooks scurvy grass. This goal is focused on the less common species, to increase their abundance and range. This will make their populations more secure, increase the biodiversity of areas they spread into, and enable people to encounter and appreciate them more widely than they can at present.

Many animal and plant species on the Peninsula appear to have increased in abundance over the last few decades as a result of habitat protection, pest control, and the general increase in native woody vegetation - including bellbird, tomtit, kereru and five-finger. Kororā have benefitted from localised predator control. However, increases in populations may be quite localised, and some species may still be declining or relatively neutral. All are vulnerable to loss of habitat and to increases in predators.

This goal aims to ensure that native fauna and flora become more abundant and widespread across the Peninsula. While it is focused mainly on less common species, it would also cover any common species that started to decline. For fauna that are dependent on the marine environment, such as tītī and other petrels, penguins, shags, tuna and inanga, their abundances on land will be partially dependent on what is happening in the marine environment, potentially some distance away from Banks Peninsula.

Achieving this goal relies on success in some of the other goals, and evaluation of it requires affordable monitoring methods that can detect changes in species' abundance.

Goal 7: Re-establish populations of locally extinct plant and animal species

In the past, Te Pātaka-o-Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula was home to some native species that are now missing. Some of these are gone forever, such as moa, South Island piopio, laughing owl and the Waitaha penguin. Other species survive elsewhere, but were lost from the Peninsula, most likely due to extensive deforestation and the impact of introduced predators and hunting. The absence of these missing species has reduced the native biodiversity of the Peninsula. Some of these are iconic species that characterise Aotearoa's unique wildlife. Restoring local populations of these species will enhance local biodiversity.

As areas of suitable habitat expand and the impact of introduced predators is reliably managed, it will become increasingly feasible to reintroduce some of these missing species from suitable nearby source populations. The Peninsula has already seen the successful reintroduction of tūī, which had become locally extinct in the early 1990s. Several invertebrate species have been successfully reintroduced to Ōtamahua Quail Island. These species are all reproducing and forming self-sustaining populations.

Further potential candidates for reintroduction could include tuatara, tokoeka/South Island brown kiwi, seabird species including pakahā/fluttering shearwater, kakaruai/South Island robin, kākā, kākāriki/yellow crowned parakeet, mohua/yellow-head, takahē and yellow mistletoe.

In general, re-establishment is most successful when the causes of the original loss have been addressed, the species' habitat needs are met and the threat from introduced predators is minimised. Since some of the species listed above nest in tree holes and hollows, and the Peninsula currently has few ancient trees with suitable holes, artificial nest-boxes could be installed as a substitute. Despite the anticipated elimination of feral predators, flightless birds may still be at risk from domestic cats and dogs and so may only be successful inside predator-proof fences.

Me he korokori tūī
How eloquent is he who has the throat of a tūī

By 2000, tūī had effectively died out from the Peninsula, with only occasional sightings of single vagrant birds. And so, the community, with Agency support and appropriate research, translocated 72 tūī from Maud Island, Marlborough Sounds, to Hinewai Reserve in 2009 and 2010. These tūī, and many of their hatchlings, have coloured leg bands so that they can be identified and their movements monitored. A team of volunteers in the Banks Peninsula Tūī Restoration Group have spent thousands of hours, observing, recording and managing this information. The work is overseen by Dr Laura Molles.

Goal 8: Eliminate or control pest animals to protect native biodiversity

Introduced mammalian pests are now widespread throughout Aotearoa and have played a major role in the extinction story. They will continue to threaten native species if left unchecked. These pests can be divided into two main groups:

- Predator pests that eat wildlife, including birds, lizards and invertebrates. These include ferrets, stoats and weasels, feral cats, hedgehogs, rats and mice. Possums eat chicks and eggs, and pigs eat eggs and invertebrates.

- Browsing pests that imperil our biodiversity by weakening the forest structures, compromising regeneration, and targeting certain plant species they find particularly palatable. These include goats, deer (red and fallow), pigs, possums, hares and rabbits. Rodents also eat plant seeds, seedlings and flowers, thus preventing native plant species regeneration.

Pest Free Banks Peninsula (PFBP) was established in 2018 by a collaboration of organisations with conservation functions on Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula. The programme is facilitated by BPCT and is a community-led agency supported initiative working towards realising the PFBP goal.

PFBP aims to eliminate all feral browsing pests across the Peninsula, and reduce all predator pests to zero, or as close to zero as possible. It may not be possible to eliminate all of these pests, e.g. rodents, however the intention is to reduce populations to a level that does not threaten biodiversity.

For it to be technically feasible, achieving this goal assumes that the tools for pest control continue to be developed.

This goal aligns with the national 'Predator Free New Zealand 2050' programme but is more comprehensive.

Goal 9: Eliminate or control 'transformer' ecological weeds

Ecological 'transformer' weeds are non-native plants, usually garden escapees, that can smother, outcompete and prevent natural regeneration of our ecosystems. These include pine species, sycamore, old man's beard, banana passionfruit, Chilean flame creeper, Spanish heather, spur valerian, pig's ear and pride of Madeira. They also threaten our native fauna that relies on healthy native ecosystems. Ecological weeds can be trees, shrubs, climbers, herbaceous, succulent, freshwater or marine plants, and can spread by many different means, e.g. wind, water currents, birds, people and other animals. Typically they are fast growing, able to outcompete our native species, or are better adapted than native plants to environmental pressures which used to be uncommon in Aotearoa, such as wildfires or soil disturbance by mammals. Some weeds (e.g. pines, gorse) promote the spread of fire, which worsens the risk to native ecosystems and to human property.

If left unchecked, such weeds can expand exponentially and become increasingly costly to control. It is therefore important to understand which weeds pose a particular threat to native habitats, ensure new ones do not establish, and that new infestations are eradicated before they spread. Understanding how they proliferate is important to understanding how to control them. Climate change is expected to increase the conditions that suit many weed species, and so controlling them now is a priority.

Goal 10: Improve native habitat corridors between the Peninsula, urban Christchurch and the rest of Canterbury

Native bird species move seasonally for food, nesting sites or in search of breeding partners and some species will populate new areas if conditions are suitable. Large bush birds such as kerurū, tūī and kaka are capable of flying large distances such as between the Te Pātaka-o-Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula and the alpine areas, foot hills and plains of Waitaha Canterbury. Smaller bush species such as bellbird, fantail and warbler move smaller distances between bush patches and their seasonal movements between the Peninsula hills and the gardens and parks of Christchurch City are well recorded. The many significant wetlands at the foot of the western and northern margins of the Peninsula attract huge numbers and species of wetland birds from far afield, some from great distances across the oceans. This goal aims to develop and enhance native habitat areas and corridors to facilitate safe movement of native species through the Peninsula, urban Christchurch and across Canterbury, and therefore help support more resilient populations of native birds.

The hills and valleys of the Peninsula that form the zone of contact with Kā Pākihi Whakateketeka a Waitaha Canterbury Plains run from the mouth of Te Roto o Wairewa Lake Forsyth round past Tai Tapu to the mouth of the Ihutai Avon-Heathcote estuary at Sumner. The Port Hills, from Gebbies Pass to Godley Head, define a substantial portion of this contact zone, and are part of the Peninsula's connection with Selwyn District and also with urban Ōtautahi Christchurch. The Port Hills' northern slopes lost most of their forest cover in the first 600 years of human settlement, and large areas have been cloaked in native tussock for several centuries. This has reduced available habitat for forest species, such as larger bush birds. Only small remnants of old-growth forest remain, such as Ahuriri Bush, but there has been native regeneration in damper sites and Christchurch City Council and others have been undertaking restoration plantings for many years.

The risk of fire here and across the Peninsula is a consideration when restoring forest habitat. Native plantings can take many decades to establish in dry conditions but generally carry fire less easily than many exotic species if well planned. A range of protections can be considered when planting, including designating fire break areas, selecting fire resistant native species particularly for around the margins of planted areas and in home shelterbelts, ensuring clear zones around houses and powerlines, and incorporating ponds for firefighting and for wildlife habitat.

Developing networks of native habitat linking through the hills and valleys on the western and northern margins of the Peninsula to the wetlands, parks, gardens and reserves will benefit indigenous biodiversity and facilitate natural migrations. Various community-led groups are already working towards this goal, including Whaka-Ora, initiated by Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheki to replenish the mauri of Lyttelton Harbour, and Te Kākahu Kahukura (TKK), supported by BPCT, Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheki, Summit Road Society and Living Springs. Te Ara Kakariki is planting forest corridors on the plains.

Appendix 1: Why Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula is worth protecting

Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula is an extraordinary geological region and the biodiversity jewel of Ōtautahi Christchurch and Waitaha Canterbury. Its origins as an offshore volcanic island, its large size (about 100,000 hectares, making it the largest peninsula in Aotearoa), and its location as a high-altitude, high-rainfall counterpoint to the extensive low-altitude, low-rainfall plains of the eastern Te Wai Pounamu South Island, all contribute to its distinctive characteristics. Its geological and island origins underpin the extraordinary diversity of life found upon Banks Peninsula, and have made it a hotspot for local endemism – unique species that exist nowhere else in Aotearoa or the world.

The island that is now Banks Peninsula was formed by offshore volcanic activity over a period from twelve to six million years ago. When the volcanic activity finally ceased, the craters centred on Lyttelton and Akaroa eroded into today's harbours as they were invaded by the ocean. Plant and animal life colonised the island and continued to evolve, separated from their mainland relatives. Eventually, about 20,000 years ago, the out-washed gravels from the glaciated Southern Alps of the South Island, which fanned out to form the Kā Pākihi Whakatekateka a Waitaha Canterbury Plains, reached the volcanic island and joined it to the rest of the South Island, forming the Peninsula we know today.

The eroded volcanic landform creates a remarkable diversity of microclimates, thus providing exceptional habitat diversity – from the windswept mountain tops (the highest Mt Herbert at 919m), rugged rocky bluffs, tors, coastal cliffs and islets, to the harbours and outer bays, deep fertile valley floors, streams and estuaries. On top of this intricate form, the volcanic soils, overlaid with wind-blown glacial loess from the plains, and a legacy of millions of years of burrowing seabirds depositing guano, formed rich fertile soils. With the plains joining the island to the mainland, large quantities of sand (formed from glacier-ground then river-worked rock from the Alps) constantly carried down to the sea by Canterbury's braided rivers, got transported around the Peninsula's coast by long-shore drift, settling out into pockets around the base of the new Peninsula, creating many and varied beaches, estuaries, wetlands and dune systems.

Before humans settled here, the Peninsula was almost entirely forested. On the mid to lower slopes and alluvial valley floors, lofty tōtara, matai and kahikatea (podocarps) towered over understoreys of hardwood trees and shrubs, climbers, tree ferns and ground ferns etc. The warmer coastal parts of these forests included frost-tender northern species such as nikau, kawakawa and tītoki. The higher altitude forests had native cedar and Hall's/thin-barked tōtara emerging above the hardwood tree canopy. In the coolest and wettest uplands of the south-east corner of the Peninsula, red and black beech forests out-competed the podocarp species. The rocky slopes, cliffs and sub-alpine peaks were clothed in stunted forests with diverse shrublands, indigenous herbs and grasses. These forests and the wetlands and beaches would have been raucous with birdlife, with large flightless birds like the moa, takahē and kiwi being common. Rivers and estuaries would have teamed with invertebrates and fish, and nesting seabirds would have been abundant.

With human arrival, starting about 900 years ago, a rich history of cultural and economic activity began. However, impacts of human activities accelerated, especially in the last two centuries, resulting in significant ecological and environmental damage. By 1920, the forests were reduced to 1% of their original cover, and the loss of woody vegetation caused vulnerable soils to erode and slip, leading to sediment increase in waterways. The loss of habitat, as well as the introduction of feral predators and browsers (including rats, cats, mustelids, possums, goats, pigs and deer), caused the loss of many species, including kākā, kākāriki, tītī, piopio, saddleback and tuatara. The introduction of weedy plant species also threatened vulnerable indigenous species and habitat types. Recently, however, with changing farming practices and values, native woody vegetation on the Peninsula has been steadily increasing, and about 20% of the land is now covered in regenerating forest.

Remarkably, the Peninsula remains a biodiversity hotspot for Canterbury and for Aotearoa. There is an astonishing number of locally endemic species, including seven plant species and many invertebrate species, such as cicada, wētā, beetles, moths, etc This reflects the Peninsula's origins as an island. Some nationally vulnerable species are thriving here too. Very few plant species have been completely lost from the Peninsula, and the fauna remains very diverse. Several nationally rare lizard species have sizeable populations, and there is diverse birdlife due to the range of habitats – bush, freshwater and coastal. That so many of the original native plants and animals have survived is due to the sheer size of the Peninsula, its varied topography (from damp nooks and crannies to dry rocky outcrops) and the forethought of some landowners who set aside and continue to protect small areas of original forest.

Banks Peninsula is uniquely placed geographically and ecologically as a biodiversity hotspot, a seeding node, and a storehouse of carbon for Christchurch and the wider Canterbury area.

Appendix 2: Why indigenous biodiversity is important

Biodiversity is vital for our survival. Its protection is at the heart of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity, one of the three Conventions under the Rio Summit. New Zealand's National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity sets the direction for the country to protect, maintain and restore indigenous biodiversity. We are closely connected to the land and rely on nature for our food, water, health and wellbeing. For Māori, kaitiakitanga is integral to the spiritual, cultural and social life of tangata whenua, and there are specific processes and practices for looking after the environment.

No other country can protect the ecosystems, species and endemics of Aotearoa; we have to protect them. Extinction is irreversible, and environmental degradation is costly to undo.

Ecosystems and the various species and elements within them are interdependent. Nature, over millions of years of trial and error (aka evolution), established a vast diversity of species that were adapted to the local climatic conditions, soils and other environmental variables to form well-functioning ecosystems. Millions of kilometres of fungal hyphae (filaments) in the soil deliver micronutrients to plants, which in turn supply the fungi with the food they need (produced by photosynthesis). Micro- and macro-organisms, e.g. worms, feed on leaf litter and other forest debris, turning it into good quality, well aerated soil, and produce a kind of glue that helps prevent drying out and wind erosion. Above-ground invertebrates help spread propagules such as fungus spores within a wider area. Vertebrates, including birds, bats and lizards, and invertebrates, such as native bees and wētā, help with pollination and seed dispersal, in return for food in the form of nectar, berries etc., while assisting the continual renewal of the ecosystem. The more diversity, the greater the range of services that are exchanged, and the more resilient the overall system becomes.

Collectively, other 'ecosystem services' enabled by a fully functioning indigenous ecosystem include:

- The canopy and roots of native cover and a healthy soil structure help attenuate water flow and hold soil in place. This protects the soil from erosion and reduces the damage from extreme rainfall events. It also protects the soil from desiccation in sustained drought events. With climate change, these weather extremes, which threaten human property and infrastructure through flooding, slips and fires, are expected to become more common.

- At a global level, as a result of the exchange of gases by photosynthesising plants, absorbing CO_2 and releasing O_2, storing the carbon in their mass and transferring some to the soil, the biosphere regulates the atmosphere within the stable range that we all depend on.

Losing any element of a diverse ecosystem reduces its functionality and its ability to renew itself. If we restore as much as possible of the ecological systems that evolved here, we will improve the integrity of the land and the overall wellbeing of the people who live and make a living here.

Submission: Draft Long Term Plan 2024/2034: Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust (BPCT)
Christchurch City Council
53 Hereford Street
Christchurch Central
Christchurch 8013
10 April 2024

From:
Penny Carnaby
Chairperson
Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust
[redacted]

Kia ora koutou

Re: Draft Long-Term Plan 2024/34 Submission from Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust

This submission has been prepared by the trustees and management of the Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust (BPCT) for Council.

1. Acknowledging the support of CCC
The BPCT gratefully acknowledges the Council's ongoing commitment to working in partnership with BPCT as outlined in our shared Memorandum of Understanding. The significant funding support received over the past 10+ years from the Christchurch City Council (CCC) and the excellent collaboration we experience with the CCC Parks Team, various senior staff, and many councillors' is noted with grateful thanks.

This partnership between BPCT and CCC contributes significantly to indigenous biodiversity and climate resilience outcomes being achieved for Greater Christchurch. Regular meetings between the Trust and CCC senior staff and councillors' has helped ensure that these outcomes align with the Council's regulatory, strategic and policy directions, and the Trust's 2050 Ecological Vision for Banks Peninsula (including the Port Hills).

Importantly, Council funding support helps to ensure the long-term viability of the Trust.

2. Celebrating community-led, council supported indigenous biodiversity and climate resilience outcomes
Banks Peninsula is uniquely placed geographically and ecologically as a biodiversity hotspot. Because biodiversity is mobile, Banks Peninsula acts as a seeding node, and a storehouse of carbon for Greater Christchurch and the wider Canterbury area. Biodiversity is a public good and all current and future generations of Christchurch residents benefit from its protection and enhancement.

The BPCT's model of community-led conservation with strong local council support has proven to be effective due to: the Trust's ability to work positively with landowners in way that is often unavailable to

Council; low operating overheads ensuring maximum resources are directed into biodiversity enhancement; a proven ability to leverage Council funding to maximise other funding opportunities (e.g., $1M from MPI and $8M from PF2050Ltd secured over 7 seven year period); good science underpinning programmes that support community aspirations for biodiversity protection and enhancement; and the Trust demonstrating local conservation sector leadership through the establishment and facilitation of collaborations of organisations and individuals working towards shared ecological goals.

The BPCT's most notable achievements during the last LTP period include:

- Celebration of 20 years as Aotearoa's only independent conservation covenanting authority, now with over 100 covenants established which legally protect high value habitat for current and future generations of Christchurch residents.
- A refreshed 2050 Ecological Vision for Banks Peninsula (attached) including two new goals focused on removal of 'transformer' ecological weeds and enhancement of native habitat corridors between the Peninsula, urban Christchurch, and the region.
- Winner of the 2022 Canterbury Aoraki Conservation Board supreme award Te Waka o Aoraki, recognising excellence in conservation outcomes.
- Finalist in the upcoming New Zealand Biosecurity Awards for leadership of the highly successful Banks Peninsula Feral Goat Eradication Programme.
- Establishment of a new Peninsula-wide Farm Biodiversity Programme to support farmers with biodiversity planning and monitoring.
- Ongoing strategic leadership and facilitation of significant landscape scale, cross land tenure, multi-partner conservation programmes (notably CCC is a partner organisation in all), including:
    - **Te Kākahu Kahukura** 21 organisations working together to restore a thriving and resilient indigenous forest supporting an abundance of native birds, lizards, and invertebrates on the Port Hills.
    - **The Wildside** 13,500ha in the South-eastern corner of Banks Peninsula protecting rare and threatened species, with 25% of the project area held in private or public reserve.
    - **Pest Free Banks Peninsula** 17 partner organisations (including five BP runanga) committed to the widespread removal of animal pests across Banks Peninsula (including the Port Hills).

3. Response to directions signalled in the Draft LTP 2024/2034 The BPCT supports the following:

- Council working towards a ***green liveable*** city. The Trust advocates that all goals relating to climate resilience, protecting and regenerating the environment (especially indigenous biodiversity), water bodies, and tree canopy, apply to all of Banks Peninsula (including the Port Hills) as well as urban Christchurch.
- The following strategy documents that underpin the Draft LTP especially where nature-based solutions and enhancing indigenous biodiversity have been given preference: Ōtautahi Climate Resilience Strategy; Ōtautahi Urban Forests plan; Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū/Banks Peninsula Destination Management; Banks Peninsula Community Board Plan 2023-25; and WhakaOra/Healthy Harbour Plan.
- Council's continued provision of the Christchurch Biodiversity Fund to support protection of high value indigenous biodiversity on private land. However, we know that demand for this fund is high

with many private landowners highly motivated to protect and enhance biodiversity and we request that this fund is increased to reflect this demand.

The BPCT has the following concerns:

- The proposed removal of the Environmental Partnerships Fund (EPF) will have a negative impact of significance on the ability of community-led organisations to deliver conservation outcomes for the benefit of current and future generations of Christchurch City residents.
- Concerned that there appears to be no provision funding for 61744 Programme Regional Parks Port Hills and Banks Peninsula Acquisitions in the Capital Programme. This is a significant concern because of the important role the CCC Regional Parks play in enhancing biodiversity, recreational and tourist opportunities on Banks Peninsula and in delivering on the Council's Banks Peninsula Destination Management plan.
- The 21 partner Port Hills-focused Te Kakahu Kahukura (TKK) programme will lose funding at a time when it is most needed. Post another Port Hills fire the important role of this community-driven programme in supporting landowners has never been more clear. If appropriately resourced this community-led programme can support: ecological recovery from fire damage; proactively plan for fire risk mitigation of existing and future indigenous biodiversity across the Port Hills; and establish an ecologically robust Port Hills forest that is a biodiversity hub for Christchurch City, with significant climate resilience benefits.
- Council's grant via the EPF to Pest Free Banks Peninsula elimination and feral ungulate programmes has been discontinued. When removing funding we have to consider the effect on the ground: reincursion of animal pests will occur and the investment of CCC – not to mention the incredibly hard work of so many in our communities - will have been for nought. This negative impact will also be felt for years on land owned by the Council.
- The removal of an EPF grant supporting the BPCT's operational costs means organisational focus has to shift towards securing new funding to "keep the lights on". This puts pressure on the Trust's ability to provide the leadership support and facilitation for collaborative programmes like TKK and Pest Free Banks Peninsula.
- The draft LTP is not explicit about the need to control weeds which threaten local ecosytems. If adequate ongoing internal resourcing for Council to meet their obligations to control these threats on Council land is not available, incursion of plant pests will potentially undermine the investment CCC (and many others) have already made in achieving biodiversity gains over many years.

4. Requests for additions to the LTP 2024/2034

The Trust requests the reinstatement of the Environmental Partnerships Fund (or a similar grant vehicle) to continue funding at the same level as the LTP 2021/23 for the following:

- The continuation of an annual contribution from the EPF of $30k towards BPCT operational costs (we note with thanks the allocation that remains in the CCC Parks budget).
- The continuation of an annual contribution of $30k to support the Te Kakahu Kahukura programme.
- The continuation of an annual contribution of $50k to support the Pest Free Banks Peninsula elimination programme.
- The continuation of an annual contribution of $40k to support feral ungulate removal on Banks Peninsula.

Concluding comments
Thank you for reading our submission. We wish to present our submission in person.

Penny Carnaby
Chairperson

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Draft Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 05/04/2024
First name: David **Last name:** Miller
Please provide the name of the organisation you represent:

Pest Free Banks Peninsula Project Management Group

What is your role in the organisation: Chair

Do you want to speak to the Council about your submission at a hearing?

- (•) Yes
- ( ) I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Thu 2 May pm **Fri 3 May pm** **Mon 6 May pm** **Wed 8 May pm** **Thu 9 May pm**

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Feedback

Have we got the balance right - comments
There is insufficient discussion or funding on pest control in this LTP, despite excellent progress made with CCC's help.

Operational spending - comments
Please read the attached document

Capital programme - comments
Please read the attached document

Capital: Parks, heritage or the coastal environment - comments
Please read the attached document

Anything else about the LTP24-34 - comments
Please read the attached document

Agree to future contact for consultations - multiple-choice
Yes.

Attached Documents

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File
Pest Free BP CCC LTP Submission Final

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05 April 2024

Christchurch City Council
53 Hereford Street
Christchurch 8013

From:
David Miller – Chair, Pest Free Banks Peninsula Project Management Group
[redacted]

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Re: Draft Long Term Plan 2024-2034 Submission from Pest Free Banks Peninsula (PFBP)

Thank you very much for the opportunity to make this submission to Christchurch City Council on behalf of members of PFBP Project Management Group.

1. **A context of hard work and achievement**

The Pest Free Banks Peninsula partnership was launched in 2018. Already we have contributed to nationally significant outcomes for biodiversity on Banks Peninsula (including the Port Hills). Key achievements include:

- The elimination of all feral goats from the true Peninsula completed in August 2023 (this project is a finalist in the upcoming New Zealand Biosecurity Awards).
- Three years into the ~28,000ha Extended Wildside and Kaitorete elimination programme and on track to deliver removal of all possums on the EW and six pest species on Kaitorete by 2026.
- Introduction of a feral pig programme with 2,100+ feral pigs removed to date, operating across ~20,000ha and 300+ landowners – the largest and most ambitious feral pig operation in the country.
- 1760 households actively participating in the Predator Free Port Hills project actively managing 2300 traps.
- ~1000 ha of predator suppression to low levels as part of the collaborative Te Kakahu Kahukura project in the Southern Port Hills (city and harbour sides).
- Thousands of hectares of predator suppression being undertaken in the Whakaraupo/Lyttelton Harbour basin by Rūnanga-led initiatives alongside Living Springs, Conservation Volunteers NZ, Whaka Ora Pest Project, and a multitude of community groups and private landowners.

- Facilitating learning and information sharing opportunities for the many groups and landowners on the rest of Banks Peninsula who are already undertaking significant predator suppression work, such as ReWild Wainui, High Bare Peak, Te Ahu Pātiki, Orton Bradley, Hidden Valley Trust and Mark and Megan Nixon-Reynolds.
- Harnessing and facilitating true collaboration across agencies (including CCC) and – crucially – across communities including Banks Peninsula (including the Port Hills) landowners and residents, iwi and aligned organisations.
- Establishing new roles enabling work with community groups and agencies at landscape scale, in addition to backyard trapping.
- Proving technological and physical methods for pest control at landscape scale (for the first time on the mainland).
- Developing skills and community enthusiasm and impact for a pest free future in Ōtautahi and beyond.

These outcomes are possible because of our conscious and highly successful kaupapa of being 'community led and agency supported'.

Of course, CCC is a crucial foundational agency for PFBP. The Council signed the MoU in 2018 and your financial support to date for our elimination programme (recently $50k pa) has cemented your commitment. This support has been key because it has had a 'multiplier effect' in enabling us to leverage significant funding from central government and other partners. CCC funding means not only being able to attract additional resources but it crucially has a multiplier effect in bringing sustainable biodiversity collaboration and benefits to Greater Christchurch including the peninsula.

We note with thanks the collaboration we receive from the CCC Parks Team, many senior staff and councillors, and the use of Council's depot in Duvauchelle for PFBP Extended Wildside operations and staff.

2. Our concerns

We are very concerned that the current draft of the LTP is at best muted about the need to control pests. With the removal of the Environmental Partnerships Fund from the LTP, Council's cash contribution to Pest Free Banks Peninsula elimination and feral ungulate programmes has been discontinued. When removing funding we have to consider the effect on the ground: reinvasion of animal pests will occur in areas which have already been cleared and the investment of CCC – not to mention the incredibly hard work of so many in our communities - will effectively be wasted. This negative impact will also be felt for years on land owned by the Council.

3. Our requests

We request that Council reconsiders the removal of the Environmental Partnership Fund and reinstates funding for the Pest Free Banks Peninsula elimination programme (at the current contribution of $50k per annum) and PFBP feral ungulate programme (at the current contribution of $40k per annum). Following the success and proven methodology of the feral goat eradication programme (removing 4,000+ feral goats from the peninsula), we have the skills, tools and momentum to do similar for feral pigs.

We also advise and request that CCC maintains enough budget for biosecurity work to ensure biodiversity values and gains on Council owned land are supported by ensuring capital and operational budgets are adequate for the task. We have found that the 'halo effect' of pest

control across boundaries creates encouragement to neighbouring landowners to collaborate and get involved.

4. In conclusion

CCC funding has been crucial for the development and implementation of programmes that have achieved national significance for their innovation, their community inspiration and their efficacy. Working through the Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust, CCC's support to Pest Free Banks Peninsula has enabled a nationally recognised programme eliminating feral goats from the Peninsula (to be followed by a similar project to remove feral pigs). Pest Free BP has shown the power of a good idea in skilled hands and in a motivated community, resulting in world-leading impacts in possum, hedgehog, mustelid and feral cat control and elimination.

Finally, a feature of the Pest Free project has been the warm and beneficial collaboration between groups of inspired colleagues across agencies and communities, not least with our colleagues in the CCC Parks Team. They and others in CCC have our admiration and gratitude!

We request that at a time when we are winning, Council continues its support in both practical and financial continued commitment. Thank you for reading our submission. We wish to speak to our submission.

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Dr David Miller
Chair
PFBP Project Management Group

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Draft Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 28/03/2024
First name: David **Last name:** Miller

What is your role in the organisation:

Hamish and Emma Menzies, Paddy Cotter,
David and Carole Miller, Mike and Ruth Williams.

Do you want to speak to the Council about your submission at a hearing?

- (•) Yes
- ( ) I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

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Feedback

Have we got the balance right - comments
No - the draft LTP is almost silent about the need to control weeds which threaten indigenous biodiversity and gains being made.

Average rates - multiple-choice
Yes

Capital programme priorities - multiple-choice
Yes

Capital programme - comments
The discussion document about spending proposed on the coastal environment doesn't mention maintenance of the CCC-owned land around Banks Peninsula, including CCC's responsibility to control spread of weed pests that could become a serious problem in coming years.

Capital: Parks, heritage or the coastal environment - comments
See above

Focus for 24-34 LTP - multiple-choice
Accelerate work on some projects and programmes, with a focus on balancing the needs of today's residents with the needs of future generations (e.g. spending more on climate change adaptation, boost the funding for major events).

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Event bid funding - multiple-choice

Leave the bid funding for major and business events at current levels in the draft LTP, as proposed. This expenditure is included in the proposed rates increase. While it may not have an impact on rates, it could have implications for our ability to attract major and business events in the short term.

Anything else about the LTP24-34 - comments

Please see our attached document

Agree to future contact for consultations - multiple-choice

Yes.

Attached Documents

File
Pigs Ear submission to CCC LTP 03.24

DAVID MILLER & CAROLE FRANCIS-MILLER

[redacted]

March 2024

Christchurch City Council Elected Representatives

Dear Councillors

CCC LTP Submission about Controlling the Weed Pest Pigs Ear (Cotyledon Macrantha)

This is a submission made by a group of landowners farming contiguously from Menzies Bay to Little Akaloa in the north-eastern bays of Banks Peninsula – an area of @1,800 hectares. The farmers/landowners behind this submission are Hamish and Emma Menzies (Menzies Bay), Paddy Cotter (Rehutai - Squally Bay), David and Carole Miller (Decanter Bay and Squally Bay), and Mike and Ruth Williams (Brockworth – Decanter Bay and Little Akaloa).

We are making this submission about the weed pest Pig's Ear (Cotyledon Macrantha) and we are asking CCC to partner with us in a collaborative experiment with 3 elements in order to:

1. Establish a rigorous monitoring programme with third-party assistance (e.g., Lincoln University), in order to:
    a. establish the location of infestations across the catchments,
    b. monitor the impact of control methods, including boom and topical spraying, and
    c. monitor biodiversity impacts of both control and non-control approaches over a period of three years. (The submitters have made an application to the Community Biodiversity Fund for financial support for monitoring.)

    Discussion with experts in biodiversity monitoring suggests that monitoring undertaken by commercial firms with necessary expertise would cost $10-$12 thousand annually. The submitters have applied to the CCC Biodiversity Fund seeking support for this specific element of the project.
2. Ask the Christchurch City Council, as 'owner' of the sea cliffs in which the greatest infestations and seed-banks for Pigs Ear spread exist, to undertake control by helicopter boom spraying of infested sea cliffs between Menzies Bay and Little Akaloa.
3. We, as the productive landowners, will implement pasture spraying inland from the sea cliffs at our own expense for the duration of the experiment.

We anticipate that the proposed experiment will last for three years.

It is our intention that this project will:

- Map the distribution of the weed pest in the catchments described;
- narrow down the most effective spray to eliminate the pest;
- determine the effect of spray on key native species;

- investigate the best time of the year to spray the pest;
- with Christchurch City Council determine which time of year spraying least affects native species – both flora and fauna;
- use a helicopter to boom spray along the sea cliffs;
- back pack spray rocky outcrops to mop up missed plants;
- determine the most efficacious frequency of spraying (based on our observations biennial, then triennial spraying may be all that's needed);
- set up the monitoring programme as described above;
- use this project as a trial to assist Christchurch City Council in its conservation strategy to eliminate weed pests from its land on Banks Peninsula.

There are important justifications for establishing this empirical collaboration and the information it can yield:

i. Pigs Ear is spreading alarmingly along the sea cliffs and onto productive land. Its hundreds of thousands of seeds per plant are dispersed by wind, stock and gravity. It can form dense clumps in coastal cliff ecosystems, making it difficult to remove once established.
ii. Many parts of the proposed trial area include areas of outstanding biodiversity, including Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust covenanted areas and sites of ecological significance.
iii. Pig's ear is toxic to livestock if ingested and displaces native coastal vegetation at rocky outcrops where rare native species occur[1]. It is described by the Royal Horticultural Society in the UK as 'potentially harmful' - anecdotally toxic to children[2].
iv. It seems there is a dearth of clear information about optimal spray recipes, optimal spraying timing and frequency, and the impacts on native vegetation of spray regimes – hence the need for close monitoring.
v. Given the habitats in which seeding of Pigs Ear is occurring (i.e., sea cliffs), we urge that an experimental approach in a limited area is embraced by CCC to expand our understanding of control methodologies and impacts.
vi. Over the proposed experimental area and trial period, the costs for CCC and for landowners are not excessive. Our experience thus far (on a limited scale) suggests that helicopter boom spraying might be in the region of $200 per hectare. Manual spraying by backpack will likely be similar. However, if spraying regimes are every two years, costs per hectare by either approach will be halved.

Because of the rapidity and extent of spread, and the amazing resilience of Pigs Ear (e.g., we have determined that it can survive and grow even when kept in a closed black bin bag for over 6 months!), and because of its ability to choke out native species, it is vital to learn more as fast and as rigorously as possible. We feel we cannot do nothing. Please help us – and fulfil your responsibility as coastal landowners – by supporting this request for a collaborative empirical approach at a relatively modest financial cost to control this weed pest.

We wish to speak to our submission.

[1] https://www.ecan.govt.nz/get-involved/news-and-events/2023/addressing-community-concerns-over-invasive-toxic-pigs-ear-plant/#:~:text=The%20succulent%20can%20grow%20up,where%20rare%20native%20species%20occur.
[2] Cotyledon macrantha|pig's ears/RHS Gardening

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With many thanks

[redacted] on behalf of

David and Carole Miller
Hamish and Emma Menzies
Paddy Cotter
Mike and Ruth Williams

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Draft Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 19/04/2024
First name: Mark **Last name:** Christensen
Please provide the name of the organisation you represent:

Project Oversight Group of Pest Free Banks Peninsula and Towards Pest Free Waitaha

What is your role in the organisation: Chair

Do you want to speak to the Council about your submission at a hearing?

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Feedback

Have we got the balance right - comments
Please see attached submission

Focus for 24-34 LTP - multiple-choice
Accelerate work on some projects and programmes, with a focus on balancing the needs of today's residents with the needs of future generations (e.g. spending more on climate change adaptation, boost the funding for major events).

Bring forward $1.8m for CAPP - multiple-choice
Yes - bring $1.8 million forward.

Adapting to climate change - comments
The regeneration of indigenous biodiversity is a critical component of the ability of the City to respond to climate change. Work towards a regenerative economy as described in the work of Christchurch NZ is necessary to provide the ecological and social resilience which the City will need in responding to climate change.

Strategic Framework - comments
Please see attached submission

Anything else about the LTP24-34 - comments
Please see attached submission

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Agree to future contact for consultations - multiple-choice
Yes.

Attached Documents

File
POG submission to CCC LTP 2024

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Submission from the Project Oversight Group of Pest Free Banks Peninsula and Towards Pest Free Waitaha to Christchurch City Draft Long Term Plan 2024/2034)

Christchurch City Council
53 Hereford Street
Christchurch 8013

From:

Mark Christensen
Chairperson
Project Oversight Group of Pest Free Banks Peninsula and Towards Pest Free Waitaha

Kia ora koutou

Re: Draft Long-Term Plan 2024/34 Submission

The Project Oversight Group (POG) of Pest Free Banks Peninsula / Te Pākata o Rākaihautū and Towards Pest Free Waitaha comprises appointees of:

- Environment Canterbury
- Christchurch City Council
- Selwyn District Council
- Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust
- Department of Conservation
- Ngā Rūnanga of Banks Peninsula / Te Pākata o Rākaihautū
- Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu

The POG seeks that the City Council's LTP provide for:

Pest Free Banks Peninsula

- The continuation of an annual contribution of $30k from the Environmental Partnership Fund (or a replacement fund) to support the Te Kākahu Kahukura programme.
- The continuation of an annual contribution of $50k from the Environmental Partnership Fund (or a replacement fund) to support the Pest Free Banks Peninsula
- elimination programme.
- The continuation of an annual contribution of $40k from the Environmental Partnership Fund (or a replacement fund) to support feral ungulate removal on Banks Peninsula.
- Additional funding of a significant proportion of the $500k needed in the 2024/2025 year to progress the elimination of feral goats on Banks Peninsula.
- Enough budget for biosecurity work to ensure biodiversity values and gains on Council owned land on Panks Peninsula are supported by ensuring capital and

operational budgets are adequate for the task, including continuation of the Better Off Funding for biosecurity work within council owned land.

Towards Pest Free Waitaha

- Funding from 1 July 2024 for operational and health and safety protocols and training to enable community groups to support Council staff in undertaking effective pest control in Council reserves and other Council land.
- Continuation of the salary of the Community Activator from 1 March 2025 to support the community groups when the Predator Free Trust money ends, and funding for at least a second similar position from 1 July 2025.
- $30k for the provision of strategic planning and operational advice to the POG from 1 July 2024.
- Professional communications advice to the POG from 1 July 2024, including how best to engage with/enthuse residents who are not already involved in pest control.
- Professional pest control advice from 1 July 2024 on planning for the upscaling of a partly central government funded elimination project across the City, building on and linking with PFBP.
- Professional ecological advice in the 2024/2025 financial year on ecological regeneration priorities within the city part of the Towards Pest Free Waitaha area (similar to the Banks Peninsula Ecological Vision), as a precursor to more formal community and landowner engagement on ecological regeneration priorities beginning in the 2025/26 financial year.
- Standardised biodiversity outcome monitoring and GIS system, integrated with the PFBP system.

The Project Oversight Group's role

The POG's role is to provide governance level oversight of both:

- the Pest Free Banks Peninsula / Te Pākata o Rākaihautū (PFBP) Partnership; and
- groups undertaking pest control more widely across Christchurch City, Selwyn District, and Waimakariri District as part of the Towards Pest Free Waitaha (TPFW) Partnership

Pest Free Banks Peninsula / Te Pākata o Rākaihautū

The POG reiterates the comments, concerns and requests of the PFBP Project Management Group (PMG) in their submission by the Chair of the PMG, Dr David Miller, dated 5 April 2024. The POG particularly notes the critical importance of CCC funding to date which has been crucial for the development and implementation of programmes that have achieved national significance for their innovation, their community inspiration and their efficacy.

In addition to the comments from the PMG, the POG notes that Pest Free Banks Peninsula includes the control of feral pigs. To date, over 2200 feral pigs have been removed from Banks Peninsula since August 2022 and surveillance would indicate we have achieved more

than 75% suppression. Specialist Contractors will assist with suppression work for several months commencing July 2024. Current control activities are being focussed on upper Kaituna Valley, Mt Bradley, Loudan, Tupari, Marchands, McQueens Valley and mid Prices Valley.

Expenditure to date on this suppression work is over $480,000, funded by ECan, DOC, CCC, the Zone Committee, various landowners (cash and in kind) and by the project manager.

This is the largest feral pig control operation currently being undertaken in the country and there is growing interest from many other similarly affected communities about this work. The intent is to use this project as a case study to inform other work around New Zealand.

We are at a point where we either accept the need for ongoing annual suppression to maintain/improve previous suppression efforts, or we attempt elimination (starting from a suppressed population). We currently have funding ($300,000) for suppression work in 2024/part 2025 but need to find an additional $300,000 to $500,000 (in 2024/2025) before significant zonal elimination could be considered. More funding will be required in any event if any elimination strategy cannot be initiated during 2024/2025. The key is not to let current populations rebound prior to initiating any elimination strategy otherwise elimination costs will increase. The alternative of ongoing suppression would cost $120,000 to $180,000 per year.

The POG therefore seeks funding of a significant proportion of the $500,000 needed in the 2024/2025 year to progress the elimination of feral goats on Banks Peninsula.

Towards Pest Free Waitaha

The POG recognises that there is much enthusiasm for pest control in the community across the City. However, that community effort has to date overall been uncoordinated and has varying levels of expertise and resource. The POG has secured funding from the New Zealand Predator Free Trust for 1 year for a Community Activator who is working closely with PFBP, the agencies including the Council, and now with many individual community groups.

This is part of the work which POG has been leading on the initial planning for the Towards Pest Free Waitaha initiative. This initiative is intended to connect the community-based pest suppression activities which are part of the Pest Free Banks Peninsula/Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū vision, and to build on that experience and expertise by connecting its community-based pest suppression initiatives with others across the rest of Christchurch City and within the Selwyn and Waimakariri Districts.

Supporting these groups across the city will enable a strategic approach to pest suppression, similar to what is happening in Wellington, Dunedin and other cities.

Early and continued engagement with landowners/communities is critical. We consider that the community led, agency supported approach (adopted by PFBP) is fundamental to the establishment and ongoing success of Towards Pest Free Waitaha. POG recommends that this model be used for TPFW.

The overall vision is to work towards implementing what would be one of New Zealand's largest landscape-scale pest suppression and elimination projects, linking Banks Peninsula with the Alps, between the Rakaia and Ashley/Rakahura Rivers.

While the POG sees the extension of the proposed Environment Canterbury targeted rate for biodiversity across the urban part of Christchurch as a critical step in bringing this initiative to life, the targeted rate, by itself, will not be enough. Specifically, priorities for additional funding which the POG considers is necessary to (in order of priority) are:

- Funding from 1 July 2024 for operational and health and safety protocols and training to enable community groups to support Council staff in undertaking effective pest control in Council reserves and other Council land.
- Continuation of the salary of the Community Activator from 1 March 2025 to support the community groups when the Trust money ends, and funding for at least a second similar position from 1 July 2025.
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The Project Oversight Group of Pest Free Banks Peninsula and Towards Pest Free Waitaha **requests to be heard in support of this submission**. We would be pleased to appear at the same time as the PFBP Project Management Group.

Mark Christensen

Chair

PFBP and TPFW Project Oversight Group

Draft Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 20/03/2024
First name: Mark **Last name:** Christensen

What is your role in the organisation:

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Feedback

Have we got the balance right - comments
No, we need to increase rates further to better provide for: - supporting the Arts Centre so that it remains financially viable; and - ecological regeneration, including pest eradication, both on Banks Peninsula and across the rest of the City. Both of these are critical in supporting the wellbeing and prosperity of Christchurch ratepayers.

Average rates - multiple-choice
Yes

Average rates - comments
Actually, rates should be further increased as per my comments above.

Operational spending priorities - multiple-choice
No

Operational spending - comments
There needs to be greater priority given to: - supporting the Arts Centre so that it remains financially viable; and - ecological regeneration, including pest eradication, both on Banks Peninsula and across the rest of the City. Both of these are critical in supporting the wellbeing and prosperity of Christchurch ratepayers.

Capital programme priorities - multiple-choice
No

Capital programme - comments

There needs to be greater priority given to: - supporting the Arts Centre so that it remains financially viable; and - ecological regeneration, including pest eradication, both on Banks Peninsula and across the rest of the City. Both of these are critical in supporting the wellbeing and prosperity of Christchurch ratepayers.

Capital: Parks, heritage or the coastal environment - comments
Not enough funding is proposed on supporting the community to undertake ecological regeneration. The best outcomes for biodiversity will be community lead and agency supported, rather than dictated/delivered by the council.

Focus for 24-34 LTP - multiple-choice
Accelerate work on some projects and programmes, with a focus on balancing the needs of today's residents with the needs of future generations (e.g. spending more on climate change adaptation, boost the funding for major events).

Areas to reduce costs to provide savings - comments
We simply need to raise rates further to properly address the twin crises of climate change and biodiversity loss.

Event bid funding - multiple-choice
Leave the bid funding for major and business events at current levels in the draft LTP, as proposed. This expenditure is included in the proposed rates increase. While it may not have an impact on rates, it could have implications for our ability to attract major and business events in the short term.

Bring forward $1.8m for CAPP - multiple-choice
Yes - bring $1.8 million forward.

Create climate adaption fund - multiple-choice
Yes - create a climate adaption fund.

Agree to future contact for consultations - multiple-choice
Yes.

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Submitter Details

Submission Date: 19/03/2024
First name: Kaaren **Last name:** Mathias

What is your role in the organisation:

Do you want to speak to the Council about your submission at a hearing?

- (•) Yes
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Feedback

Have we got the balance right - comments
I think the balance currently is not right. It needs to move further away from private vehicles and more towards public transport and cycling/ walking opportunities. This is absolutely clear when we consider the impacts that private vehicles and roading have on our carbon footprint as a city and it is also clear that it improves health outcomes linked to social connection opportunities as well as physical health.

Average rates - multiple-choice
Yes

Average rates - comments
I also believe there could be a differential tax for car owners as they disproportionately benefit from roading and car parking compared to those who go by foot. Also open to higher rates to make a more climate resilient city

Changes to how we rate - comments
I agree with these suggestions - happy for higher rates for a more green city.

Fees & charges - comments
I think this is essential and I suppot car parking charges that are much higher than currently.

Operational spending priorities - multiple-choice
No

Operational spending - comments
More priority to densification of city, active transport, cycle and walkways and away from car parking and roading.

Capital programme priorities - multiple-choice
Yes

Capital programme - comments
However I believe we are proposing to underspend on active transport - more money should be assigned to these and also to parks and recreation opportunities.

Capital: Parks, heritage or the coastal environment - comments
More funding is great

Capital: Libraries - comments
Yes - they are a huge resource

Capital: Solid waste and resource recovery - comments
We could consider how to tax polluters and those generating landfill waste more heavily

Focus for 24-34 LTP - multiple-choice
Accelerate work on some projects and programmes, with a focus on balancing the needs of today's residents with the needs of future generations (e.g. spending more on climate change adaptation, boost the funding for major events).

Areas to reduce costs to provide savings - comments
Yes - increase income generation from inner city car parking and also a road tax for owners of private cars.

Event bid funding - multiple-choice
Leave the bid funding for major and business events at current levels in the draft LTP, as proposed. This expenditure is included in the proposed rates increase. While it may not have an impact on rates, it could have implications for our ability to attract major and business events in the short term.

Bring forward $1.8m for CAPP - multiple-choice
Yes - bring $1.8 million forward.

Create climate adaption fund - multiple-choice
Yes - create a climate adaption fund.

Strategic Framework - comments
Priority for social connection, active transport and social inclusion is important. Support these

Disposal of 5 Council-owned properties - comments
I am ok with this

Gift of Yaldhurst Memorial Hall - comments
I think this is not a great idea - that association is largely financially well off already - it should be sold and the income could be used to support communities in lower income parts of ChCh.

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Submitter Details

Submission Date: 26/03/2024
First name: Mary **Last name:** McCammon

What is your role in the organisation:

Do you want to speak to the Council about your submission at a hearing?

- ○ Yes
- ◉ I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Feedback

Have we got the balance right - comments
It all sounds good, but the key statements about supporting the arts, building community , guarding architectural heritage and promoting tourism are NOT borne out by the apparent intention to discontinue support for the Arts Centre!

Average rates - multiple-choice
Yes

Operational spending priorities - multiple-choice
Don't know

Capital programme priorities - multiple-choice
Yes

Capital programme - comments
But Te Kaha should be funded to a far greater extent by the people who will use it and especially by those who will profit from it.

Capital: Transport - comments
Public transport a priority please.

Capital: Parks, heritage or the coastal environment - comments
all very important

Capital: Libraries - comments
yes, they are central to community

Capital: Solid waste and resource recovery - comments
Vital

Capital: Other - comments
THank you for your work. This is essential council business

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Focus for 24-34 LTP - multiple-choice

Deliver what we have proposed in the Draft Long Term Plan (e.g. maintain existing levels of service and invest in our core infrastructure and facilities that keep Christchurch and Banks Peninsula running).

Areas to reduce costs to provide savings - comments

Te Kaha, as above. As a ratepayer, I feel this is being foisted on me.

Event bid funding - multiple-choice

Leave the bid funding for major and business events at current levels in the draft LTP, as proposed. This expenditure is included in the proposed rates increase. While it may not have an impact on rates, it could have implications for our ability to attract major and business events in the short term.

Event bid funding - comments

I believe that big international events are not the correct focus for a council, in terms of sustainability. The council should be (1) providing, maintaining and improving infrastructure (2) supporting community through libraries and swimming pools (3) maintaining the city's built and natural heritage (4) making climate change adaptation and resilience a feature of every decision.

Bring forward $1.8m for CAPP - multiple-choice

Yes - bring $1.8 million forward.

Create climate adaption fund - multiple-choice

Yes - create a climate adaption fund.

Adapting to climate change - comments

Actions speak louder than words. Kia kaha!

Agree to future contact for consultations - multiple-choice

Yes.

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Draft Long-Term Plan 2024-2034 from McCammon, Mary

Draft Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 21/03/2024
First name: Mary **Last name:** McCammon

What is your role in the organisation:

[redacted]

Do you want to speak to the Council about your submission at a hearing?

- [x] Yes
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Feedback

Anything else?

1.6.1 Is there anything else that you would like to tell us about the Draft Long Term Plan 2024-2034?
Please support the Arts Centre, to the extent that they have requested. To my whanau, the Arts Centre is one of the City's great treasures! We go there for concerts, workshops, and events; we visit the observatory and feel that our children and grandchildren have benefitted hugely from the rich and varied experiences made available to them at the Arts Centre. We have been both attenders and perfromers there (as Natural Magic) since the 1980's. The Arts Centre is one of the places to which we always take overseas visitors. My husband went to University there. We love this place! To us, the Arts Centre is one place we know we will always go to: unlike the stadium, the fireworks spectaculars and big name concerts, the Convention Centre and even the Cathedral. I would be absolutely ashamed to live in a city which did not support this jewel in its crown.

Future feedback

Draft Long-Term Plan 2024-2034 from McCammon, Mary

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For future feedback about our services and issues impacting Christchurch residents, do you consent to us holding your email address and the demographic information that you have provided?

We comply with the Privacy Act 2020. If you say yes, we will use the information for the sole purpose of contacting you about future feedback about ou services and other issues impacting Christchurch residents.

Yes.

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Draft Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 14/04/2024
First name: Bailey **Last name:** Peryman
Please provide the name of the organisation you represent:

Kō Mahi Ko Ora (c/- Nōku Te Ao Charitable Trust)

What is your role in the organisation:

Whānau member

Do you want to speak to the Council about your submission at a hearing?

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Feedback

Average rates - multiple-choice

Don't know

Operational spending priorities - multiple-choice

Don't know

Capital programme priorities - multiple-choice

Don't know

Create climate adaption fund - multiple-choice

Yes - create a climate adaption fund.

Anything else about the LTP24-34 - comments

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information about this vision is available on request. Nōku Te Ao is currently engaging the Ministry of Education (MOE) | Te Tāhuhu o Te Mātauranga to secure investment in a full-scale learning village that integrates whānau education, health and wellbeing, environmental excellence and social enterprise. Negotiations and collaboration with MOE are well-advanced to build property and infrastructure across two sites for 700 pupils, accommodating over 50 staff and regular participation by dozens of whānau of all ages. Nōku Te Ao does not want to build a school, it wants to build a village that is dedicated to learning - he pā wānaka; he pā oraka - a village that supports the health and wellbeing of the wai (water), whenua (land) and whānau (community); he pā kokorāki - a smart future proofed village utilising regenerative technology and builds light on the land; he pā mana motuhake - a village that restores our culture and our identity at its core, designed by and for our whānau. Delivery of this vision will be across multiple sites within Christchurch City with intent to: Redevelop temporary accommodation in McLean Street, Linwood, Purchase Christchurch City Council-owned land on Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū, Continue to lease land in the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor. The purchase of 8-hectare of CCC-owned land on Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū is subject to an Unsolicited Proposal prepared by Nōku Te Ao on behalf of multiple parties including Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke (and investment company Te Poho o Tamatea Ltd), Te Pā o Rākaihautū (sec 156 designated character school), and the Ministry of Education. A conditional sale is being recommended by CCC staff and a decision report is on the agenda for the Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula Community Board Meeting on 22nd April 2024. The multi-site education delivery model is a foundation for multiple wānanga | centres of specialist learning that will deliver excellence in Māori educational achievement in the areas of: Kō Haka | Performing Arts Kō Tākaro | Sports Kō Mahi Toi | Arts Kō Mahika Kai | Food Sovereignty Kō Oraka | Wellbeing Kō Tek | Business, Innovation and Technology Kō Kaika | Residential Pā Wānanga represents a challenge to mainstream systems that have not served Māori well and silos education from environment, community, health and wellbeing. The following submission and request for support mostly relates to the work Kō Mahi Ko Ora contributes towards Kō Mahika Kai | Food Sovereignty. Resources to develop successful community-led food resilience and sustainability practices. Council has clear policy relating to food resilience, sustainability and climate resilience. The benefits of this policy framework have mostly focused on small, city-based initiatives. Equitable levels of funding and resourcing should be available for Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū communities compared with Christchurch City. Through the Sustainability Fund, CCC has supported recent trials conducted by 20:20 Compost to develop community-led solutions for the beneficial reuse of organics that achieve food resilience outcomes. Small grant funding has been accessed from Te Pūtahitanga o Te Waipounamu (Koanga Kai) and Lotteries Community Grants. Te Pā o Rākaihautū and Nōku Te Ao have been co-design partners to 20:20 Compost trials from its inception. Seed the Change | He Kākano Hāpai are also key supporters of the project providing administrative, insurance and strategic support. Kō Mahi Ko Ora is the entity continuing to expand on the success of the 20:20 Compost trials under the governance of Nōku Te Ao. The parent organisations Nōku Te Ao and Te Pā o Rākaihautū are expressly educational entities. The integration of students into kaitiaki training and action learning in the lease area is essential to Kō Mahi Ko Ora's model. This is opening a door to intergenerational kaitiakitanga in this area for decades, if not centuries to come. The work of Kō Mahi Ko Ora is actively contributing towards the Pā Wānanga vision shared above, and this is already familiar within parts of Council, but many staff may not be aware of how interconnected the various entities and projects are. Kō Mahi Ko Ora have managed the Nōku Te Ao lease on 30 hectares within the Red Zone for nearly four years now and are in the process of working with CCC Parks staff to renew the terms associated with this arrangement. Significant milestones have been reached with the project in the Red Zone and on Te Pā's temporary site in Linwood. There is potential for impact on a larger scale but are limited by the support available through community grants. In addition to the food resilience and sustainability outcomes to date, Kō Mahi Ko Ora has built further site-specific experience regarding contaminated land, soil and water in the Red Zone. This is because the techniques for building healthy soil for food production in urban areas are also effective at remediating compaction and contamination in soils. There are wider issues to do with soil compaction and contamination that impact on stormwater management and water quality concerns for waterways and significant water bodies in the Ōtākaro-Avon and Ōpāwaho-Heathcote / Te Ihutai catchment. Cultural and community health and wellbeing is directly impacted by these issues. The project would like to operate on a higher level and has demonstrated its sustainability to date. More detailed information is already in the hands of Council staff in the activity areas of Resource Recovery, Parks, Sustainability and Property. There is an opportunity to leverage Council's existing spend, assets and resources to level up the impact of our community-led programmes by making a more strategic, longer-term commitment. Kō Mahi Ko Ora sees short, medium and long-term benefits in doing this for Council and the community, particularly given the prohibitive and rising costs associated with remediating contaminated land. In the short term, Kō Mahi Ko Ora has proven methods for diverting organics from landfill that achieve land remediation as well as educational and cultural outcomes. This can continue to work in complementary ways with the proposed new Organics Processing Plant but requires a more sustained commitment to partnership from Council. Kō Mahi Ko Ora's work can still complement the proposed new Organics Processing Plant, but would like to work in partnership with CCC to extend our model to other parts of the region, including Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū - therefore reducing the burden on the existing and proposed new OPP, and the need for expensive infrastructure in other smaller towns in the region. Kō Mahi Ko Ora team members were contributing authors to a successful MfE Waste Minimisation Fund application to deliver small to medium scale organics infrastructure pilots nationwide - this is worth $1M and starts in July 2024. Financial support from CCC through the LTP would help to secure a pilot in the Waitaha region. In the mid-term, there is an opportunity to scale these techniques to support the statutory requirements for consenting regeneration projects in the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor. There are applications in multiple other contexts where land and water contamination is a problem related to urban regeneration. In the long-term, given the immediacy of sea-level rise impacts, managed retreat and the resulting land remediation work to address these hazards – investing in methods proven at small-scale now will provide lead-in time required to meet the large-scale challenges associated with climate change and population growth in the region. There are global implications for this work – particularly given the unique opportunity to

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leverage proof of outcomes from the significant investment in urban regeneration made in this city since the 2010-2011 Canterbury Earthquakes. Urban regeneration is a global challenge attracting significant investment, and community-led solutions are often at the leading edge of innovation that seldom gets the chance to integrate, scale and collaborate well within the investment cycles of Local and Central Government. The resources Kō Mahi Ko Ora needs to level up are a commitment to partnership from CCC and financial support that will enable: Pure funding for developing and scaling the project – e.g. contract for services – rather than contestable funding that constrains and dilutes the impact. Implementation of an additional level of sampling and analysis of soils, supporting four years of results and evidence from methods that do not require large earthworks, excavation and removal of large volumes of soil from site. Regular engagement with CCC and local authorities at a higher level of information exchange, partnership and collaboration than grant funding arrangements. Ko Mahi Ko Ora needs the security of 3 years of funding at $300,000 per annum through a bespoke relationship agreement for the above to be achieved. Beyond this, Kō Mahi Ko Ora sees the need for bespoke funding to diminish then no longer be required as a result of efficiency gains and increased effectiveness in the delivery of community outcomes. While there are obvious benefits that could also be rolled out through other aligned parties in Christchurch City, starting with this group of existing community leaders will allow for a more authentic partnership to form. These initiatives and many others nationwide typically have no choice but to run on short-term, largely voluntary and low-wage economies of scale. Given a chance to build more solid economic foundations, these initiatives will achieve a whole new level of impact. Impact can be readily evidenced but is currently limited to isolated pockets and new initiatives find it difficult to get established and achieve consistency without relying on volunteers or heavily-committed individuals. The model developed with Te Pā and that we are seeking support for from CCC can break through some of these barriers because of the integration with an educational focus delivered through a Kaupapa Māori worldview that deeply values this work. Adding the weight of support that comes with a territorial authority has the potential to catalyse a series of longer term impacts. Until Council tests this then collectively, we are not going to see if the benefits are scalable. Council knows the benefits of community gardens, but this proposal takes already operational and successful trial work to a new level, without creating a big commitment for ratepayers in the long-term.

Agree to future contact for consultations - multiple-choice

Yes.

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Nōku Te Ao Charitable Trust (CC26618)

CCC Version

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3. Nōku Te Ao is a charitable trust [CC26618] established in 2001 that is licensed to run two early childhood centres (77 tamariki enrolled) in Christchurch and deliver a number of whānau ora wellbeing programmes to wh ānau.

4. Nōku Te Ao ’s vision for a 21st Century Learning Village | He P ā W ānaka is supported by Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke and four Papatipu R ūnanga of Te P ātaka o Rākaihautū | Banks Peninsula and Te Kete o R ākaihautū | Te Waihora Lake Ellesmere. More information about this vision is available on request.

5. Nōku Te Ao is currently engaging the Ministry of Education (MOE) | Te T āhuhu o Te Mātauranga to secure investment in a full-scale learning village that integrates wh ānau education, health and wellbeing, environmental excellence and social enterprise.

6. Negotiations and collaboration with MOE are well-advanced to build property and infrastructure across two sites for 700 pupils, accommodating over 50 staff and regular participation by dozens of wh ānau of all ages.

7. Nōku Te Ao does not want to build a school, it wants to build a village that is dedicated to learning - he p ā wānaka; he pā oraka - a village that supports the health and wellbeing of the wai (water), whenua (land) and wh ānau (community); he p ā kokor āki - a smart future proofed village utilising regenerative technology and builds light on the land; he p ā mana

motuhake - a village that restores our culture and our identity at its core, designed by and for our whānau.

8. Delivery of this vision will be across multiple sites within Christchurch City with intent to:
    a. Redevelop temporary accommodation in McLean Street, Linwood,
    b. Purchase Christchurch City Council-owned land on Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū,
    c. Continue to lease land in the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor.
9. The purchase of 8-hectare of CCC-owned land on Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū is subject to an Unsolicited Proposal prepared by Nōku Te Ao on behalf of multiple parties including Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke (and investment company Te Poho o Tamatea Ltd), Te Pā o Rākaihautū (sec 156 designated character school), and the Ministry of Education. A conditional sale is being recommended by CCC staff and a decision report is on the agenda for the Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula Community Board Meeting on 22nd April 2024.
10. The multi-site education delivery model is a foundation for multiple wānanga | centres of specialist learning that will deliver excellence in Māori educational achievement in the areas of:
    a. Kō Haka | Performing Arts
    b. Kō Tākaro | Sports
    c. Kō Mahi Toi | Arts
    d. Kō Mahika Kai | Food Sovereignty
    e. Kō Oraka | Wellbeing
    f. Kō Tek | Business, Innovation and Technology
    g. Kō Kaika | Residential
11. Pā Wānanga represents a challenge to mainstream systems that have not served Māori well and silos education from environment, community, health and wellbeing.
12. The following submission and request for support mostly relates to the work Kō Mahi Ko Ora contributes towards 10.d [Kō Mahika Kai | Food Sovereignty].

Resources to develop successful community-led food resilience and sustainability practices.

13. Council has clear policy relating to food resilience, sustainability and climate resilience.

14. The benefits of this policy framework have mostly focused on small, city-based initiatives. Equitable levels of funding and resourcing should be available for Te P ātaka o Rākaihautū communities compared with Christchurch City.

15. Through the Sustainability Fund, CCC has supported recent trials conducted by 20:20 Compost to develop community-led solutions for the beneficial reuse of organics that achieve food resilience outcomes. Small grant funding has been accessed from Te Pūtahitanga o Te Waipounamu (Koanga Kai) and Lotteries Community Grants.

16. Te Pā o Rākaihautū and Nōku Te Ao have been co-design partners to 20:20 Compost trials from its inception. Seed the Change | He K ākano Hāpai are also key supporters of the project providing administrative, insurance and strategic support.

17. Kō Mahi Ko Ora is the entity continuing to expand on the success of the 20:20 Compost trials under the governance of N ōku Te Ao.

18. The parent organisations N ōku Te Ao and Te P ā o Rākaihautū are expressly educational entities. The integration of students into kaitiaki training and action learning in the lease area is essential to K ō Mahi Ko Ora ’s model. This is opening a door to intergenerational kaitiakitanga in this area for decades, if not centuries to come.

19. The work of K ō Mahi Ko Ora is actively contributing towards the P ā W ānanga vision shared above, and this is already familiar within part s of Council, but many staff may not be aware of how interconnected the various entities and projects are.

20. Kō Mahi Ko Ora have managed the N ōku Te Ao lease on 30 hectares within the Red Zone for nearly four years now and are in the process of working with CCC Parks staff to renew the terms associated with this arrangement.

21. Significant milestones have been reached with the project in the Red Zone and on Te P ā’s temporary site in Linwood. There is potential for impact on a larger scale but are limited by the support available through community grants.

22. In addition to the food resilience and sustainability outcomes to date, K ō Mahi Ko Ora has built further site-specific experience regarding contaminated land, soil and water in the Red Zone. This is because the techniques for building healthy soil for food production in urban areas are also effective at remediating compaction and contamination in soils.

23. There are wider issues to do with soil compaction and contamination that impact on stormwater management and water quality concerns for waterways and significant water bodies in the Ōtākaro-Avon and Ōpāwaho-Heathcote / Te Ihutai catchment. Cultural and community health and wellbeing is directly impacted by these issues.

24. The project would like to operate on a higher level a nd has demonstrated its sustainability to

date. More detailed information is already in the hands of Council staff in the activity areas of Resource Recovery, Parks, Sustainability and Property.

25. There is an opportunity to leverage Council 's existing spend, assets and resources to level up the impact of our community-led programmes by making a more strategic, longer-term commitment.

26. Kō Mahi Ko Ora sees short, medium and long-term benefits in doing this for Council and the community, particularly given the prohibitive and rising costs associated with remediating contaminated land.

27. In the short term, Kō Mahi Ko Ora has proven methods for diverting organics from landfill that achieve land remediation as well as educational and cultural outcomes. This can continue to work in complementary ways with the proposed new Organics Processing Plant but requires a more sustained commitment to partnership from Council.

    a. *Kō Mahi Ko Ora's work can still complement the proposed new Organics Processing Plant, but would like to work in partnership with CCC to extend our model to other parts of the region, including Te P ātaka o R ākaihautū - therefore reducing the burden on the existing and proposed new OPP, and the need for expensive infrastructure in other smaller towns in the region.*

    b. *Kō Mahi Ko Ora team members were contributing authors to a successful MfE Waste Minimisation Fund application to deliver small to medium scale organics infrastructure pilots nationwide - this is worth $1M and starts in July 2024. Financial support from CCC through the LTP would help to secure a pilot in the Waitaha region.*

28. In the mid-term, there is an opportunity to scale these techniques to support the statutory requirements for consenting regeneration projects in the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor.

There are applications in multiple other contexts where land and water contamination is a problem related to urban regeneration.

29. In the long-term, given the immediacy of sea-level rise im pacts, managed retreat and the resulting land remediation work to address these hazards – investing in methods proven at small-scale now will provide lead-in time required to meet the large-scale challenges associated with climate change and population growth in the region.

30. There are global implications for this work – particularly given the unique opportunity to leverage proof of outcomes from the significant investment in urban regeneration made in this city since the 2010-2011 Canterbury Earthquakes.

31. Urban regeneration is a global challenge attracting significant investment, and community-led solutions are often at the leading edge of innovation that seldom gets the chance to integrate, scale and collaborat e well within the investment cycles of Local and Central Government.

32. The resources Kō Mahi Ko Ora needs to level up are a commitment to partnership from CCC and financial support that will enable:

    a. Pure funding for developing and scaling the project – e.g. contract for services – rather than contestable funding that constrains and dilutes the impact.

    b. Implementation of an additional level of sampling and analysis of soils, supporting four years of results and evidence from methods that do not require large earthworks, excavation and removal of large volumes of soil from site.

c. Regular engagement with CCC and local authorities at a higher level of information exchange, partnership and collaboration than grant funding arrangements.

d. Ko Mahi Ko Ora needs the security of 3 years of funding at $300,000 per annum through a bespoke relationship agreement for the above to be achieved .

e. Beyond this, Kō Mahi Ko Ora sees the need for bespoke funding to diminish then no longer be required as a result of efficiency gains and increased effectiveness in the delivery of community outcomes.

33. While there are obvious benefits that could also be rolled out through other aligned parties in Christchurch City, starting with this group of existing community leaders will allow for a more authentic partnership to form.

34. These initiatives and many others nationwide typically have no choice but to run on short-term, largely voluntary and low-wage economies of scale. Given a chance to build more solid economic foundations, these initiatives will achieve a whole new level of impact.

35. Impact can be readily evidenced but is currently limited to isolated pockets and new initiatives find it difficult to get established and achieve consistency without relying on volunteers or heavily-committed individuals.

36. The model developed with Te P ā and that we are seeking support for from CCC can break through some of these barriers because of the integration with an educational focus delivered through a Kaupapa M āori worldview that deeply values this work.

37. Adding the weight of support that comes with a territorial authority has the potential to catalyse a series of longer term impacts.

38. Until Council tests this then collectively, we are not going to see if the benefits are scalable.

39. Council knows the benefits of community gardens, but this proposal takes already operational and successful trial work to a new level, without creating a big commitment for ratepayers in the long-term.

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Submitter Details

Submission Date: 28/03/2024
First name: Andrew **Last name:** Eadon-Jones

What is your role in the organisation:

Do you want to speak to the Council about your submission at a hearing?

- (•) Yes
- ( ) I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Fri 10 May pm

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Feedback

Have we got the balance right - comments
Yes. But you seem to have forgotten the Arts Centre..?

Average rates - multiple-choice
Don't know

Average rates - comments
Your existing level of service includes funding aspects of the arts centre, but thats has disappeared from the LTP… its a very iconic piece of NZ heritage thats needs public funding.

Changes to how we rate - comments
You haven't mentioned what the "how" is.

Fees & charges - comments
No.

Operational spending priorities - multiple-choice
No

Operational spending - comments
How about supporting a NZ iconic building complex called the Arts Centre! If you don't it will cost everybody more funding BECUSE THE ARTS CENTRE HAS AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT PROTECTING TS EXISTENCE. Spend to Save!

Capital programme priorities - multiple-choice
Yes

Capital programme - comments
Probably.

Capital: Parks, heritage or the coastal environment - comments
Surely the Arts Centre is heritage? So why not save it from going bankrupt?

Focus for 24-34 LTP - multiple-choice
Accelerate work on some projects and programmes, with a focus on balancing the needs of today's residents with the needs of future generations (e.g. spending more on climate change adaptation, boost the funding for major events).

Areas to reduce costs to provide savings - comments
Save the Arts Centre from bankruptcy which would cost ratepayers a lot of money in the process. Spend to Save!

Event bid funding - multiple-choice
Increase the bid funding. This means we will be able to continue to attract new major international sports, business and music events, but would also mean an additional rates increase of 0.42% in year one of the LTP, 0.04% in year two, and 0.14% in year 3.

Bring forward $1.8m for CAPP - multiple-choice
Yes - bring $1.8 million forward.

Create climate adaption fund - multiple-choice
Yes - create a climate adaption fund.

Adapting to climate change - comments
All hands on deck for this issue. CCC needs to be at the forefront of preparing for the impacts of climate change.

Strategic Framework - comments
You seem to have forgotten about supporting the Arts Centre. Its not to much to ask in the grand scheme of things.

Disposal of 5 Council-owned properties - comments
Needs must.

Disposal of Red Zone properties - comments
Needs must.

Gift of Yaldhurst Memorial Hall - comments
Needs must.

Anything else about the LTP24-34 - comments
Saving the Arts Centre from bankruptcy is a good idea for everybody except the lawyers maybe.

Agree to future contact for consultations - multiple-choice
Yes.

Attached Documents

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Submitter Details

Submission Date: 18/03/2024
First name: Luke **Last name:** Chandler

What is your role in the organisation:

Do you want to speak to the Council about your submission at a hearing?

- (•) Yes
- ( ) I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

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Feedback

Have we got the balance right - comments
I would like to see us work with ECan to obtain a grant, that they can recover from rates for contribution towards the stadium. I would also like to see us spend more money in the South-West, specifically Halswell for public transport infrastructure, and in Riccarton where spending on new facilities is lower than the rest of the city. This includes turning the Sockburn Service Centre Site into a public green space, and the start of a green spine of trees covering the old site, Sockburn Park, Taggart Park, and potentially purchasing land and houses in Takaro Ave and Epsom Road to create a green corridor.

Average rates - multiple-choice
Yes

Average rates - comments
Unfortunately we cannot cut spending on existing levels of service and level of investment in our core infrastructure and facilities with out proposing a cut to residents

Changes to how we rate - comments
No comment

Fees & charges - comments
Charge an entry fee to the art gallery, $2-3

Operational spending priorities - multiple-choice
No

Operational spending - comments
There is an under prioritisation in the South-West

Capital programme priorities - multiple-choice
Don't know

Capital programme - comments
It's hard to say when it's hard to find a decent break down of these costs.

Capital: Parks, heritage or the coastal environment - comments
I would like to know more about the Avon River Corridor Ecological Restoration, can this be delayed by 5 years saving 50m?

Capital: Other - comments
More needs to be spend in the South-West. EG a green spine in Sockburn

Focus for 24-34 LTP - multiple-choice
Explore other ways to bring down our proposed rates increases across the Draft LTP (e.g. reduce or change some of the services we provide, review our grants funding, increasing fees and charges for some services)

Areas to reduce costs to provide savings - comments
Look at charging for the art gallery Look at delaying the Avon River Corridor Ecological Restoration if possible Look at creating a green spine in Sockburn, with maybe a dog park (the fence has already been build so minimal money to be spent on that)

Event bid funding - multiple-choice
Increase the bid funding. This means we will be able to continue to attract new major international sports, business and music events, but would also mean an additional rates increase of 0.42% in year one of the LTP, 0.04% in year two, and 0.14% in year 3.

Bring forward $1.8m for CAPP - multiple-choice
Yes - bring $1.8 million forward.

Create climate adaption fund - multiple-choice
Yes - create a climate adaption fund.

Adapting to climate change - comments
Delaying the Avon River Corridor Ecological Restoration by 5 years would more than cover this, which climate change is very important to our city

Strategic Framework - comments
None at the moment other than what I've said

Disposal of 5 Council-owned properties - comments
We must look for the maximum financial return to the Council

Disposal of Red Zone properties - comments
We should investigate if we can do a public private partnership to develop these properties with houses to sell. Higher return

Gift of Yaldhurst Memorial Hall - comments
If the will not commit to restoration or building of a facility, then demolish and sell the land

Anything else about the LTP24-34 - comments
More investment in Sockburn

Agree to future contact for consultations - multiple-choice
Yes.

Attached Documents

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Te Mahere Rautaki Kaurera

OUR DRAFT LONG TERM PLAN 2024–2034

Submission form

We'd like your feedback on the Draft Long Term Plan 2024–34 and the matters we have raised in our Consultation Document. **Tell us what you think by Sunday 21 April 2024.**

[redacted]

Your details

We require your contact details as part of your feedback – it also means we can keep you updated throughout the process. Your feedback, name and contact details are given to the mayor and councillors to help them make a decision.

Your responses, with names only, go online when the decision meeting agenda is available on our website.

If requested, responses, names and contact details are made available to the public, as required by the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

If there are good reasons why your details and/or feedback should be kept confidential, please contact our Engagement Manager on 03 941 8999 or 0800 800 169 (Banks Peninsula).

First name* Matt

Last name* Harris

[redacted]

Name required, plus **either email **or** street name and number*

☒ I would like to speak to the Council about my feedback.

Please provide a phone number so we can arrange a speaking time: [redacted]

If you are responding on behalf of a recognised organisation, please provide:

Name of organisation n/a - homeowner submission

Your role

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What matters most?

Our overarching proposal is to focus on a deliverable capital programme that helps drive our city forward, with particular investment in roads and transport infrastructure and in protecting and upgrading our water networks. We're borrowing for new projects that have long-term value and ensuring that the debt repayments are spread fairly across the generations of ratepayers who will benefit from them. We're maintaining enough financial flexibility to be able to handle unplanned events, and we're finding permanent efficiencies in our day-to-day spending.

Overall, have we got the balance right?

Refer comments/feedback on last page

Rates

Given that both the Council and residents are facing significant financial challenges, **should we be maintaining our existing levels of service and level of investment in our core infrastructure and facilities,** which will mean a proposed average rates increase of 13.24% across all ratepayers and an average residential rate increase of 12.4%?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

Comments:

We're proposing some changes to how we rate, including changes to the city vacant differential, rating visitor accommodation in a residential unit as a business, and changes to our rates postponement and remissions for charities policies.

Do you have any comments on our proposed changes to how we rate?

Fees and Charges

Do you have any comments on our proposed changes to fees and charges (e.g. our proposal to introduce parking charges at key parks)?

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Operational spending

Operational spending funds the day to day services that the Council provides. Our operational spending is funded mainly through rates and therefore has a direct impact on the level of rates we charge. Everything we build, own and provide requires people to get the work done. For example, ongoing costs to operate a library, or to service our parks and waterways, includes staff salaries and maintenance and running costs, such as electricity and insurance.

Are we prioritising the right things?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

Comments: _____

Refer comments/feedback on last page

Capital programme

In this Draft LTP we have focused on developing a deliverable capital programme.

We're proposing to spend the $6.5 billion over the next 10 years across a range of activities, including some key areas that you've told us are important through our residents' surveys, and our early engagement on the Draft LTP:

- $2.7 billion on three waters (drinking water, wastewater and stormwater) (31.5%)
- $1.6 billion on transport (24.9%)
- $870 million on parks, heritage & the coastal environment (13.4%)
- $286 million on Te Kaha (4.41%)
- $140 million on libraries (2.16%)
- $137 million on solid waste and resource recovery (2.11%)

Are we prioritising the right things?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

Comments: _____

Is there anything that you would like to tell us about our proposed specific aspects of our capital spend or capital programme?

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Additional opportunity and options to our main proposal

We're working hard to reduce the impact of rates rises on residents while ensuring that Christchurch and Banks Peninsula continue to be great places to live. To do this we have had to balance the impact of rates rises with the investment needed to care for our city and assets. However, there are some additional things that we could do that would accelerate work on some projects and programmes, or we could continue to explore ways to bring down our proposed rates increases.

Which of the following do you think should be our focus for the 2024–2034 Long Term Plan?

- ☐ **Deliver what we have proposed in the Draft Long Term Plan** (e.g. maintain existing levels of service and invest in our core infrastructure and facilities that keep Christchurch and Banks Peninsula running).
- ☐ **Explore other ways to bring down our proposed rates increases across the Draft LTP** (e.g. reduce or change some of the services we provide, review our grants funding, increasing fees and charges for some services).
- ☐ **Accelerate work on some projects and programmes, with a focus on balancing the needs of today's residents with the needs of future generations** (e.g. spending more on climate change adaptation, boost the funding for major events).
- ☐ **Don't know.**

Refer comments/feedback on last page

Additional savings and efficiencies

Are there any areas where you feel we should be reviewing the services we provide to reduce our costs throughout the LTP 2024–2034?

Major event bid funding

Should we leave bid funding for major and business events at current levels in the Draft LTP, as proposed? Or should we increase the bid funding?

- ☐ **Leave the bid funding for major and business events at current levels in the Draft LTP, as proposed.** This expenditure is included in the proposed rates increase. While it may not have an impact on rates, it could have implications for our ability to attract major and business events in the short term.
- ☐ **Increase the bid funding.** This means we will be able to continue to attract new major international sports, business and music events, but would also mean an additional rates increase of 0.42% in year one of the LTP, 0.04% in year two, and 0.14% in year three.

Do you have any comments on the additional event bid funding proposal?

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More investment in adapting to climate change

Do you think we should bring forward to 2024/25 the additional $1.8 million spend currently proposed to commence in 2027/28, to accelerate how we address climate risks? The early investment would bring forward a rates increase of 0.29% to 2024/25 from 2027/28.

- ☐ Yes – bring $1.8 million forward.
- ☐ No – don't bring $1.8 million forward.
- ☐ Don't know – not sure if we should bring $1.8 million forward.

Should we create a Climate Resilience Fund to set aside funds now to manage future necessary changes to Council assets, including roads, water systems, and buildings, in alignment with our adaptation plans? Implementing this fund would result in a rates increase of 0.25% per annum over the LTP period. How this fund would be established, managed and governed, and the criteria of how the fund will be used, all require further work. As part of that process there will be further opportunity for residents to have their say.

- ☐ Yes – create a Climate Resilience Fund.
- ☐ No – don't create a Climate Resilience Fund.
- ☐ Don't know – not sure if we should create a Climate Resilience Fund.

Refer comments/feedback on last page

Do you have any comments on our additional proposals to invest more in adapting to climate change?

Our Community Outcomes and Priorities

Our LTP is guided by the Council's Strategic Framework 2024–34 – it's the cornerstone for our long term vision, steering how we dedicate our energy and resources. Our community outcomes and priorities have shaped all our proposals in this Draft LTP ensuring that every initiative, project, and effort resonates with our commitment to build a thriving, inclusive, and sustainable city for all.

Do you have any thoughts on our vision, community outcomes and strategic priorities?

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Potential disposal of Council-owned properties

What do you think of our proposal to start formal processes to dispose of five Council-owned properties?

As owners of a property next to a red zone area in Redcliffs, we are very supportive of council looking to see how the use of these areas can be released to the community for wider use. However our view is that these option discussions should be held with neighbouring property owners as a first priority. Attached is a sketched proposal for how the owners of [redacted] and [redacted] would like to develop an option with CCC, in order to adopt adjacent red zone land that is currently unused. We propose to develop a local boundary change so we can adopt additional red zone area adjacent to our properties (see attached sketches), for increased driveway/access to our properties. i.e. we both get our own access driveway and are able to potentially increase the plan area of our lots to become freehold lots rather than cross-leased. These driveway accesses already exist to the original lots, so it is only a minor boundary change that is required with little actual on site works being required, with the additional benefit of reduced maintenance of this area for CCC.

What do you think of our proposal to dispose of other Council-owned properties which includes former Residential Red Zone Port Hills properties?

As above, please see attached our attached sketched scheme proposal for red zone adjacent to [redacted], Redcliffs

What do you think of our proposal to gift Yaldhurst Memorial Hall to the Yaldhurst Rural Residents' Association?

No comment

Anything else?

Is there anything else that you would like to tell us about the Draft Long Term Plan 2024–2034?

No.

Thank you for your submission.

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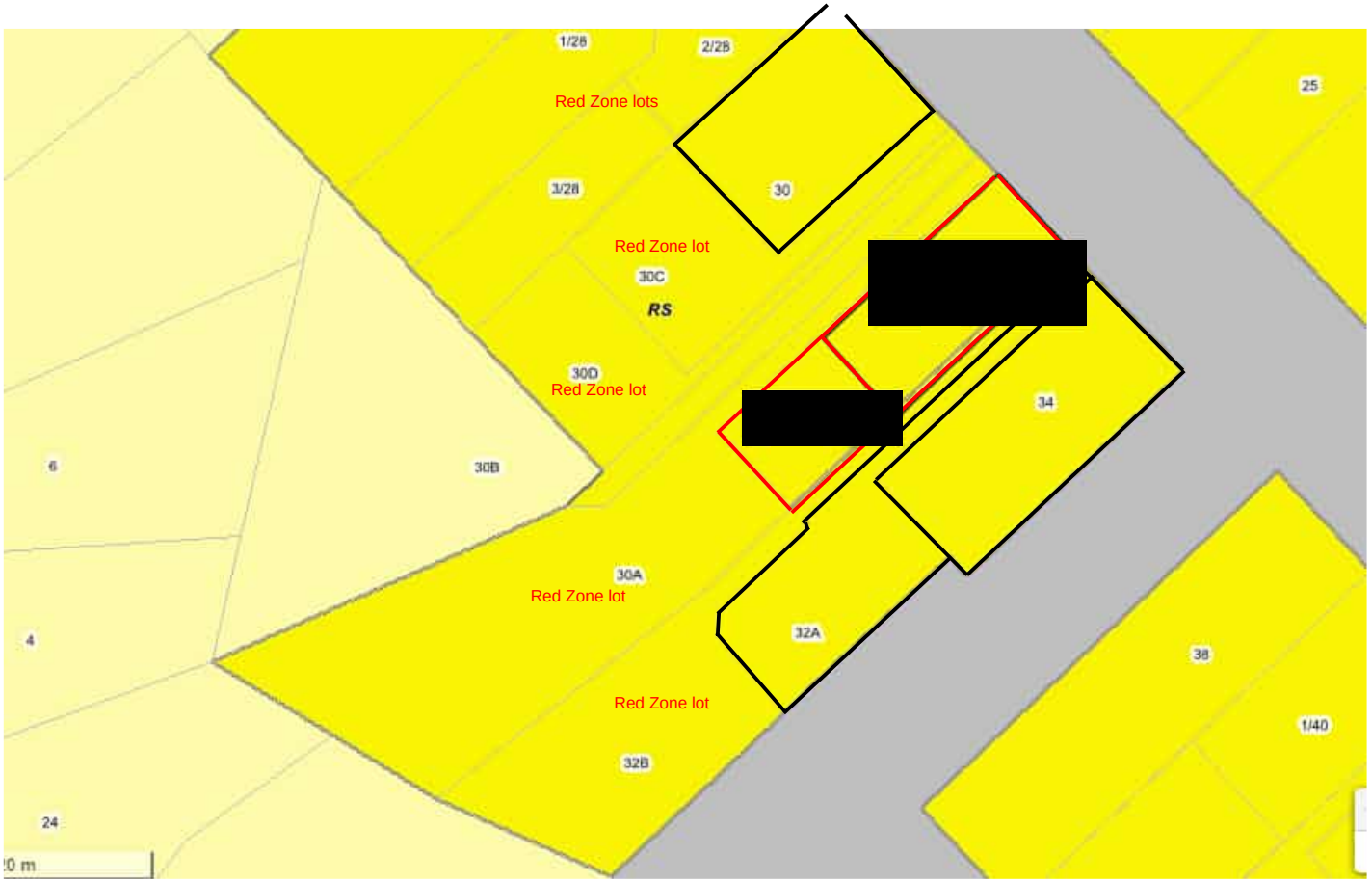

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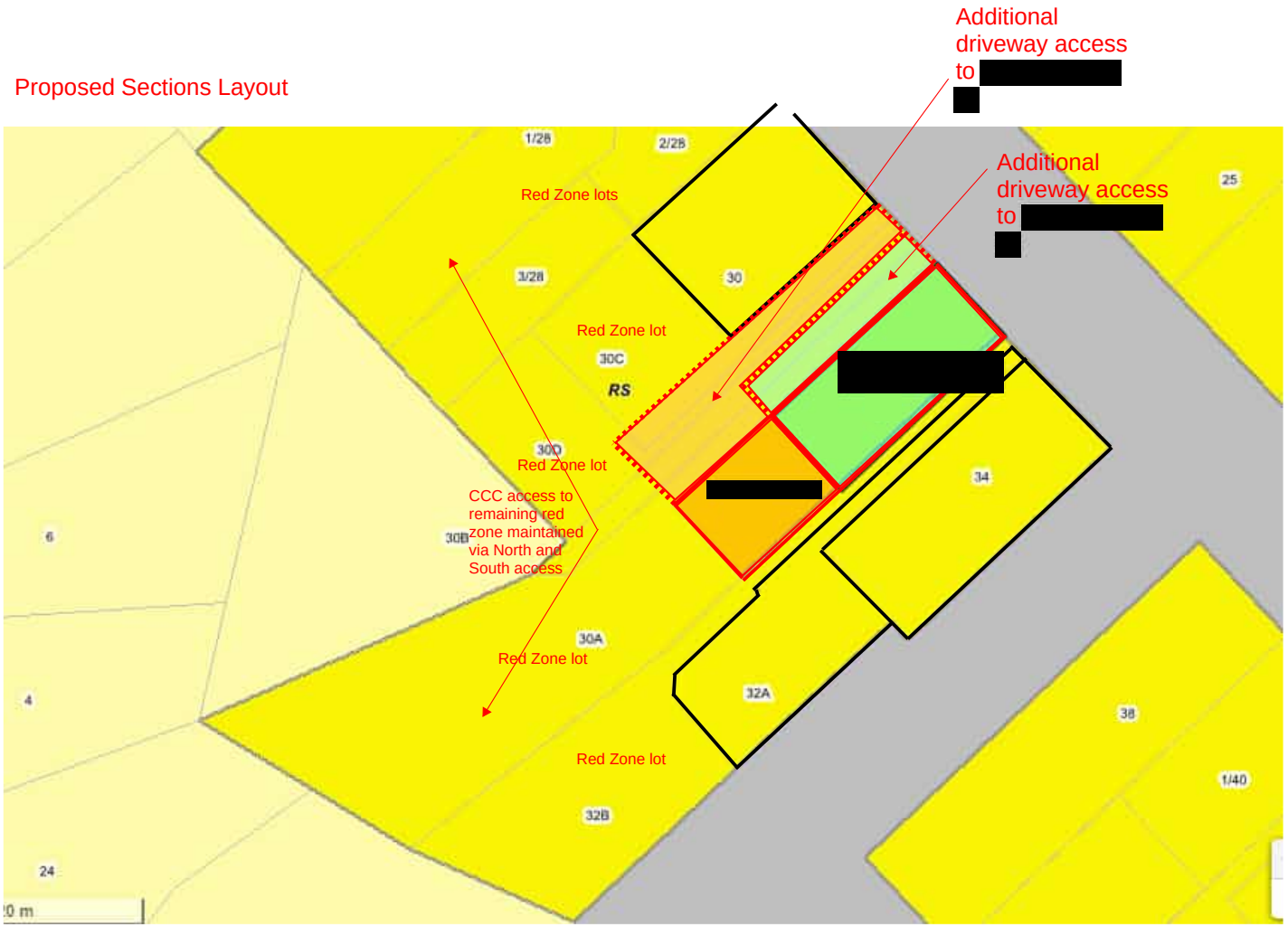

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Submitter Details

Submission Date: 14/04/2024
First name: David **Last name:** Alexander

What is your role in the organisation:

Do you want to speak to the Council about your submission at a hearing?

- (•) Yes
- ( ) I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

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Feedback

Have we got the balance right - comments
No, there is no provision for funding the Arts Centre. The Arts Centre is an absolute treasure that was dearly missed after the earthquakes. Given the Arts Centre costs $1 per household per month, I think the value to community greatly outweighs the cost.

Average rates - multiple-choice
Yes

Average rates - comments
The current level of service makes Christchurch a great city to live in. The council provides socialised services that cushion these difficult times.

Changes to how we rate - comments
I think unoccupied residential buildings should attract a premium rate. Unoccupied residential buildings are not good for the Christchurch economy. More people means more spending, more activity, and greater use of council amenities. I also think residential properties that are not owner occupied should attract business rates, especially if the registered owner's address is not in Christchurch.

Fees & charges - comments
I think we have a very good bus system. I think that the cost of parking should be comparable, maybe even linked, to the cost of the bus. I think that paying for parking should use a system similar to paying tolls in the North Island. This would keep the current experience the same, meaning people who park don't have to argue with a disagreeable parking meter. This would also allow the council to introduce tolls or congestion charging in future.

Operational spending priorities - multiple-choice

No

Operational spending - comments
There is no provision for funding the Arts Centre. The Arts Centre is a place the holds many memories. By not funding the arts centre, you remove the opportunity for future generations to make similar cherished memories.

Capital programme priorities - multiple-choice
No

Capital programme - comments
$18 million on an urban forest? Could this be achieved through collaboration with the botanical society, or other community groups? $87 million for community parks sports field development, I think the community sports clubs should be able to raise those funds. $21 million for the Takapūneke Reserve, I think these funds should come from a targeted rate for Akaroa, or through parking fees/donations. The plan reads like these are going to be solely funded from rates. I think that the community groups that are asking for funds should be involved with fund raising. I think that if if a group is asking for few million dollars, they should be able to russle up a few thousand signatures.

Capital: Transport - comments
I don't think we should increase capacity for private cars, I think congestion should be managed through congestion charging. I think bus/ T2 lanes should be introduced to ensure that the bus system is able to keep moving, even at peak times.

Capital: Parks, heritage or the coastal environment - comments
Heritage buildings like the Arts Centre, should be looked after and fully funded.

Capital: Libraries - comments
Should be fully funded.

Capital: Solid waste and resource recovery - comments
I think that moving organics processing to Hornby should be funded by targeted rates on areas that currently have an odor problem. These are the areas that will benifit, through capital gains, from movement of the plant.

Focus for 24-34 LTP - multiple-choice
Deliver what we have proposed in the Draft Long Term Plan (e.g. maintain existing levels of service and invest in our core infrastructure and facilities that keep Christchurch and Banks Peninsula running).

Areas to reduce costs to provide savings - comments
I think that the council should be looking beyond household rates to maintain current levels of service. Increasing rates on unoccupied housing, and rating rental properties as buisnesses. I think services funded by the council should require community support, in the form of signatures on paper.

Event bid funding - multiple-choice
Leave the bid funding for major and business events at current levels in the draft LTP, as proposed. This expenditure is included in the proposed rates increase. While it may not have an impact on rates, it could have implications for our ability to attract major and business events in the short term.

Bring forward $1.8m for CAPP - multiple-choice
Don't know - not sure if we should bring $1.8 million forward.

Create climate adaption fund - multiple-choice
Yes - create a climate adaption fund.

Adapting to climate change - comments
I think that some areas of Christchurch will be lost to rising sea levels. Managed retreat instead of resilience

spending.

Strategic Framework - comments
I like them

Disposal of 5 Council-owned properties - comments
I think Public land should not be sold, I think it should be leased.

Disposal of Red Zone properties - comments
I think Public land should not be sold, I think it should be leased.

Gift of Yaldhurst Memorial Hall - comments
I think the building should be gifted, but not the land. Lease the land to them for the value of the rates, or some similar arrangement.

Anything else about the LTP24-34 - comments
Please do not remove ammentities from Christchurch, find althernative methods for funding.

Agree to future contact for consultations - multiple-choice
Yes.

Attached Documents

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No records to display.

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From: Antony Gough <[redacted]
Sent: Saturday, 20 April 2024 4:42 pm
To: CCC Plan
Subject: Christchurch City Council Draft Long Term Plan 2024 - 2034

[redacted]

Hi

I wish to make a submission to the Christchurch City Council Draft Long Term Plan 2024 – 2034.

[redacted]

My name is Antony Thomas Gough

[redacted]

I would like to speak to council about my submission on behalf of The Terrace Christchurch Ltd which has central city properties at 126 Oxford Terrace and 124 Oxford Terrace, Christchurch.

I am the Managing Director of The Terrace Christchurch Ltd.

The details of my submission are as below.

1. **Protests in the Central City.**
   We have created a premium central city precinct in conjunction with others at The Terrace ether side of the Bridge of Remembrance.
   We are finding that most central city protests are now centred at The Bridge of Remembrance which often come with amplified sound, shouting and abusive actions by these people.
   These protesters have been seen to be abusing visitors from Cruise Ships who are dropped off at The Bridge of Remembrance for a pleasant visit to our city.
   The Protesters are also seen to be abusing dinning patrons at the quality restaurants along Oxford Terrace.
   This is not a fair representation of what we should be offering to visitors in our city.

   We would suggest that future protest meetings are held in The Cathedral Square where they then can arrange their own followers and not our patrons.

2. **Rates Increases.**
   A rates increase of 13% is not able to be absorbed by the people of Christchurch. It is more than double inflation right now.
   As a landlord if we imposed a rent increase of 13% then our tenants would leave us.
   We have to live within a strict level of increase which typically is around 2.5% per annum.
   Council rates increases should be no more than inflation which currently is at around 7% and decreasing.

We all are having to look very closely at our costs to stay in business and this means we have to support only those items essential rather than nice to have.
Council needs to do a deep dive into all their costs and trim items so that the average rates increase is no more than inflation.

Council staff identified savings of $180 million but then councillors only took $41 million of these offered and identified savings.
This shows a complete lack of reality to the real world we all have to live within.

The central Government has directed that all Government Departments are to reduce staffing levels by 25% in order to help reduce Government spending. I would suggest Christchurch City Council adopts the same philosophy.

The building of cycle ways is a huge burden on the city and needs to be slowed down to match available funding.

3. **Sale of some non-essential city assets.**
The council has assets that it owns that could be sold off without affecting the city.
The Lichfield Street car parking building is a good example.
The Council has built this car parking building to replace one lost in the earthquakes.
That is good but does it now need to own it?
This asset could be sold off without affecting the car parking for the CBD and release significant funds for the council.
It would need a caveat on this title to say it should remain as a car parking facility for a guaranteed period of time so that the car parking it provides would continue.
It is not necessary to stipulate what the rental rate should be as market forces dictate this.
Most off street car parking is provided by private enterprise and the market sets the rental that is charged.

There is spare land in the Cashmere area that was red zoned originally but which is now suitable to redevelopment.
Council is not in the development market and so this land should be sold off to release funds to council.

The red zoned land in the east of Christchurch, that was given to the council by the government for $1, should be looked at and options to sell off areas that could be used by other people.
I know there are restrictions from Government about this land but it does not stop council from investigating sales of parts of this land.

Sites like the current temporary stadium should be prepared for sale once the new stadium is built.
Council does not need to retain this land.

The Red bus parking site on the corner of Moorehouse Avenue and Fitzgerald Avenue is another site that should be sold off. The council no longer owns the Red Bus service so it has no need to be the owner of this site.

There are many properties in Christchurch that the council owns that are surplus to its needs and these should all be considered for sale to released funds back to council.
Council should not be land banking.

For instance there is a small property on the corner of Fendalton Road and Glandovey Road that was left over from the road widening done on Fendalton Road many years ago. This property is too small for a playground or any other council use and it should be sold off rather than needing mowing every two weeks and other maintenance. There are many such properties in Christchurch like this that should be searched out and sold off.

Staffing levels should be carefully looked at and trimmed to drive savings.

4. **Cleaning CBD street days.**
Currently some areas in the CBD, Cashel Street for instance, which are cleaned on a Friday. However Friday night is a busy hospitality night so Cashel Street and its surrounds looks messy on Saturdays which is one of the busiest days in town.
We ask for council to shift the cleaning of these streets from Friday to Saturday. No extra cleans but just shift the day it is done on.

5. **Commercial Building Consents.**
There is a person in the council building consent department who has taken it upon themselves to demand a lowered disabled bar section in all new hospitality building consents. All bars are also restaurants at The Terrace and as such offer table service for people in wheelchairs. I am not aware of any bars and restaurants in Christchurch that have a lowered section for wheelchair service. When I asked people who are in wheelchairs how they expect to get served at bars and restaurants they all said they preferred table service.

   This person does not seem to realise that you cannot have a bar liquor license without also serving food. So then the restaurant in question pointed out that they do table service. The council officer then wanted to see exactly what the kitchen equipment was to be even though it was fully disclosed in the building consent. This is simply adding delays and costs to our architects having to respond by pointing out what was included in the building consent. This is a person who is not enabling but is doing the opposite.

6. **Arts Centre Management public lobbing for management funds.**
The Arts Centre has a rent roll of around $2 million and a management structure of around 24 full time equivalent people with a wage cost of more than the total rent roll. I support the council in refusing to support this wasteful spending and would suggest that the management of the Arts Centre should be outsourced to a professional body who would charge between 4% and 5% of the rent roll. It would then leave substantial cash available for Arts Centre projects. The Arts Centre has incorrectly been advertising that the end of the Arts Centre is at risk. This is not correct. It is the massive management structure that needs to go and be replaced with a normal management structure.

   There are many inefficiencies at The Arts Centre that need to be addressed such as the 50 car parks in Hereford Street that are a free for all. The market rate for CBD car parking is around $70 plus GST per week for a permanent car parking space or $3 per half hour for casual parking. There is lost income here of between $300,000 and $400,000 per annum.

7. **Christchurch Anglican Cathedral repair.**
I believe the Christchurch City Council has already significantly dipped into council funds to support this repair. I support the council in not putting further funds into this project. In the past Cathedral builds were spread over many years as funds allow. There is no reason that parts of this repair cannot be delayed till funds become available. It is not essential that the tower is replaced at this time nor the visitors' centre. The base isolation is a gold-plated option which should be deleted. We considered it for our The Terrace buildings but quickly dropped the idea purely because of cost. The same should happen for the repair of The Cathedral.

   This is not a core part of council infrastructure and should be left for funding outside council.

8. **Council have a 30 year replacement program for council assets.**
Inland revenue determine that depreciation can only be spread over a 50 year term and not anything less. Why is the council wanting to fund a thirty year replacement program? This just puts significant pressure on council funding to try to pay for this unnecessary early replacement of capital works. I live in a house that is 100 years old and it is still fit for purpose as a house.

9. **Lichfield Street upgrades.**

The central government has refused to help fund the extensive road works around Te Kaha and so this then leaves council with the full cost if it wishes to do this work now. This work should be delayed as it is not the end of the world if Lichfield Street is left as it is at this stage.

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Draft Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 19/04/2024
First name: Prue **Last name:** Miller
Please provide the name of the organisation you represent:

Governors Bay Jetty Restoration Trust

What is your role in the organisation: Chair

Do you want to speak to the Council about your submission at a hearing?

- (•) Yes

- ( ) I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Thu 2 May pm **Fri 3 May am** **Fri 3 May pm** **Mon 6 May am** **Tue 7 May pm** **Wed 8 May am** **Wed 8 May pm** **Thu 9 May am** **Fri 10 May am** **Fri 10 May pm**

Please select the hearing date(s) above that suit you best. You can select more than one date.
Hearings will be held in the Council Chambers at 53 Hereford Street.
We'll be in touch to arrange a date and time and will try to accommodate your preferences.
Please make sure you've provided your telephone number in **Section 1** so we can contact you.

Feedback

Capital programme - comments
See Annexure Schedule

Areas to reduce costs to provide savings - comments
See Annexure Schedule

Strategic Framework - comments
See Annexure Schedule

Agree to future contact for consultations - multiple-choice
Yes.

Attached Documents

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There are several ways you can give feedback:

Online: (preferred)
ccc.govt.nz/longtermplan

Email:
CCCPlan@ccc.govt.nz

Fill out a submission form available from libraries and service centres and pop it in our submissions box. (To ensure we receive last-minute submissions on time, from Tuesday 16 April please hand deliver them to the Civic Offices, 53 Hereford Street).

Post a letter* or form to:
Freepost 178 (no stamp required)
Long Term Plan Submissions
Christchurch City Council, PO Box 73016,
Christchurch 8154

* Your submission must include your full name and email or postal address. If you wish to speak to your submission at the public hearings, please also provide a daytime phone number. If your submission is on behalf of a group or organisation, you must include your organisation's name and your role in the organisation.

Social media
Informal feedback, which is not counted as a submission, can be made in the following ways:

- Go to our Facebook page **facebook.com/christchurchcitycouncil** and include **#cccplan** in your post.
- Tweet us your feedback using **#cccplan**

Talk to the team
Alternatively, you can give us a call on (03) 941 8999, provide your details and a good time for us to call, and one of our managers will be in touch.

Hearings
Public hearings will be held from early-May 2024 (exact dates will be confirmed closer to the time).

Submissions are public information
We require your contact details as part of your submission. Your feedback, name and contact details are provided to decision makers. Your feedback, with your name only will be available on our website. However, if requested we will make submissions including contact details publicly available.
If you feel there are reasons why your contact details and/or submission should be kept confidential, please contact the Engagement Manager by phoning (03) 941 8999 or 0800 800 169.

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Your details

We require your contact details as part of your feedback – it also means we can keep you updated throughout the process. Your feedback, name and contact details are given to the mayor and councillors to help them make a decision.

Your responses, with names only, go online when the decision meeting agenda is available on our website.

If requested, responses, names and contact details are made available to the public, as required by the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

If there are good reasons why your details and/or feedback should be kept confidential, please contact our Engagement Manager on 03 941 8999 or 0800 800 169 (Banks Peninsula).

First name* Prue I

Last name* Miller

[redacted]

*Name required, plus **either** email **or** street name and number

☑ I would like to speak to the Council about my feedback.

Please provide a phone number so we can arrange a speaking time: [redacted]

If you are responding on behalf of a recognised organisation, please provide:

Name of organisation Governors Bay Jetty Restoration Trust

Your role Chairperson

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What matters most?

Our overarching proposal is to focus on a deliverable capital programme that helps drive our city forward, with particular investment in roads and transport infrastructure and in protecting and upgrading our water networks. We're borrowing for new projects that have long-term value and ensuring that the debt repayments are spread fairly across the generations of ratepayers who will benefit from them. We're maintaining enough financial flexibility to be able to handle unplanned events, and we're finding permanent efficiencies in our day-to-day spending.

Overall, have we got the balance right?

Rates

Given that both the Council and residents are facing significant financial challenges, **should we be maintaining our existing levels of service and level of investment in our core infrastructure and facilities,** which will mean a proposed average rates increase of 13.24% across all ratepayers and an average residential rate increase of 12.4%?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

Comments:

We're proposing some changes to how we rate, including changes to the city vacant differential, rating visitor accommodation in a residential unit as a business, and changes to our rates postponement and remissions for charities policies.

Do you have any comments on our proposed changes to how we rate?

Fees and Charges

Do you have any comments on our proposed changes to fees and charges (e.g. our proposal to introduce parking charges at key parks)?

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Operational spending

Operational spending funds the day to day services that the Council provides. Our operational spending is funded mainly through rates and therefore has a direct impact on the level of rates we charge. Everything we build, own and provide requires people to get the work done. For example, ongoing costs to operate a library, or to service our parks and waterways, includes staff salaries and maintenance and running costs, such as electricity and insurance.

Are we prioritising the right things?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

Comments: _____

Capital programme

In this Draft LTP we have focused on developing a deliverable capital programme.

We're proposing to spend the $6.5 billion over the next 10 years across a range of activities, including some key areas that you've told us are important through our residents' surveys, and our early engagement on the Draft LTP:

- $2.7 billion on three waters (drinking water, wastewater and stormwater) (31.5%)
- $1.6 billion on transport (24.9%)
- $870 million on parks, heritage & the coastal environment (13.4%)
- $286 million on Te Kaha (4.41%)
- $140 million on libraries (2.16%)
- $137 million on solid waste and resource recovery (2.11%)

Are we prioritising the right things?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

Comments: Please see attached Annexure.

Is there anything that you would like to tell us about our proposed specific aspects of our capital spend or capital programme?

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Additional opportunity and options to our main proposal

We're working hard to reduce the impact of rates rises on residents while ensuring that Christchurch and Banks Peninsula continue to be great places to live. To do this we have had to balance the impact of rates rises with the investment needed to care for our city and assets. However, there are some additional things that we could do that would accelerate work on some projects and programmes, or we could continue to explore ways to bring down our proposed rates increases.

Which of the following do you think should be our focus for the 2024–2034 Long Term Plan?

- ☐ **Deliver what we have proposed in the Draft Long Term Plan** (e.g. maintain existing levels of service and invest in our core infrastructure and facilities that keep Christchurch and Banks Peninsula running).
- ☐ **Explore other ways to bring down our proposed rates increases across the Draft LTP** (e.g. reduce or change some of the services we provide, review our grants funding, increasing fees and charges for some services).
- ☐ **Accelerate work on some projects and programmes, with a focus on balancing the needs of today's residents with the needs of future generations** (e.g. spending more on climate change adaptation, boost the funding for major events).
- ☐ **Don't know.**

Additional savings and efficiencies

Are there any areas where you feel we should be reviewing the services we provide to reduce our costs throughout the LTP 2024–2034?

See Annexure.

Major event bid funding

Should we leave bid funding for major and business events at current levels in the Draft LTP, as proposed? Or should we increase the bid funding?

- ☐ **Leave the bid funding for major and business events at current levels in the Draft LTP, as proposed.** This expenditure is included in the proposed rates increase. While it may not have an impact on rates, it could have implications for our ability to attract major and business events in the short term.
- ☐ **Increase the bid funding.** This means we will be able to continue to attract new major international sports, business and music events, but would also mean an additional rates increase of 0.42% in year one of the LTP, 0.04% in year two, and 0.14% in year three.

Do you have any comments on the additional event bid funding proposal?

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More investment in adapting to climate change

Do you think we should bring forward to 2024/25 the additional $1.8 million spend currently proposed to commence in 2027/28, to accelerate how we address climate risks? The early investment would bring forward a rates increase of 0.29% to 2024/25 from 2027/28.

- ☐ Yes – bring $1.8 million forward.
- ☐ No – don't bring $1.8 million forward.
- ☐ Don't know – not sure if we should bring $1.8 million forward.

Should we create a Climate Resilience Fund to set aside funds now to manage future necessary changes to Council assets, including roads, water systems, and buildings, in alignment with our adaptation plans? Implementing this fund would result in a rates increase of 0.25% per annum over the LTP period. How this fund would be established, managed and governed, and the criteria of how the fund will be used, all require further work. As part of that process there will be further opportunity for residents to have their say.

- ☐ Yes – create a Climate Resilience Fund.
- ☐ No – don't create a Climate Resilience Fund.
- ☐ Don't know – not sure if we should create a Climate Resilience Fund.

Do you have any comments on our additional proposals to invest more in adapting to climate change?

Our Community Outcomes and Priorities

Our LTP is guided by the Council's Strategic Framework 2024–34 – it's the cornerstone for our long term vision, steering how we dedicate our energy and resources. Our community outcomes and priorities have shaped all our proposals in this Draft LTP ensuring that every initiative, project, and effort resonates with our commitment to build a thriving, inclusive, and sustainable city for all.

Do you have any thoughts on our vision, community outcomes and strategic priorities?

See Annexure.

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Potential disposal of Council-owned properties

What do you think of our proposal to start formal processes to dispose of five Council-owned properties?

What do you think of our proposal to dispose of other Council-owned properties which includes former Residential Red Zone Port Hills properties?

What do you think of our proposal to gift Yaldhurst Memorial Hall to the Yaldhurst Rural Residents' Association?

Anything else?

Is there anything else that you would like to tell us about the Draft Long Term Plan 2024–2034?

Thank you for your submission.

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ANNEXURE

CAPITAL PROGRAMME

Council / community jetty project cost sharing

Throughout the last 9 years of Trust / Council communications, there has been an indication, and certainly intention on the part of the Trust and community, that Council would contribute equally together with the Trust towards the total project cost of the Governors Bay Jetty rebuild.

We refer to our submission to the Council Annual Plan 2022/2023 requesting the following:

1. *"Formally commit to contribute 50% of the total project cost of the Governors Bay Jetty rebuild in the 2022/2023 and 2023/24 (to the extent required) annual plans; and*
2. *Allocates capital funding of $815,000 in the 2022/2023 annual plan for the jetty rebuild."*

Council resolved to allocate and pay to the Trust the $815,000 under the 2022/2023 annual plan. This meant when construction began in August 2022, Council had paid $1,750,000 towards the rebuild – representing 50% of the known project cost of $3,500,000.

Whilst councillors at the time provided unanimous support to the Trust's deputation following our submission above, including indicating that 50/50 sharing with volunteer groups aligned with Council strategy, there was no formal written resolution by Council to this effect.

The jetty was re-opened to the public on 30 September 2023. The final total project cost $3,807,995.41 plus GST made up as follows:

Item	Cost excluding GST
Resource consent fees	13,808.97
Ground investigation	75,631.60
Engineering Services	116,041.17
Building consent fees	18,773.00
Jetty forest timber supply	102,512.61
Australian timber supply and shipping	1,408,950.98
Construction and Demolition	1,629,133.46
Insurance	20,480.70
Other	18,808.67
Pro bono professional services	403,854.25
Total	**$3,807,955.41**

The project cost increase of $307,955.41 arose from the provisional sum in the timber supply contract (being the shipping costs) increasing, construction variations under the construction contract, and increased insurance costs.

The transfer and reconstruction agreement between the Council and the Trust (November 2019) requires the Trust to return full ownership of the jetty to the Council for $1 – a brand new Council asset completed at a

cost to Council of less than a quarter of Council's $7.8 million estimate in 2015. We intend that this transfer will occur once the loan is repaid in full. The Trust proposes that our successful partnership arrangement not end upon the transfer of the jetty back to Council. Please refer below under the heading "Additional Savings and Efficiencies" for the Trust's proposal to provide OPEX relief to Council.

Community loan interest

The above $3,807,955.41 does not include the interest on the community loan for the period from 1 February 2023 to 31 January 2024, which totals $22,750.68. The Trust has paid this interest in quarterly instalments, in accordance with the loan agreement. A portion of this interest applies to the additional project costs of $307,955.41 which the Trust was required to draw down during construction.

The Trust borrowed a total of $850,000 to pay for the jetty rebuild.

A sum of $385,000 was repaid in January 2024. If the Council adopts our submission (below), the Trust will still owe $288,273 in principal.

The Trust intends to continue to raise funds to repay this principal over the remainder of the loan term (i.e. from now until 30 June 2027) as follows:

a. Current cash in hand - $40,000
b. Sale of the remaining old jetty timber (raised $35,000 so far) - $20,000
c. 60 remaining Plank donations of $600 each - $36,000
d. 25 Corporate plank sponsorships of $2000 each - $50,000
e. 5 remaining bench donations of $10,000 each - $50,000
f. Jetty events – corporate and private - $25,000
g. Final Art Auction / Music Festival (2026) - $50,000
h. Jetty merchandise/ game / furniture / firewood sales - $20,000

Total: $291,000

It was very encouraging to read today on the Council's Newsline page that the Old Municipal Chambers building's completion is imminent. In late 2023, Council resolved to grant an interest-free loan of $2 million to the City of Christchurch Trust to allow that trust to fund completion of this worthwhile restoration project.

Whilst our Trust is in no way viewing this as a precedent on which our submissions are based, as every community/council project is unique, we do believe there is one key similarity. Certainty of cost and timeframe can be very difficult to ascertain at the outset of a project, particularly heritage projects. When Council granted this interest free loan to the City of Christchurch Trust, it was to assist a project which was 95% complete – there was much more certainty of cost and timeframe at that time.

The jetty is 100% complete, thanks to the Council's agreement to provide a loan facility during construction. The only remaining uncertainty for the Trust (and Council as lender) is the Trust's ability to repay the current balance of the loan in full. Council's receptiveness to our submissions below will have a direct effect on the success of our fundraising plan. We believe that our fundraising efforts will be more successful if we can communicate to the public that $288,273 is all that is remaining, that it is not subject to interest, and that the final total project cost was shared equally between Council and the Trust.

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GOVERNORS BAY JETTY
RESTORATION TRUST

Governors Bay Jetty Restoration Trust's submissions to LTP

Our submission is as follows:

1. The Trust requests that Council pay the final $153,977.50 towards the project to represent the balance of Council's half share in the finalised total project cost. If the Council agrees to 2 and 3 below (so that no further interest accrues), this amount be equally spread over the remaining years of the loan term (to 30 June 2027).

2. The Trust requests that Council reimburse the trust a further $22,750, being the interest costs on the community loan incurred to 31 January 2024. If Council agrees to this and 3 below, this can also be spread across the next three years.

3. The Trust requests that the Council agree to reduce the interest rate on the community loan to zero from 1 February 2024 until term expiry (2027).

To summarise points 1 – 3 above, the Trust requests that Council reduces the community loan interest rate to zero from 1 February 2024 and contributes the following amounts towards reducing the balance of the Trust's loan from the Council over the next three years:

a. 2024/2025: $58,909
b. 2025/2026: $58,909
c. 2026/2027: $58,909

The jetty having been completed, these payments are final amounts and including them in the LTP aligns with Council's strategies to partner with the voluntary sector. The financial contributions of these amounts reflect a 50/50 sharing of the final total project cost.

The jetty story is a success story and will provide inspiration to other communities and groups in Christchurch to collaborate and engage. Te Haumako; Te Whitingia Strengthening Communities Together Strategy 2022 provides a commitment by Council to partner with and work alongside the voluntary sector. The jetty story is first hand evidence of this commitment being met. Our partnership was formed, the Trust took on the project management, a massive amount fundraising was done by Trust (and continues to be done), the jetty was rebuilt, and this submission to the LTP is now the epilogue to the story. The Trust has never had employees and all the work it does is on an unpaid volunteer basis.

ADDITIONAL SAVINGS AND EFFICIENCIES

Kaitiakitanga:

The Trust proposes that to continue the successful partnership arrangement it has enjoyed with Council, that upon the transfer of the jetty ownership back to Council in 2027, that the Trust continue as a kaitiaki of the jetty.

The jetty is the pride and joy of Governors Bay residents, not only for the obvious reasons being its recreational uses, but because the community came together over the last 9 years with a common vision and purpose. The engagement of the community during those 9 years have been the building blocks.

Whilst the ownership will transfer back to Council, the Trust and community will always retain a sense of ownership of the jetty and with that comes the desire to protect it for future generations.

The Trust is also in the process of completing the design phase for the relocation (to the base of the jetty) and renovation of the 1923 Canterbury Yacht and Motor Boat Club building. Resource consent has been obtained, and now the Trust is progressing the design in order to obtain building consent. Further fundraising is required to complete this project, but once completed the facility will provide further opportunities to complement the use of the jetty. It will also allow the Trust to have more of a presence at the jetty for the purposes of security and protection.

Upon the transfer of the jetty back to the Council, the Trust intends to establish a maintenance and repair fund for the jetty. It is envisaged that a minimum agreed amount will be fundraised each year (for example, by annual events such as Santa photos and a kayak race, as well as sale of merchandise) and deposited into this fund. The fund will be used for minor maintenance and repairs, noting that such costs will be minimised due to the voluntary nature. It will also maintain a growing balance in the event of future unknown repair costs.

Benefits of proposal:

The result of the Trust being appointed the kaitiaki of the jetty will mean reduced and possibly nil OPEX expenditure for Council in relation to the jetty. For the community, it meets its need to protect and further provides opportunities to continue our engagement and collaboration to meet the community's shared vision.

OUR COMMUNITY OUTCOMES AND PRIORITIES

The submissions made above align with the LTP outcomes and priorities as follows.

The jetty story and its people are the epitome of a collaborative city. The jetty story provides an evidence-based working example of a community initiating, influencing, and participating in the jetty rebuild. The community participation has resulted in an extremely strong sense of belonging and identity held by Governors Bay locals. Furthermore, the community are excited to be the kaitiaki of the jetty and share this valuable asset with all of Christchurch and visitors to the area.

The jetty Trust, working with members of the community, rebuilt the jetty using sustainable hardwood timber both locally sourced (Little River) in the first instance, and otherwise from Australia. All Trust-sourced fixings and fittings have been sourced from Christchurch. The Trust undertook a rigorous tender process ensuring that excellent health and safety and sustainable practices were highly valued during tenderer selection.

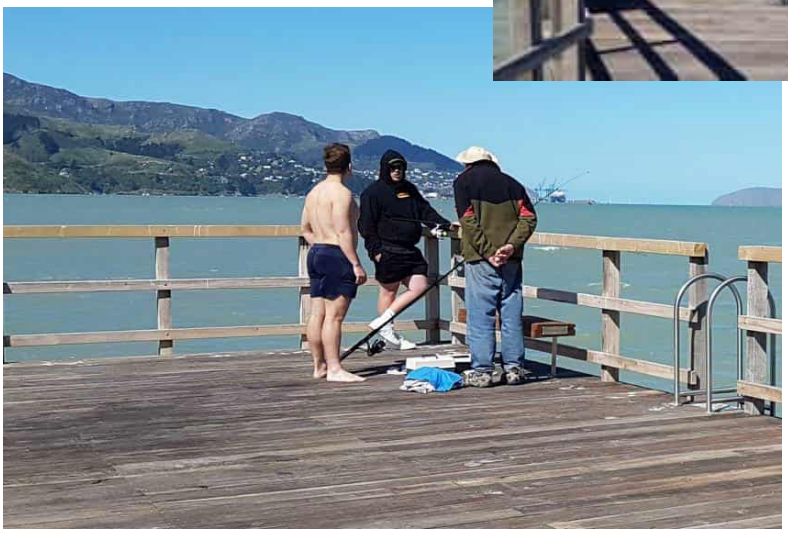
Since the jetty has re-opened it has provided a place for locals and visitors to again explore the history and heritage of Governors Bay (the original 1872 jetty has been retained under the new jetty). It provides a place to pursue sporting and recreational activities such as kayaking, swimming, fishing, and boating and we look forward to the jetty featuring in future upcoming events such as the Canterbury Open Water Swimming Association midwinter swim and the Outdoor Education NZ kayak rogaining. The jetty is extremely well-used,

with people on it at all times of the day and in all weathers. Walking, fishing, talking, swimming, and making memories.

The jetty Trust has built strong relationships through the rebuild with local Christchurch businesses, particularly timber and materials suppliers and the main sub-contractor. We look forward to working with these businesses again in the future when the Trust undertakes the relocation of the Canterbury Yacht and Motor Boat Club building to its new proposed location near the base of the jetty.

Below are some photos which showcase the success of the jetty as a well-used public facility and evidence the achievement of the outcomes above.

THE PEOPLE'S JETTY IN PICTURES



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Draft Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 27/03/2024
First name: Lyndon **Last name:** Telfer

What is your role in the organisation:

Do you want to speak to the Council about your submission at a hearing?

- (•) Yes
- ( ) I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Thu 2 May eve

Please select the hearing date(s) above that suit you best. You can select more than one date.
Hearings will be held in the Council Chambers at 53 Hereford Street.
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Feedback

Have we got the balance right - comments
Please cut back capital spending so we get a rates rise inline with inflation just as Mayor Phil Major campaigned on. Not every road, pipe and building your have earmarked for upgrade in years 1 to 3 is going to fail and will hapily survive for a few more years yet.

Average rates - multiple-choice
No

Average rates - comments
As per my first reponse please cut back spending as household do and work within exisitng budgets. If this means a road doesn't get a coat of chip seal for a few more years who really cares. By the way chip seal doesnt't fix the problems with uneven roads.

Changes to how we rate - comments
No

Fees & charges - comments
If you introduce parking charges for Hagley park you need to monitor and enforce. I work in the city and people wh lwork with don't bother paying for the onstreet parking. For the odd time they get caught it is cheaper to pay the fine. Maybe an opportunity for more revenue if existing parking was monitored?

Operational spending priorities - multiple-choice
No

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Operational spending - comments
There are too many community swimming pools being built. Have you looked at programmes of work and staff to determine whether the work they do really does add value to the ratepayers of Christchurch? Yes, this is tough but your are running a bsuiness and it can't keep going to the ratepayers and asking for more money.

Capital programme priorities - multiple-choice
No

Capital programme - comments
I think you are prioritising on the right things, but please trim budgets back particularly the big tcket items like 3 waters, transport, heritage and coastal environment. Rate payers won't even notice a 10 percent cut to these budgets. It would have been nice if this form had spell checker built in!

Capital: Transport - comments
Also please stop needless kerb buid outs at intersections, trees down the middle of the road and replacing perfectly good pavers. Cities like dublin and Paris don't replace pavers every 20 or 30 years like we do here. Also when you fix a road with asphalt to improve the ride don't wast money by putting a coat of chip seal over the top like you did on Kerrs Road. Please exercise some restraint.

Capital: Parks, heritage or the coastal environment - comments
No problems with spending money on maintaining parks but no to expensive upgrades. Do you really need to spend $185 million on the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor? It seems very excessive. Plant it in trees to help reduce the carbon footprint of Christchurch

Capital: Libraries - comments
Why not delay the rebuild of the South Library for another 10 years? The exisiting building isn't going to fall down nd the community can keep using teh library in the interim

Capital: Solid waste and resource recovery - comments
Thsi is one thing you are doing well, but pelase don't waste money reducing bin sizes as people will simple increase the amount of fly tiping.

Focus for 24-34 LTP - multiple-choice
Explore other ways to bring down our proposed rates increases across the Draft LTP (e.g. reduce or change some of the services we provide, review our grants funding, increasing fees and charges for some services)

Event bid funding - multiple-choice
Leave the bid funding for major and business events at current levels in the draft LTP, as proposed. This expenditure is included in the proposed rates increase. While it may not have an impact on rates, it could have implications for our ability to attract major and business events in the short term.

Bring forward $1.8m for CAPP - multiple-choice
No - don't bring $1.8 million forward.

Create climate adaption fund - multiple-choice
No - don't create a climate adaption fund.

Adapting to climate change - comments
A good start would be clearing trees, silt and debris from waterways and drains so when it rains we don't get flooding or ponding that damages the road and property. I would say about 20% of sumps on my journey to work are blocked despite me reporting them as needing attention

Strategic Framework - comments
Yo ucan't have aproperous city if the council unecessarily burdens ratepays. You are going to tak another $780 out of the local economy with the proposed rates rise on my property. That is $780 less I have available to spend on eating

out, going to sporting events and entertainment.

Disposal of 5 Council-owned properties - comments
Support this - Just get on with it

Disposal of Red Zone properties - comments
Support this - Just get on with it

Gift of Yaldhurst Memorial Hall - comments
Please don't let it be like the Edgeware swimming pool and you then give them the money to repair and upgrade it in next years budget

Anything else about the LTP24-34 - comments
I voted for Mayor Phil Major because he campaigned on keeping rates at the level of inflation. I expected there would be cuts to capital expenditure and services. I beleive Council has a mandate to cut costs and get rates rises down. Rates are also a housing affordability issue and impact on pensioners more so than those of us working. My rates will be half my super annuation the time I retire. This is just too much.

Agree to future contact for consultations - multiple-choice
Yes.

Attached Documents

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Submitter Details

Submission Date: 21/04/2024
First name: Don **Last name:** Gould

What is your role in the organisation:

Do you want to speak to the Council about your submission at a hearing?

- (•) Yes
- ( ) I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Sat 4 May pm

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Feedback

Have we got the balance right - comments
No

Average rates - multiple-choice
No

Average rates - comments
I want rates down and am happy that levels of service are cut.

Changes to how we rate - comments
Yes, more fixed costs and less capital focus.

Fees & charges - comments
Parking fees in the CBD need to be lower to the point that our parking buildings are used to the full.

Operational spending priorities - multiple-choice
No

Operational spending - comments
See my attached document.

Capital programme priorities - multiple-choice
No

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Capital programme - comments
We have a massive capital budget for the stadium right now. We need to put more of the capital program on hold until we have completed this massive project.

Capital: Transport - comments
Stop spending on anything to do with busses. Look at the business case which is now done and look to new technology coming on.

Capital: Parks, heritage or the coastal environment - comments
Stop spending on climate faith. Also cut heritage spending.

Capital: Libraries - comments
These don't need to be open as much. We need to open the town one later at night and longer in the weekend but close the rest sooner and in some cases not open at all in the weekends. We need to use the town library has a vehicle to drive people to visit the CBD.

Capital: Solid waste and resource recovery - comments
You all know where I stand on those two!

Focus for 24-34 LTP - multiple-choice
Explore other ways to bring down our proposed rates increases across the Draft LTP (e.g. reduce or change some of the services we provide, review our grants funding, increasing fees and charges for some services)

Areas to reduce costs to provide savings - comments
See my attachment

Event bid funding - comments
Very poor!!! You should have included 3 options. Stop making predetermined outcomes. I would like to see a reduction in council funding for bidding for events. If events won't come then we need to rise up our own. For example don't 'buy the auckland flower show', make our own flower show.

Bring forward $1.8m for CAPP - multiple-choice
No - don't bring $1.8 million forward.

Create climate adaption fund - multiple-choice
No - don't create a climate adaption fund.

Adapting to climate change - comments
"Climate Change" has become a "faith" and I object. Some of the stupid stuff that members have asked for are just wrong, expensive and should be a breach of the LGA! I believe the council staff already know what the low hanging fruit are in terms of addressing pollution in the city. The council needs to stop doing the work of central government on this one and if members want to dabble in that area then leave and go work for central government either as an elected member or staff.

Strategic Framework - comments
Yes. See my attachment.

Disposal of 5 Council-owned properties - comments
Sell, sell, sell away.

Disposal of Red Zone properties - comments
Get it gone!

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Gift of Yaldhurst Memorial Hall - comments
Don't care. If there is a group who wants it, wants to love it and it reduces my rates then let them have it.

Anything else about the LTP24-34 - comments
See attachment.

Agree to future contact for consultations - multiple-choice
Yes.

Attached Documents

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CCC LTP 2024 Don Gould

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LTP Submission – Don Gould – 2024

Dear Members,

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Rates

My submission this year is quite simple. I want the rates rise back in single digits.

I understand that 1% relates to $6 million dollars of operational funding or $94 million capital project funding.

Having reviewed the capital projects list I can see that you could choose to cancel the entire program and not get to my desired target, hence I am calling for you to cut 24% from the operational budget.

I have already reached out to some of you for ideas.

- Hold staff vacancies for longer (to the tune of $2m)
- Lift the overall staff vacancy rate by 2%, saving another $4m
- Reduce strategy and policy unit operating costs by $2m
- Reduce library services by 500k (operating hours and deferring operating costs)
- Reduce social service grants by $2m
- Reduce the annual operating budget of the climate change team by $1million
- Reduce overall governance costs by 500k a year.
- Reduce VO grants each by $1 million annually
- Reduce CHCHNZ by 1.8m for urban development
- Ask CCHL to reduce its operating costs by $1m a year (and pay that as dividend)
- Deferred “growth capital expenditure not funded by DCs” by 2 years, just focus on asset renewals for the next two years - this would likely remove 50m of capital expenditure.
- Review the IT spending. I have reviewed some of the project headlines and some seem like ‘nice to have’ vanity ideas.

Members as a community we asked you to give focus to the delivery of the new stadium.

Having run one of the public LTP engagement meetings in my area and attended 4 others, I hear the call from the community to cut the cloth.

I urge you to direct the CEO to push harder at staff to hear the community request to keep the proposed rise much closer to the rate of inflation.

It concerns me with such a large annual budget that all spending by CCC does impact the economy for the whole country, not just our community.

Economic Impact

I also urge you to put more focus on turning our local economy back to an export and tourism lead space. I currently feel like we have, as a community, taken an easy road by running up debt with to many ‘internal’ projects and our community has lost it’s direction. For example, we have to much focus on ‘the climate faith concerns’ and not enough focus on activity that brings international currency into the city and country.

Arguments

I would also like to ask for a cap on asking, requiring me to pay for arguments. For example, the Harewood cycleway project has basically cost me $4.3 million for a massive argument, this has to stop.

I also have concerns about the amount of arguing that is done with Wellington. It's time this council stopped engaging in projects just in an attempt to pull money from Wellington into our civic coffers. The recent project that saw a 'trial' of a 10km zone out side the CBD library that pulled in $1.2m of my tax payers money, also pulled in $200,000 from our rates. This is causing our tax obligations to be larger and it's not actually delivering real value to our community in my view.

Some of you will recall when I first showed up in council making deputations. It was after I was woken night after night by sucker trucks every 2 hours because my sewer system didn't work. While council paid $16,000 dollars a day (yes per day!) the arguments went on with Wellington about who should pay for the work that eventually CCC ended up paying for anyway, after we'd wasted thousands of dollars.

Slow Zones

Members the work on slowing my streets, that I previously lobbied for, has been done. We are now in 'over reach' territory. I see more work has just started on Shirley Road tonight, it's just not required. Slowing my suburban area to 30 kmph was enough, it didn't require the additional speed humps. Pulling in raised platforms at the top of Marshlands road has slowed traffic, we will have to wait to see if it makes is safer, it's not currently. Right now my observation is that it's causing stress, it's growing travel times and bigger cars are able to maintain speed while others aren't and don't.

Public Engagement

My reading of the local government act doesn't require the CCC to spend as much on public engagement as it does, nor does it require staff to make such a meal of it.

Members we have elected you to voice our views at the table. If we don't choose to engage with you, and most don't (most don't even know who you are) then that's our choice. This doesn't mean that staff need to be tasked with constantly trying to drive up our engagement. As a community we are mostly mature adults. If we actually have a problem we will come and find you, we have in the past. We have protested, we have held public meetings.

Currently the spending on engagement is out the gate and that needs to stop.

Some Positive Feedback

On a positive note, while I'm at it, the live and recorded streaming of meetings is great. I think the quality of some could be improved for little cost but over all I am pleased as a member of the public to see more of this happening. I asked for this in the past and I'm very pleased to see it's happened.

I'm also pleased see more and more use of Te Reo. I accept that there is some public back lash from folk who are struggling with it but over all I feel the council is finding a good balance that gives respect to the language and we must continue with this program.

Cycleways

On cycleways, yes it wouldn't be a presentation with out that. CCC needs to get busy and deliver more where people have actually asked and it is agreed and completely stop in spaces that the public living in the area has expressed objections.

For my part, I tried getting from my home in Richmond to an office on Victoria Street last week and I won't be doing that again, it was frightening. The network is broken beyond belief.

I agree with those who have called for a stop to the gold plating. I am concerned about the public perception and I am concerned about the climate impact of building these over engineered spaces.

It's not healthy to have such public anger out there around a single issue. The CCC has allowed a single small but powerful and motivated lobby group to drive anger of a single issue into the community and that's not ok within the LGA and the CCC needs to address this.

With respect to community funding, and LTP issue that causes concern every planning cycle. More work needs to be done with partners who use CCC as a seed to pull in more funding and add a degree of credibility to their projects. I see that some projects are simply 100% or mostly funded by CCC and that's not OK with me.

Core Functions

CCC also need to take a harder look at projects and turn away more requests that come from groups that should be funded from government or are basically doing the work of central government because central government aren't delivering good outcomes in our communities.

Again, in my view CCC spends to much time working in ponds that are the domain of others and needs to stick to it's core roles. The LGA is a very broad act and can be manipulated to give reason to do just about anything in the interests of public good.

CCC needs to better focus on civic roles that are actually the role of local government and keep out of areas that are the role of central government.

For example, we spend way to much on 'climate faith' activities that are the domain of government departments who are getting a 'free pass' in Christchurch because rate payers have been picking up the baton.

Climate Faith

I understand there is a 'climate resilience tax' proposed, I object. We need to spend on projects today that we know need doing and not set up funds for a rainy day, it rains all the time in winter in this city.

We need to keep the environment in sight in everything we do and it should be a core concern but not the driver of our activity.

We need to get integrity back into our functions around waste and water. For example, the OPP plant we were operating is not clean, it was never clean, it stock pilled, it bleached pollution in to the air. Our waste water treatment plant is now worse and needs to be sorted faster.

Public Transport

Technology is changing members. We are on the dawn of seeing driverless vehicles of all kinds. We already have a growing number of e-vehicles in our domain, from scooters, bikes, mobility devices to cars and trucks.

We need end bus travel in the city in the next decade. That technology is now at horse and cart stage.

The day will be with us before this LTP term (10 years) is done that we will order up personal transport.

Building low quality (and they're all low quality) 'bus stops' across the city has a carbon footprint. They're not fit for the public and we know it.

More and more people with mobility issues are now addressing those issues with mobility vehicles. Recently I meet a man who will never drive, who was riding a mobility device with a 50km range.

The business case for buses is done, we just haven't woken up.

The impact on our carbon footprint is massive. When a bus pulls in to traffic it adds to congestion as we let them in. As they pull out we slow. We have more than their share of roadway set aside just for them in to many places, causing people to demand more roading to be built, not less.

Heritage

Members I know of at least two projects that have been held up because of heritage issues that it seems staff care more about process than anyone in the community cares about the buildings that are more than end of life, not economic to fix and not of public interest.

I suggest that if I know of two then there are more. I understand the heritage department has 7 staff in it, this seems to have become an enterprise.

Climate Team

As with the heritage department, it feels to me like the CCC has been captured by ideology projects that as a community we simply can't afford.

These roles are also the responsibility of central government. Rate payers are paying twice.

Government looking to places to spend.

Members the government has to spend tax money it collects, back into the economy. My feeling generally is that the government has been struggling in Christchurch because the council has it's pours in to many places, so we have ended up with some silly projects.

I also call for stronger action to walk away from the table. Some of the government ideas have caused greater rates for projects that we don't really need.

South Library, for example, seems to be on the table because it's a vehicle to pulled $20 million into the city. Mean while schools across the region have children in tears that their classrooms are to small for the population.

The irony is that the LGA would appear to require CCC to look at these issues from a policy perspective and pull back and require government to spend its funds on its core areas rather than constantly attempting to drive the council to spend in areas that aren't required right at this time.

Finish Stuff

Members more focus right now is needed on getting projects done. The stadium is clearly the leader.

The cathedral needs to be done. It concerns me that not being completed is holding back city development which is holding out massive investment into our city.

The pool needs to be finished.

Other projects can't start until CCC and government finish projects they have on the table.

The Cathedral

Finally the elephant in the room.

Members, a cup of coffee a year. That's all you asked me to give via my council to that project.

From day one I expressed that housing had to come first, and it has. But now is the time to open the flood gate and get that project done.

Right now we need to drive hard the transition back to a tourist lead economy and this project is holding that back.

I have pledge a dollar a day until it's one. I call on CCC to match that commitment from the public.

$6m dollars spent on software to count water (of which we have plenty of) verse just giving that to the church to get this project done.

For me, it's a symbol of our commitment not to give up. It's the hardest building to fix. Not because stones are hard to work with but because there is so much division.

The arguments have to end and we have to just get it delivered now.

I see two billion dollars of local investment that's on hold right now because this thing is not done, and that's money our country needs in the coffers.

Summary

Members I request you to pull this budget back to a single digit rise, I ask you to look at a range of areas, get civic focus back on civic issues and stop allowing the LGA to be used as a leaver to play everywhere at my expense.

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After last years 59% rise, 27.7% over the next three years is just unacceptable to me.

I ask you to work in integrity, reduce public anger and address climate faith issues with a more every day approach.

Have a better look at transport issues, we are at the dawn of a transition away from bus transport.

Stop arguing. Put a cap on the amount of engagement an issue can have and step back from issues that the community clearly doesn't have agreement on. Social media is a good space for the public to sort out their differences before they bring a united front to the table.

Finish stuff.

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Don Gould

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Draft Long-Term Plan 2024-2034 from Peacocke, Robbie

Draft Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 21/04/2024
First name: Robbie **Last name:** Peacocke

What is your role in the organisation:

[redacted]

Do you want to speak to the Council about your submission at a hearing?

- [x] Yes
- [ ] I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

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Feedback

What matters most?

Our overarching proposal is to focus on a deliverable capital programme that helps drive our city forward, with particular investment in roads and transport infrastructure and in protecting and upgrading our water networks. We're borrowing for new projects that have long-term value and ensuring that the debt repayments are spread fairly across the generations of ratepayers who will benefit from them. We're maintaining enough financial flexibi to be able to handle unplanned events, and we're finding permanent efficiencies in our day-to-day spending.

For more information about the Draft Long Term Plan see the **Consultation Document**.

1.1.1

Overall, have we got the balance right?

The balance appears to be ok.

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Rates

For information about Rates see **page 39 of the Consultation Document**.

1.2.1

Given that both the Council and residents are facing significant financial challenges, should we be maintaining our existing levels of service and level investment in our core infrastructure and facilities, which will mean **a proposed average rates increase of 13.24% across all ratepayers and an average residential rate increase of 12.4%?**

Yes

We're proposing some changes to how we rate, including changes to the city vacant differential, rating visitor accommodation in a residential unit as business, and changes to our rates postponement and remissions for charities policies.

1.2.3

Do you have any comments on our proposed changes to how we rate?

I support the changes to the extending the City Vacant Differential rate, and for Airbnb-type accommodation to be charged the business differential. I think a vacant land differential rate that applies to suburban areas should also be considered as part of this LTP in order to encourage more productive use of empty residential land. The housing crisis is ongoing, and as of 2020 homeownership rates are the lowest they've been in about 70 years (link: https://www.stats.govt.nz/news/homeownership-rate-lowest-in-almost-70-years). This has likely not improved given the house price to income ratio remains high at about 6.9 (see graph at https://www.interest.co.nz/property/house-price-income-multiples). For context, a ratio considered affordable is about 3.

Fees & Charges

For information about Fees & Charges see **page 43 of the Consultation Document**.

1.3.1

Do you have any comments on our proposed changes to fees and charges (e.g. our proposal to introduce parking charges at key parks)?

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Operational spending

Operational spending funds the day to day services that the Council provides. Our operational spending is funded mainly through rates and therefore has a direct impact on the level of rates we charge. Everything we build, own and provide requires people to get the work done. For example, ongoin costs to operate a library, or to service our parks and waterways includes staff salaries, and maintenance and running costs such as electricity and insurance.

For more information about Operational Spending see the **Consultation Document from page 23**.

1.7

Are we prioritising the right things?

Don't know

[redacted]

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[redacted]

Capital Programme

In this LTP we have focused on developing a deliverable capital programme.

We're proposing to spend $6.5 billion over the next 10 years across a range of activities, including some key areas that you've told us are important through our residents' surveys, and our early engagement on the LTP:

- $2.7 billion on three waters (drinking water, wastewater and stormwater) (31.5%)
- $1.6 billion on transport (24.9%)
- $870 million on parks, heritage & the coastal environment (13.4%)
- $286 million on Te Kaha (4.41%)
- $140 million on libraries (2.16%)
- $137 million on solid waste and resource recovery (2.11%).

For more information about the Capital Programme see the **Consultation Document from page 23**.

1.4.1

Are we prioritising the right things?

Yes

1.3.7

Comments

Without full historical context, the capital funding allocations appear to be focusing on mostly the right things. Funding for a fully enclosed organics processing plant is good to see. [redacted]There doesn't appear to be any specific funding provision allocated for water supply fluoridation. I appreciate there are some questions around possible funding from central government given Christchurch has a complicated water supply network, but it appears the Ministry of Health's direction is that the city will eventually be required to fluoridate the water supply (https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/472873/water-fluoridation-christchurch-council-tries-to-avoid-expensive-process). The scientific and public health consensus is also quite clear that fluoridation is a safe and effective way to reduce tooth decay of the city's residents (https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/preventative-health-wellness/oral-health/community-water-fluoridation).

1.4.2

Is there anything that you would like to tell us about specific aspects of our proposed capital spend or capital programme?

Transport?

For more information about Transport see **page 31 of the Consultation Document**.

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1.4.3

Parks, heritage or the coastal environment?

For more information about Parks, Foreshore and Heritage **see page 32 of the Consultation Document**.

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1.4.4

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Libraries?

For more information about Libraries see **page 33 of the Consultation Document**.

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1.4.5

Solid waste and resource recovery?

For more information about Waste and Recycling see **page 32 of the Consultation Document**.

Funding for a fully enclosed organics processing plant is good to see.

1.4.6

Other aspects of our capital spend or capital programme?

For information on other aspects like Drinking Water, Wastewater, Stormwater, Sport and Recreation and Climate Change see the **Consultation Document from page 29**.

Please see my previous comment on [redacted]specific water fluoridation funding provisions.

Additional opportunity and options to our main proposal

We're working hard to reduce the impact of rates rises on residents while ensuring that Christchurch and Banks Peninsula continue to be great place to live. To do this we have had to balance the impact of rates rises with the investment needed to care for our city and asset. However, there are som additional things that we could do that would accelerate work on some projects and programmes, or we could continue to explore ways to bring dowr our proposed rates increases.

For more information about additional opportunities see **page 46 of the Consultation Document**.

1.5.1

Which of the following do you think should be our focus for the 2024 - 2034 Long Term Plan?

Deliver what we have proposed in the Draft Long Term Plan (e.g. maintain existing levels of service and invest in our core infrastructure and facilities that keep Christchurch and Banks Peninsula running).

Additional savings and efficiencies

For information about additional savings and efficiencies see **page 47 of the Consultation Document**.

1.5.2

Are there any areas where you feel we should be reviewing the services we provide to reduce our costs throughout the Draft LTP 2024 2034?

No. Delaying investment in a city only leads to increased costs for the next generation. We need to learn the lessons from decisions made 20-30 years ago to underinvest in infrastructure that are now affecting many councils around the country. A council isn't only for essential infrastructure (i.e. transport/water) - it is also the organisation best placed to efficiently deliver many services to enrich residents' lives - such as well-maintained parks and a reasonable number of events - and services that help the most vulnerable such as community housing.

Major event bid funding

Christchurch competes with other cities in New Zealand and around the world to attract major international sports, business and music events through event bid funding. While the city has an established portfolio of events and attracts a range of other events, there are opportunities to grow the existin events and attract new events to the city. This would require additional funding.

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For more information about the major event bid funding see **page 49 of the Consultation Document**.

1.5.4

Should we leave bid funding for major and business events at current levels in the draft LTP, as proposed? Or should we increase the bid funding?

Leave the bid funding for major and business events at current levels in the draft LTP, as proposed. This expenditure is included in the proposed rates increase. While it may not have an impact on rates, it could have implications for our ability to attract major and business events in the short term.

1.5.5

Do you have any comments on the additional event bid funding proposal?

Current level of events is ok - a 0.42% increase is quite large for events that many residents will never use.

More investment in adapting to climate change

Our district faces diverse climate hazards, from rising sea levels to more frequent extreme weather events. At a high level, we're spending $318 millio over 10 years on projects that have a direct impact on climate change mitigation, and $1 billion over 10 years on projects that directly help us adapt a build our resilience. We could bring forward to 2024/25 the additional $1.8 million annually that is currently proposed to start in 2027/28. This would accelerate the Coastal Adaptation Planning Programme and boost overall community preparedness and resilience.

For more information about adapting to climate change see **pages 51 and 52 of the Consultation Document**.

1.5.1

Do you think we should bring forward to 2024/25 the additional $1.8 million spend currently proposed to commence in 2027/28, to accelerate our grasp of the climate risks? The early investment would bring forward a rates increase of 0.29% to 2024/25 from 2027/28.

Yes - bring $1.8 million forward.

1.5.2

Should we create a climate adaptation fund to set aside funds now to manage future necessary changes to Council assets, including roads, water systems, and buildings, in alignment with our adaptation plans? Implementing this fund would result in a rates increase of 0.25% per annum over the LTP period. How this fund would be established, managed and governed, and the criteria of how the fund will be used, all require further work. As part of that process there will be further opportunity for residents to have their say.

Yes - create a climate adaption fund.

1.4.8

Do you have any comments on our additional proposals to invest more in adapting to climate change?

It's happening whether we like it or not, and we're a low-lying swampy city. It will be more expensive in 1-2 generations if we don't invest now. Extreme events like Cyclone Gabrielle will only increase in frequency and intensity.

Our Community Outcomes and Priorities

Our LTP is guided by the Council's Strategic Framework 2024-34 - it's the cornerstone for our long term vision, steering how we dedicate our energy and resources. Our community outcomes and priorities have shaped all our proposals in this Draft LTP ensuring that every initiative, project, and effo resonates with our commitment to build a thriving, inclusive, and sustainable city for all.

For more information about our community outcomes and priorities see **page 15 of the Consultation Document**.

1.5.1

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Do you have any thoughts on our vision, community outcomes and strategic priorities?

These look good.

Potential disposal of Council-owned properties

For information about the potential disposal of Council-owned properties see **page 54-57 of the Consultation Document**.

You can find more detail from **page 215 in Volume 1 of the Draft Long Term Plan**.

1.5.1

What do you think of our proposal to start formal processes to dispose of five Council-owned properties?

The information on pg 218 of Vol 1 looks like these are ok to sell. Given this, I'd like to emphasise that selling assets should only be done if thorough analysis has found there is no benefit to maintaining them, and there is no likely future use council could use them for (particularly given suburban land values largely increase over time).

1.5.3

What do you think of our proposal to dispose of other Council-owned properties which includes former Residential Red Zone Port Hills properties?

Sounds ok, as long as some geotechnical investigation is undertaken and all results/reports given to all prospective buyers (e.g. put in the LIM). Some sort of zoning could also be considered to ensure specific engineering design and site-specific geotechnical investigation is undertaken so the houses built will withstand a future large earthquake.

1.5.2

What do you think of our proposal to gift Yaldhurst Memorial Hall to the Yaldhurst Rural Residents' Association?

This sounds ok - provided there are legal provisions to ensure the Yaldhurst Rural Residents' Association is not permitted to just clear and sell this property to their benefit.

Anything else?

1.6.1

Is there anything else that you would like to tell us about the Draft Long Term Plan 2024-2034?

Find information about the Draft Long Term Plan in the **Consultation Document**.

Investing in the city and the organisations that help to run it will pay off in the long term. Thinking beyond the short term is needed given the infrastructure and climate challenges the country will be facing over the next few decades

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Future feedback

1.6.2

For future feedback about our services and issues impacting Christchurch residents, do you consent to us holding your email address and the demographic information that you have provided?

We comply with the Privacy Act 2020. If you say yes, we will use the information for the sole purpose of contacting you about future feedback about ou services and other issues impacting Christchurch residents.

Yes.

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Submitter Details

Submission Date: 18/04/2024
First name: Erin **Last name:** Andrew

What is your role in the organisation:

Do you want to speak to the Council about your submission at a hearing?

- (•) Yes
- ( ) I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Fri 3 May am

Please select the hearing date(s) above that suit you best. You can select more than one date.
Hearings will be held in the Council Chambers at 53 Hereford Street.
We'll be in touch to arrange a date and time and will try to accommodate your preferences.
Please make sure you've provided your telephone number in **Section 1** so we can contact you.

Feedback

Have we got the balance right - comments
No - stop the cycleways

Average rates - multiple-choice
No

Average rates - comments
Stop the cycleways , particularly the Wheels to Wings

Changes to how we rate - comments
No

Fees & charges - comments
Charging at parks that are used for sports is totally a big NO

Operational spending priorities - multiple-choice
Yes

Operational spending - comments
As long as no cycleway on Harewood Rd

Capital programme priorities - multiple-choice
No

Capital programme - comments
Stop the cycleways especially Wheels to Wings . With the roadworks going on at the moment and the congestion it's causing along with the increase of car emissions because of idling for so long you must be getting some sort of clue that the cycleway is going to make congestion horrific. Wake up before it's too late

Capital: Transport - comments
Stop the Wheels to Wings cycleway . It's going cause higher vehicle admissions because of the congestion. Need not to be held to ransome for the traffic lights at Gardeners and Breens Road

Capital: Libraries - comments
Libraries should stay as they are

Focus for 24-34 LTP - multiple-choice
Explore other ways to bring down our proposed rates increases across the Draft LTP (e.g. reduce or change some of the services we provide, review our grants funding, increasing fees and charges for some services)

Areas to reduce costs to provide savings - comments
Stop the cycleways like the Wheels to Wings

Event bid funding - multiple-choice
Leave the bid funding for major and business events at current levels in the draft LTP, as proposed. This expenditure is included in the proposed rates increase. While it may not have an impact on rates, it could have implications for our ability to attract major and business events in the short term.

Bring forward $1.8m for CAPP - multiple-choice
No - don't bring $1.8 million forward.

Create climate adaption fund - multiple-choice
No - don't create a climate adaption fund.

Adapting to climate change - comments
Stop cycleway Wheels to Wings

Disposal of 5 Council-owned properties - comments
Sell

Disposal of Red Zone properties - comments
Sell

Gift of Yaldhurst Memorial Hall - comments
Great

Anything else about the LTP24-34 - comments
No cycleway on Harewood Rd . Put in required traffic lights on Harewood Rd without using the Wheels to Wings cycleway as a deal or no deal

Agree to future contact for consultations - multiple-choice
Yes.

Attached Documents

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Draft Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 21/04/2024
First name: Thomas **Last name:** Kulpe

What is your role in the organisation:

Do you want to speak to the Council about your submission at a hearing?

- (•) Yes
- ( ) I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Thu 2 May pm
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Feedback

Have we got the balance right - comments
No, the balance is not right. The LTP is not just a financial planning instrument, it should provide detailed information about community outcomes and allow for integrated decision making. Most of the non-financial outcomes described in the proposed LTP are desiderata, statements of intent, that do not provide a basis for accountability of Council to the community.

Average rates - multiple-choice
No

Average rates - comments
Since it is not clear what outcomes Council's ten-year budget actually achieves it is impossible to say if a the residential increase provides value for money. In stable times the general assumption may be based on a business-as-usual rolling forward of service levels of the past. However, Council has declared a climate emergency, these are exceptional times. Council has adopted a number of policies and targets (e.g. emission reduction to 50% of 2016-17 levels by 2030) and it is not obvious how these policies (sustainability, resilience, biodiversity and derived targets) map to CAPEX and OPEX.

Changes to how we rate - comments
I support the following proposed changes: City Vacant Differential rating to include suburban centres, rate visitor accommodation as buisness,

Fees & charges - comments
I support the suggested parking charges at parks.

Operational spending priorities - multiple-choice

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No

Operational spending - comments
How OPEX is spent affects GHG emissions, biodiversity etc. There is no direct correlation between for instance our 2030 emission target and OPEX.

Capital programme priorities - multiple-choice
No

Capital programme - comments
Less than 2% of the $10.6b ten-year budget is directed towards projects that have direct impact on climate change mitigation. We are on the half-way mark between 2016-17 and 2029-30. We should now emit about 25% less than 2016-17, but Christchurch's emission have not changed significantly since 2016-17 as the latest 2022/2023 Greenhouse Gas Emission Inventory for Christchurch shows. The CCC website states "climate change is the biggest challenge of our time", it seems the LTP almost completely fails to address this challenge. A justification for the proposed LTP and the embedded priorities is the feedback of the "What Matter Most" survey. However, climate change was one of the top concerns of the responders.

Capital: Transport - comments
Council does not seem to support the introduction of more EVs. There is no mention of supporting/mandating charging stations. There is no mention of light rail.

Capital: Libraries - comments
Great

Capital: Solid waste and resource recovery - comments
How do waste minimisation targets and methane capture at landfills help to achieve a 25% reduction of methane emission levels by 2030.

Capital: Other - comments
What additional activities are planned to achieve the water consumption per capita targets? The annual performance report states that last year's 261l/person fell well short of the target: "The excess water charges did result in an overall demand reduction per resident, but this was not sufficient to meet target". The proposed LTP has a target of <=220 decreasing to <=180 over time and states:" Due to there being limits to what can be expected by customer habit changes due to excess water charging, the 10 year target remains at <=200 as there is insufficient OPEX funding to expand upon the Smartwater network within this LTP." The actual figures for last 3 years was over 300l/person. What happens if the targets are not achieved (or achievable)?

Focus for 24-34 LTP - multiple-choice
Accelerate work on some projects and programmes, with a focus on balancing the needs of today's residents with the needs of future generations (e.g. spending more on climate change adaptation, boost the funding for major events).

Areas to reduce costs to provide savings - comments
Transport

Event bid funding - comments
"There is significant value.." No doubt major events and ChristchurchNZ efforts to promote Christchurch as a destination bring money into the city. However, as long as we don't have a good grasp of the cost (including the environmental cost) we should not allow for any bid funding.

Bring forward $1.8m for CAPP - multiple-choice
Yes - bring $1.8 million forward.

Create climate adaption fund - multiple-choice
Yes - create a climate adaption fund.

Adapting to climate change - comments
Managed retreat means also removal of assets from currently occupied sites - a major cost. Council should not only plan to rebuild on higher ground but also plan for deconstruction and renaturation.

Strategic Framework - comments
We have beautiful policies but they are very expensive waste paper if there is no will to implement them. The LTP states for instance: "Our parks deliver biodiversity.." . What are the agreed biodiversity targets, what adaptive measures are taken when we don't meet them?

Disposal of 5 Council-owned properties - comments
There is a great demand for housing and relocation through managed retreat. There is demand for flood plains, areas for afforestation (carbon sequestration) etc. It is virtually impossible to make a general statement whether a property should be sold or not without knowing the details.

Disposal of Red Zone properties - comments
It is highly likely that Council will need land in the near future to mitigate the effects of climate change. The question is not necessarily if properties are currently used or if they are used efficiently but if they may be utilised in the future.

Gift of Yaldhurst Memorial Hall - comments
Is this officially a war memorial? If not then I support that the hall should be gifted.

Anything else about the LTP24-34 - comments
What is the purpose of planning and budgeting (for world-class facilities) when we do not reach our destination – a survivable climate. Christchurch's LTP for the next 10 years must reflect and document the transition to a low carbon economy. It must reflect the commitment to fulfil our local, national and international obligations.

Agree to future contact for consultations - multiple-choice
Yes.

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[redacted]

From: Laurie [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, 21 April 2024 10:25 am
To: CCC Plan
Subject: Long term plan

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I couldn't find the submission form on your web site, so I'm emailing you instead. I am greatly concerned with the excessive level of debt that the ccc includes in the plan, fishing from $2b for this year to $3b in 10 years time, and the cost of servicing that debt. This is irresponsible, and unsustainable. The ccc long term plan should be about reducing spending to the core basics, and living within the ccc's means, just like us individuals have to.

Regards,
Laurie Poole
Resident in Christchurch

[redacted]

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Draft Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 21/04/2024
First name: Murray **Last name:** James
Please provide the name of the organisation you represent:

Food Resilience Network Incorporated

What is your role in the organisation:

Committee Member (Officer)

Do you want to speak to the Council about your submission at a hearing?

- (•) Yes
- ( ) I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Fri 3 May am **Fri 3 May pm** **Tue 7 May pm** **Tue 7 May eve** **Fri 10 May am**

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Please make sure you've provided your telephone number in **Section 1** so we can contact you.

Feedback

Have we got the balance right - comments
See full submission document attached

Average rates - multiple-choice
Yes

Average rates - comments
See full submission document attached - Public and political (re-election prospects) pressure should not drive long term planning. Now is the time to do stuff while pressure/demand on labour and capital resources is diminished. Charge more and get things done - Otautahi's future residents will thank you.

Changes to how we rate - comments
See full submission document attached

Fees & charges - comments
See full submission document attached

Operational spending priorities - multiple-choice
No

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Operational spending - comments
See full submission document attached

Capital programme priorities - multiple-choice
No

Capital programme - comments
See full submission document attached

Capital: Transport - comments
See full submission document attached

Capital: Parks, heritage or the coastal environment - comments
See full submission document attached

Capital: Libraries - comments
See full submission document attached

Capital: Solid waste and resource recovery - comments
See full submission document attached

Capital: Other - comments
See full submission document attached

Focus for 24-34 LTP - multiple-choice
Accelerate work on some projects and programmes, with a focus on balancing the needs of today's residents with the needs of future generations (e.g. spending more on climate change adaptation, boost the funding for major events).

Areas to reduce costs to provide savings - comments
See full submission document attached

Event bid funding - multiple-choice
Leave the bid funding for major and business events at current levels in the draft LTP, as proposed. This expenditure is included in the proposed rates increase. While it may not have an impact on rates, it could have implications for our ability to attract major and business events in the short term.

Event bid funding - comments
See full submission document attached

Bring forward $1.8m for CAPP - multiple-choice
Yes - bring $1.8 million forward.

Create climate adaption fund - multiple-choice
Yes - create a climate adaption fund.

Adapting to climate change - comments
See full submission document attached

Strategic Framework - comments
See full submission document attached

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Disposal of 5 Council-owned properties - comments
See full submission document attached

Disposal of Red Zone properties - comments
See full submission document attached

Gift of Yaldhurst Memorial Hall - comments
See full submission document attached

Anything else about the LTP24-34 - comments
See full submission document attached

Agree to future contact for consultations - multiple-choice
Yes.

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Submission to Christchurch City Council on the 2024-34 Long Term Plan.

On behalf of The Food Resilience Network Incorporated.

(Incorporating Edible Canterbury and Ōtākaro Orchard)

We wish to be heard

Primary Contact: Murray James, Committee Member, Food Resilience Network Incorporated.
[redacted]

What is the Food Resilience Network?

We are an incorporated society and registered charity acting to foster the interests of a network of people and organisations involved in the promotion and advancement of a local, sustainable food movement and environmental awareness in Canterbury.

The network is governed by a volunteer Committee who have navigated the network through incorporation and stewardship of large developments for the furthering of the local food resilience network including the establish of an urban food forest and education hub named Ōtākaro Orchard and more recently the re-establishment of the former Cultivate Canterbury site now named Ōtākaro Orchard Urban Farm.

The Network is also guardian and champion for the Edible Canterbury Charter, an initiative and set of values that is supported by a growing membership of organisations and individuals across the region.

For more info: www.otakaroorchard.org and www.ediblecanterbury.org.nz

Feedback on the 2024/2034 Long Term Plan

Strategic Priorities and Community Outcomes.

The Food Resilience Network strongly supports the priorities and outcomes identified by the Council within the overarching framework of the long term plan. They are both clearly and beautifully articulated and when brought to life by Council in proactive action, will make Ōtautahi a better place for all its inhabitants, human and other.

General commentary

We appreciate that the Council has many demands placed upon it by the community, by regulation and by central government. Austerity measures resulting from local political pressure (re-election prospects) to keep rates rises in check should not dominate council budget allocation in our view, particularly when developing the Long Term Plan for our city.

We echo the position presented by Avon Ōtākaro Network that greater austerity on the not yet commenced and nice to have projects is appropriate in this current recessional environment but also wonder if now is not the best time to progress projects when pressure on capital and labour resources in the market place is reduced.

By inference, our preference as an organisation, is for Council to channel funds into

completing and activating projects that are in process thereby adding amenity to the community. Our position is laced with a strong flavour of self-interest, being on-going support from Council to complete and activate the Ōtākaro Orchard Café and Education hub building thereby enabling us to focus upon and accelerate our actions in support of the Councils Climate Resilience Strategy, in particular programme 10 Sustainable Food System where a significant portion of the stated focus and examples of what is being done are the direct work of the FRN completed in the absence of any secure support funding. More specifics on this later, but you may be surprised to learn that we support funding to complete Te Kaha and also promote Council to rise above the agenda driven rhetoric and support emotionally and financially the completion of the Cathedral restoration to the city back its beating central heart.

Apparent significant reduction in funding for community action/participation

The FRN is of the view that in the preparation of this long term plan and corresponding budgets, Council Staff have overlooked the significant multiplier effect of funds applied to activity that engages community passion and action in the form of volunteer hours and product in kind.

Ōtākaro Orchard in its full scope of activity being the establishment and maintenance of the food forest orchard, urban farm productive garden and the current construction of the Café/education hub is a real life, real time example of this multiplier effect.

The food forest and urban farm have risen from bare ground on the strength of a large group of regular volunteers, supported by one FRN part time employee. Their passion and force of will keeps the motor running on the financial fumes with which we operate as an organisation.

The Ōtākaro Orchard building project is direct proof that when fully commercial no risk contracts are unable to be funded, an organisation can shoulder risk, trade time for financial cost and deliver a budgeted $2.5 million dollar project for just under half that cost. Sure it has taken a while, been stop start and is not activated yet but we are very close. How was this achieved?

- Volunteer professional service provision.
- Volunteer project management (4 years - worth and counting).
- Material procured at cost or significant discount – with the right story.
- No markup on cost on materials and services from a head contractor(s).
- Time taken to make the right decisions rather than hurried under commercial pressure to complete.

The common factor here is that volunteers made this happen but we cannot be there all the time and a support base of paid resource is essential to the completion of work and

on-going delivery of the stated objectives.

For the FRN this has come from core funding provided by Council from the Sustainability and Innovation Fund and Strengthening Communities and from other philanthropic sources outside of Council. Without this base – nothing would happen at all.

Disestablishment of the Sustainability and Innovation Fund.

With this fund slated for elimination in the current LTP budget ($380,000), additional pressure will fall on other funds that have not been increased and the multiplier opportunity delivered by volunteer organisations for much good work will be lost. We urge reconsideration

In our view, Council's contestable funds have, in the past, been allocated in less than effective fashion, often with a flavour of the minute bias and broken into small offerings that regularly amount to very little. In our experience there is often a focus on "feasibility assessment" of potential projects rather than activation or getting things done with a resultant drawer full of good intentions that were never realised.

The FRN holds the opinion that change in how community focused funds are managed and applied is certainly called for but, feel strongly that the more is achieved by funds applied to this nature of allocation achieves far more in the right hands than the <100c in the dollar achieved in commercial contracts. As such we suggest reconsideration and support an increase in the budget for grant funding rather than austerity based cuts.

Many hands out seeking funding support.

The FRN acknowledges that in this current recessional environment there are many institutions with their hands out seeking financial support from the Council via its long term plan and associated budgets.

We present the same request, but rather than from contestable Grant funds which go hand in hand with the consumption of considerable volunteer resources in identification, application and reporting, we request a more stable allocation of funding for the FRN from Council.

It is our view that the volunteer Committee of FRN has displayed appropriate resourcefulness, financial prudence and long term tenacity to warrant consideration by Council to the provision of a non-contested allocation of financial resource to complete construction and commence the real work of Ōtākaro Orchard and Edible Canterbury.

In the medium to long term – this investment will produce a dividend in the form of a self-sustaining organisation that can remove itself from the contestable grant environment and perhaps even contribute positively to it from surplus funds generated from its social enterprise. The time for Council support of this is now. We aim to be complete and open for early summer 2024.

In the overall scheme of the LTP budget our request for funding is insignificant and we hope it can be considered and incorporated in this LTP budget.

Biodiversity Strategy

We do not support the removal of the $340,000K biodiversity fund, we are in a biodiversity crisis. This is not the time to remove this fund. We would like to see the funds criteria changed so that it is not just focused on private land as it makes it near impossible for most of our urban groups to apply. Greater in house resources for biodiversity rather than contractors and to enable the biodiversity team to be embedded throughout all departments.

The biodiversity strategy needs to be integrated with the climate change strategy.

Strengthening Communities together strategy

We support the continuation of the Strengthening Communities Strategy and fund, However, funding for this is highly contestable and not kept up with inflation, as mentioned above the removal of other funding pools will push even more groups and projects to this fund.

For every $1 we receive from Strengthening communities it is currently matched 5 times from other funding sources, we then deliver to the city on this combined funding 100 times with the levels of participation we facilitate, volunteerism, ongoing maintenance, support and advocacy.

Community Waterways Partnership Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor

Our urban waterways are in serious distress, the community waterways partnership was formed to collectively address this issue, but without leadership, funding and resourcing it will not return the benefits to the city and our waterways that it has the potential for.

The Ōtākaro Orchard is placed in a central city location on the Ōtākaro river frontage and is in our view the perfect launching pad for delivery of education and activating volunteer groups for waterway improvement projects as well as a place where Councils work programs can be presented to the wider interested public.

The FRN and its associated members and colleague organisations are here to assist – but first we must be complete and open for business.

Urban Forest Plan and Parks

We wholeheartedly support the Urban Forest plan as it is a critical connector for the ongoing restoration of the OARC, OHRC, Banks Peninsula, Travis and other large restoration projects across the city.

Equally we see every reforestation project as the opportunity to incorporate a food forest and other forgeable elements to the parks landscape.

We do not support the removal of the $350,000K Parks Partnership Fund, in the big scheme of things the amount in this fund is small but the return to the city is immense from the projects delivered in recent times. The Ōtākaro Orchard food forest itself along with the planned Petrie Park project are two that we are aware of and are intimately involved in.

Disposal of council-owned properties

We support the disposal of unneeded land as long as it is in areas where the requirement for additional green space as a result of density intensification is met.

Enhancing the impact of ratepayers funds whilst also building trust and confidence in Council.

Over the course of the Ōtākaro Orchard project and by close association with other projects within the Avon Ōtākaro River Corridor, the Committee of the FRN and many of its members has experienced close engagement with Council staff and elected members.

For the most part, elected members of Council and Community boards are visible, active and engaged within our communities and do exactly what they are supposed to…..represent!

Our experience with staff is more of a mixed bag with some being excellent and others suffering from an aged institutional culture that oozes obstruction.

If Council as an organisation can embed within the staff team the flavour that flows from reading the Community Outcomes and Strategic Framework then it can morph into an agency of enablement with the ability to respond quickly and with flexibility as compared to our current experience which is better described as…..

An impenetrable bastion of obstruction where good sense and effectiveness is not allowed to get in the way of a tick in a box.

Best wishes and good luck with that! Happy to assist in any way we can.

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou

Murray James
For and on behalf of the Food Resilience Network Committee

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Draft Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 21/04/2024
First name: Marie **Last name:** Byrne

What is your role in the organisation:

Do you want to speak to the Council about your submission at a hearing?

- (•) Yes
- ( ) I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

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Feedback

Average rates - multiple-choice
Yes

Average rates - comments
While I appreciate that a rates increase is required, I believe that there should be investigations for ways to make savings, or increase revenue, that would keep the rates increase required as low as possible, preferably under 10%.

Changes to how we rate - comments
I agree to applying the vacant differential rating to suburban centres as proposed. I also feel it is worthy to consider applying this differential to other suburban centres as well. Additionally if there were some way to apply some form of rating differential to non-vacant commercial properties that have had no long term activity, this would be worthy of investigation. In the central city, I understand there are measures applied to the owners of the 'dirty buildings'. In the suburban centres, particularly New Brighton there are empty buildings that have been so for prolonged periods, attracting graffiti and other anti-social activity. If the property owner were faced with paying additional rates this may incentivise efforts to encourage filling the buildings and in the process contributing to a much more vibrant and attractive suburban centre. I agree with classifying and charging unhosted short-term visitor accommodation as a business activity. Re the rates remission policy wording changes, I have an issue with the addition of the word "May". My concern that this provides an ability to stop this remission without any form of consultation with the community. The good work that many of these organisations undertake have a positive social impact value upon the economy and also ultimately Council. Removing the remission would have severe financial implications on some of the charities and force them to look elsewhere for redressing the financial gaps – potentially to Council through community funding. Surely this would be a false economy.

Fees & charges - comments
I do not support the introduction of carparking charges for the Botanic Gardens and Hagley Park. My particular concern is for the potential charges to South Hagley Park car parking where they are used for parking for sporting activities, nurses/hospital workers and multicultural centre use. Perhaps investigating the use of vacant Council

owned land adjacent to Hagley Park (eg the former Blenheim Rd over bridge land) could be utilised as some form of mitigation to this issue.

Operational spending priorities - multiple-choice

Yes

Operational spending - comments

On the whole yes. I support the continuation of grant funding as the positive offset of the value of volunteer contributions provided through community grants adds to maintaining economic sustainability in the city. If there is some way of increasing funding levels to reflect cost of living increases it would assist in supporting community organisations that have these cost increases as well. I support programmes that encourage waste minimisation efforts to detract fly-tipping, which is a significant issue in my Phillipstown suburb. This could include communication and marketing to landlords (especially social housing providers) and incentives for community-based clean ups and/or sustainable rubbish item disposal. I congratulate Council on the pothole repair programme as I have witnessed the quick response time. I encourage the investigation and implementation of other initiatives that would provide quick wins.

Capital programme priorities - multiple-choice

Yes

Capital programme - comments

On the whole yes however I do wish to make the following points;

Capital: Transport - comments

I note the inclusion of the Active Transport line item for Ferry Road. While I applaud this I would also like this prioritised for addressing pedestrian safety across Ferry Road in the Phillipstown area and to NOT defer this for another year. It has been distressing for the Phillipstown community that this has repeatedly been deferred. This is telling our community that our safety is not of a high priority. It should be of the highest priority – much higher than introducing nice to have amenities. With Kainga Ora's proposed development on the former Bell, Lamb and Trotter site off Ferry and Olliviers Road, where there are an additional 35 units in the pipeline, there will be even more need for safe pedestrian movement considerations. This will also put pressure on other vehicle traffic movements in an area that has a number of no-right turn restrictions. Please consider the two photo attachments. One is shows the aftermath of accident where an elderly pedestrian was killed trying to cross Ferry Road in Phillipstown. The other taken less than 50 metres away, shows a car stopping to allow a wheelchair user to safely cross Ferry Road. Note the deterioration of the pavement which forces users such as this and parents with prams to try and cross on a diagonal to reach the small haven in the median strip.

Capital: Parks, heritage or the coastal environment - comments

I look forward to the continued development of amenities in Lancaster Park. It provides for a welcome recreation space to walk around. However, it would be good to see some seating provision and plantings that make it look less sparse than it currently does. I support initiative that encourage community ownership of parks, such as the community plantings in Olliviers Reserve. However, in doing so, be clear at the start about expectations and what constraints there are. This includes educating/awareness for the community about CPTED considerations. The situation in Olliviers Reserve where community installed planters had to be ripped out should not have happened and has led to a drop off in community trust.

Capital: Libraries - comments

Consider reintroducing fines for overdue books. No fines is as nice to have.

Capital: Other - comments

I note an increasing number of housing developments in Phillipstown with multiple unit structures replacing single 'unit' properties and increasing the number of people using our infrastructure services. I question whether our infrastructure has the capacity to cope with the increased demand. Does the underground waste network have the capacity to cope? As an example, already I note that the increase of on-street parking that is coming with the increased housing density on the streets of Phillipstown is causing congestion and difficulties with service vehicles such as rubbish trucks manoeuvring through the suburb.

Focus for 24-34 LTP - multiple-choice

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Explore other ways to bring down our proposed rates increases across the Draft LTP (e.g. reduce or change some of the services we provide, review our grants funding, increasing fees and charges for some services)

Areas to reduce costs to provide savings - comments
I feel consideration should be made into the introduction of a 'residents pass' that would enable increased charges/fees for the use of Council services/activities by non-residents. One example of this could be introducing a charge to enter the Art Gallery, with a residents pass providing for free entry for city residents. Similarly entry charge increases could be introduced at sports and recreation facilities with a 'residents' deduction being able to maintaining existing charges.

Event bid funding - multiple-choice
Increase the bid funding. This means we will be able to continue to attract new major international sports, business and music events, but would also mean an additional rates increase of 0.42% in year one of the LTP, 0.04% in year two, and 0.14% in year 3.

Event bid funding - comments
While I hesitate to recommend any increase, I also acknowledge the increased economic benefit that major events bring to the city.

Bring forward $1.8m for CAPP - multiple-choice
Don't know - not sure if we should bring $1.8 million forward.

Create climate adaption fund - multiple-choice
Don't know - not sure if we should create a climate adaption fund.

Strategic Framework - comments
I encourage the strategic objective of an inclusive and equitable city which puts people at the centre of developing our city and district, prioritising wellbeing, accessibility and connection. I particularly would like to stress the words 'inclusive and equitable' to reflect equity in spending in ALL areas of the city. This may mean that Phillipstown will see the same level of development, spending, amenity improvements and effort as other parts of the city. I support the communication sentiments in the strategic priorities. In particular I would like to see effective communication to residents when projects cannot be delivered as promised. The failure to do so creates distrust in Council. Be clear about expectations. If we as a community know why something cannot be delivered as promised it is far more preferable than keeping a community in the dark. Safe pedestrian crossings for Ferry Road in Phillipstown that has not been delivered despite being repeatedly included in Annual Plans is one such example.

Disposal of 5 Council-owned properties - comments
Agree

Disposal of Red Zone properties - comments
Agree

Gift of Yaldhurst Memorial Hall - comments
N/A

Anything else about the LTP24-34 - comments
Consider other surplus property disposals.

Agree to future contact for consultations - multiple-choice
Yes.

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Draft Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 20/04/2024
First name: Jenny **Last name:** Bond
Please provide the name of the organisation you represent:

Te Tuna Tāone

What is your role in the organisation:

Facilitator

Do you want to speak to the Council about your submission at a hearing?

- (•) Yes
- ( ) I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

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Feedback

Have we got the balance right - comments

Yes and no. I appreciate the difficulty in achieving balance in these economic terms however, removal of contestable funding for non-governmental projects such as Te Tuna Tāone, via the Christchurch EnviroHub Trust means these projects will likely die. All agencies are cutting or reducing their funding streams meaning community led projects that in turn generate much volunteer and in-kind contributions will no longer continue.

Average rates - multiple-choice

Yes

Average rates - comments

As mentioned earlier budgets need to be re-looked at to move money back into Grants such as the Innovation and Sustainability Fund. This fund gives effect to the green liveable city you claim to be on page 15 by leading a city wide response to climate change and protecting our waterbodies. CCC staff cannot and do not do this work alone. There is much the community achieves through the CCC Grants programme.

Changes to how we rate - comments

No comment

Fees & charges - comments

I am sure this has been considered it will likely mean that less families and low income people will visit Christchurch's key parks thus removing the ability for them to engage in the environment for no direct cost. And as I write this I can hear somewhere espouse the use of public transport, which if you had children who didn't require

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frequent toileting and an extra 60 minutes in your day to take the bus this would be ok.

Operational spending priorities - multiple-choice
No

Operational spending - comments
I think you need to look at what efficiencies could be gained from within council. It is not clear if this has been done as a measure to address efficiencies. Instead, the focus seems to have been on reducing or the removal of contestable grants.

Capital programme priorities - multiple-choice
Yes

Capital programme - comments
It would be useful and help people better understand your commitment to protecting our waterbodies by distinguishing waterbodies from stormwater and flooding. And simultaneously showing your allocation of budget between these three elements.

Capital: Transport - comments
No comment

Capital: Parks, heritage or the coastal environment - comments
Again, is no room within these budgets for community led organisations to deliver on some of these outcomes. As mentioned earlier community driven projects often bring with them much volunteer and in-kind time that the council cannot always achieve because they are council.

Capital: Libraries - comments
No comment

Capital: Solid waste and resource recovery - comments
This is critical as pollution into our waterbodies comes from waste, recycling and organic material not being properly disposed of.

Focus for 24-34 LTP - multiple-choice
Accelerate work on some projects and programmes, with a focus on balancing the needs of today's residents with the needs of future generations (e.g. spending more on climate change adaptation, boost the funding for major events).

Areas to reduce costs to provide savings - comments
Think you need to review how your services are delivered for efficiencies and cost savings.

Event bid funding - multiple-choice
Leave the bid funding for major and business events at current levels in the draft LTP, as proposed. This expenditure is included in the proposed rates increase. While it may not have an impact on rates, it could have implications for our ability to attract major and business events in the short term.

Event bid funding - comments
Do not support an increase in bid funding. I believe that there is greater priority for funding in environmental areas. The current proposal is more than sufficient and could even be reduced to enable funding for other areas.

Bring forward $1.8m for CAPP - multiple-choice
Yes - bring $1.8 million forward.

Create climate adaption fund - multiple-choice

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Yes - create a climate adaption fund.

Adapting to climate change - comments
If the earthquakes have taught us anything it is that we need to be prepared for more 'red zoning'. We should not be leaving future generations to pay for the issues that we have created. The rate of change of climate indicators demonstrate that we must adopt a proactive posture.

Strategic Framework - comments
A green liveable city I believe will be judged by the health of our waterways fresh and coastal, the ability to carry out mahinga kai, as well as reduced emissions and resilience to climate change. This community outcome is great, however I doubt the LTP goes far enough to achieving this with our rivers being some of the most polluted in Canterbury if not Aotearoa.

Disposal of 5 Council-owned properties - comments
no comment

Disposal of Red Zone properties - comments
no comment

Gift of Yaldhurst Memorial Hall - comments
no comment

Anything else about the LTP24-34 - comments
Support for Grant funding to be reinstated. I have seen firsthand the quantity and quality of work that comes from mahi funded by community grants plus all the additional volunteer and in-kind mahi these funds in-turn generate. And this is not just from my own experience. Funding from your Innovation and Sustainability Fund, along with ECan's Waitaha Wai Fund from January 2023- January 2024, funded approximately 716 Te Tuna Tāone facilitator hours and 56 mana whenua hours. This in-turn generated a total of 6,367.24 attendee hours. This can be broken down to 5,144.37 hours from ākonga (students), 289.85 from Kaiako (teachers). There have been 34 people paid by other organisations for 76.75 hours of their time. And 318 volunteer hours. Please note this only records the hours the facilitator spends with the ākonga and Kaiako. It does not include the many in-kind hours ākonga and Kaiako do tuna mahi, in and outside class time without facilitator involvement, yet inspired by Te Tuna Tāone. Sceptics may say well kaiako and ākonga would be doing this mahi anyway and yes they would be doing mahi but not mahi focused on understanding the state of their local waterway and taking their action to improve the health of that waterway. In terms of impact 79% of ākonga involved could report behaviour change that would help the awa - Most common YOU HAVE DONE to make life better for tuna/eel? Is: 1. Picked up rubbish 2. Raise awareness among people (create video, brochures, email, made: a sign, poster, mural, flyers and book) 3. River clean -up (litter picked rubbish around local awa and got adult to fish rubbish from awa) Most common thing you learnt that you SHARED with someone is: 1. Facts about Tuna 2. Wash car on grass (because on the driveway or road goes to the stormwater and straight to the awa or moana) 3. Need to pick up rubbish Most common person/group WHO you SHARED your learning is: 1. Family - Mum and Dad 2. Friends and other classes 3. Community – the public, adults I appreciate that money is tight right now for everyone. A decision to reduce the Innovation and Sustainability Fund to zero from 2025/26 will result in a significant setback. This is not just for non-governmental, community-led initiatives, but also for the potential of these funds to attract volunteer, in-kind, and financial support from various other sources. This could have a profound impact on local communities and their ability to drive and achieve change. If there's no provision for community grant funding, I'm curious to know if it's possible for the budget allocated to council-led initiatives to incorporate resources for professional and community expertise. This would enable a collaborative effort with council staff to accomplish council-led tasks. Essentially, I'm suggesting that the community possesses a wealth of relevant expertise that could accelerate the progress of council-led tasks. However, it's crucial that the community is compensated for their time and expertise. I want to acknowledge and thank Council staff for their time, expertise and willing assistance provided to Te Tuna Tāone. Almost without exception, Council staff have been approachable and willing to share their subject expertise and have demonstrated a commitment to achieving positive outcomes for the rivers of this city. Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission on the Draft 2024/2034 Long-Term Plan.

Agree to future contact for consultations - multiple-choice
Yes.

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Draft Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 21/04/2024
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Avon Ōtākaro Network INC

What is your role in the organisation:

Network Manager

Do you want to speak to the Council about your submission at a hearing?

- (•) Yes
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Feedback

Have we got the balance right - comments
Somewhat

Average rates - multiple-choice
Don't know

Average rates - comments
see uploaded submission

Changes to how we rate - comments
see uploaded submission

Fees & charges - comments
See full submission

Operational spending priorities - multiple-choice
No

Operational spending - comments
see full submission

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Capital programme priorities - multiple-choice
Don't know

Capital programme - comments
see full submission

Capital: Transport - comments
see full submission

Capital: Parks, heritage or the coastal environment - comments
see full submission

Capital: Libraries - comments
See full submission

Capital: Solid waste and resource recovery - comments
see full submission

Capital: Other - comments
see full submission

Focus for 24-34 LTP - multiple-choice
Deliver what we have proposed in the Draft Long Term Plan (e.g. maintain existing levels of service and invest in our core infrastructure and facilities that keep Christchurch and Banks Peninsula running).

Areas to reduce costs to provide savings - comments
see full submission

Event bid funding - multiple-choice
Leave the bid funding for major and business events at current levels in the draft LTP, as proposed. This expenditure is included in the proposed rates increase. While it may not have an impact on rates, it could have implications for our ability to attract major and business events in the short term.

Event bid funding - comments
remove it and focus on finishing anchors projects and invest in a join up biodiverse city to naturally attract events to come here

Bring forward $1.8m for CAPP - multiple-choice
Yes - bring $1.8 million forward.

Create climate adaption fund - multiple-choice
Yes - create a climate adaption fund.

Adapting to climate change - comments
see full submission

Strategic Framework - comments
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Disposal of 5 Council-owned properties - comments

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see full submission

Disposal of Red Zone properties - comments
see full submission

Gift of Yaldhurst Memorial Hall - comments
see full submission

Anything else about the LTP24-34 - comments
see full submission

Agree to future contact for consultations - multiple-choice
Yes.

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AvON Submission to LTP 2024 Final.docx

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Submission to CCC on the 2024-34 Long-Term Plan

On behalf of Avon-Ōtākaro Network

We wish to be heard

Primary Contact: Hayley Guglietta, Network Manager, Avon-Ōtākaro Network
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AvON and our vision for the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor

Avon-Ōtākaro Network (AvON) was founded in 2011 to promote a popular vision for the future of the Ōtākaro Avon River corridor (OARC), including what was formerly known as the Avon River residential red zone.

Our vision is for:

A MULTIPURPOSE CITY-TO-SEA RIVER PARK THAT MEETS DIVERSE COMMUNITY NEEDS ***WITH*** THE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE RESTORATION OF INDIGENOUS ECOSYSTEMS

Our 2020 5 year strategic objectives are;

1. Future governance of the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor (OARC) that supports the Vision.
2. People, both locally and beyond, are connected with the ŌARC as a whole.
3. Organisational sustainability.

The level of support for this vision remains extremely high.

Now that the Red Zone District Plan, and project assessment framework are in place and the co-governance committee is well underway AvON has shifted its focus to the entire catchment area and how we can support, resource and fund communities, groups and individuals who are participating in rubbish collection, waterway health, riparian planting, advocacy and biodiversity projects around the catchment.

Our organisation alone in the last 12 months has achieved the following;

- We have lifted 5 tonnes of rubbish out of the river bed, 50% diverted from landfill and includes 120 road cones, 5 Trolleys, and 3 lime scooters amongst an array of other interesting items. We work with other individuals who are active in this space and work with a school group at least once a month to help us with the sorting. We are collecting data to help inform the council and regional council about trouble spots and to build a picture of where the rubbish is coming from.
- We work with 7 schools currently in the catchment to activate spaces, riparian planting and kaitiaki particular areas.
- We participate in the annual Mother of Clean Ups organising committee and we are responsible for hosting and catering the health and safety event and post-clean-up event.
- We participate in the Community Waterways Partnership and steering committee where

we are currently working on a collective impact action plan.
- We hold regular network meetings to bring people together over submissions, challenges and a shared goal of a swimmable river.
- We support the Riverlution Ōtākaro Trapping project to create a virtual fence around our river network.
- We have 4 planting sites that we progress and maintain with volunteers.
- We have spoken about the OARC developments and education around Stormwater at 4 public groups, 4 events and 5 walking/cycling tours.
- We support 4 community gardens across the OARC for them to avoid setting up another committee and simply focus on their project.

For more info: www.avonotakaronetwork.org.nz

The Ōtākaro Avon River Catchment

The catchment includes the main river and tributaries starting as far west as Addington and Avonhead and has some of the poorest water quality in the city of Christchurch.

The Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor runs through the heart of our city, it should be a sense of pride and a Site of Ecological Significance. Yet like many urban water bodies the Ōtākaro Avon River suffers from 'Urban Stream Syndrome" This is 150 years of the cumulative effects of urban activities and poor water management, this loss of water quality and ecological health has resulted in the loss of cultural well-being, mahinga kai and indigenous biodiversity contributing to the loss of mauri for the Ōtākaro Avon River.

The recent draft Stormwater Management Plan and the OARC work in the pipeline are a start and give some hope that we are on track to restore the catchment to a healthy state.

However, we do not believe that enough is being done in the CCC 2024/2034 Long Term Plan.

Feedback on the CCC 2024/2034 Long-Term Plan

We appreciate that the Council has a very difficult task ahead of them to keep the rates rises down with so many demands placed on them, by the economic environment, by the community, by regulation and by the central government.

We would like to see greater austerity on projects that have not started and nice-to-haves. We are very concerned that the Proposed LTP is disconnected from the Draft Ōtākaro Avon Stormwater Management Plan; the Ōtautahi Christchurch Climate

Resilience Strategy and Biodiversity Strategy. The disconnect is within the department silos as well as in action and support funding for internal resources and community organisations such as AvON to fulfil a role in participatory action of these strategies.

This is not the time for reducing funding and resources to support this mahi, we would rather see projects that haven't started pushed back until the stadium is finished so that the community funding is not impacted.

Draft Ōtākaro Avon Stormwater Management Plan

We have also submitted to the Ōtākaro Avon Stormwater Management Plan and we have noted in this submission the lack of connection to the Long-Term Plan for both serious remediation infrastructure and funding and support to execute any community-led "at source" actions i.e rubbish rubbish-picking, riparian planting, education etc

The Ōtākaro Avon River corridor extends the entire length of our city, and is a source of pride and connection, it is unacceptable how we are not prioritising the improvement of its health.

Ōtautahi Christchurch Climate Resilience Strategy

We support a climate adaptation fund that aligns with this strategy.

We do not support the removal of the $380,000K Innovation and Sustainability fund; it is a small amount of money in the big scheme of things (less than the cost of a gate); often it is the only fund that environmental groups can apply to; the removal of this fund will put even more pressure on the strengthening communities fund; this fund is allocated twice a year allowing groups to extend projects or fill funding gaps in projects without having to wait 12 months; we believe the criteria of the fund could be rewritten to be more aligned with the CCC Climate Resilience Strategy, Ōtākaro Avon Stormwater Management Plan and Biodiversity Strategies Action items.

Biodiversity Strategy

We do not support removal of the $340,000K biodiversity fund, we are in a biodiversity crisis. Now is not the time to remove this fund. We would like to see the fund's criteria changed so that it is not just focused on private land as it makes it nearly impossible for most of our urban groups to apply. Greater in-house resources for biodiversity rather than contractors and to enable the biodiversity team to be embedded and active throughout all departments.

The biodiversity strategy needs to be integrated with the climate change strategy.

Strengthening Communities Together strategy

We support the continuation of the Strengthening Communities Strategy and fund, However, funding for this is highly contestable and has not kept up with inflation, as mentioned above the removal of other funding pools will push even more groups and projects to this fund.

For every $1 we receive from Strengthening Communities it is currently matched 5 times from other funding sources, we then deliver to the city on this combined funding 100 times with the levels of participation we facilitate, volunteerism, river clean ups, ongoing maintenance, support and advocacy.

Community Waterways Partnership

Our urban waterways are in serious distress, the Community Waterways Partnership was formed to collectively address this issue, but without leadership, funding and resourcing it will not return the benefits to the city in restoring our waterways health which is intrinsically connected to the health and wellbeing of the people.

Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor

We support the funding and program of works for the OARC projects and restoration. We wish to thank the teams involved in this over the past 12 months. We have worked closely with the project team and community partnership rangers, the level of collaboration has improved with our organisation and the wider stakeholders since it has transitioned to CCC. This can be seen in the outputs and collaborations across the OARC. Our organisation finally has the confidence to shift our lens to the health of the entire catchment.

We support the continuation of the co-governance group and associated funding to be set aside.

Urban Forest Plan and Parks

We wholeheartedly support the Urban Forest plan as it is a critical connector for the ongoing restoration of the OARC, OHRC, Banks Peninsula, Travis and other large restoration projects across the city.

We do not support the removal of the $350,000K Parks Partnership Fund, in the big scheme of things the amount in this fund is small but the return to the city is immense from the projects delivered in recent times. i.e Ōtākaro Orchard, and Petrie Park are two that we are aware of and the funding boost and collaboration with the Parks Partnership have been critical to the success of these projects.

Community Outcomes and Strategic Priorities

We support bringing forward the additional $1.8 million spent on assessing climate risks and accelerating a plan as it will save in the long run and boost our communities' preparedness and resilience.

We support the four community outcomes, like a number in our environmental communities we would like to see these reordered in priority with 'A Green, Liveable City as priority 1.

- A green, liveable city
- A collaborative, confident city
- A cultural powerhouse city
- A thriving, prosperous city

Disposal of council-owned properties

We support the disposal of unneeded land, as long as it is in areas where the intensification and green space balance is met or if it might be required for better transport infrastructure in the future.

Concerning the Port Hills Red Zone, efforts need to be made to connect with previous owners first, we have a preference to plant areas that support other restoration projects over selling the land.

We do not support the sales of any OARC land.

Transport

Most of our gross emissions come from transport, we must reduce that and the best way to do this is to have a range of active transport happening. We need safe infrastructure to achieve this, this infrastructure does not have to cost millions of dollars, temporary and light solutions can be put in place whilst funding is found for more permanent solutions.

Inequity in the east

Inequity in Investment in the Eastern suburbs of Christchurch is still an issue;

Pages Road Bridge they have waited long enough we need to bring this forward for the safety of the New Brighton Residents and for a positive visitor experience to the seaside suburb

There is an obvious gap in commuter cycle routes in the east. We want to see the OARC commuter put back on the table along with cycle commuter routes to Te Aratai College. It is a growing kura and we must encourage safe cycling to school.

Pedestrian improvements for Whitau School tamariki, as well as people who visit Te Pau Toetoe Linwood Pool and for the Te Waka Unua School on Ferry Road.

Ways to Save

Bid funding should be left to the commercial operators. CCC should be concentrating on a liveable city and infrastructure, this then goes on to support the attraction of more visitors to events and to experience our wonderful city.

Applying a levy on all international travellers coming into Christchurch, this income is then used to support climate adaptation or a visionary shared goal of the most biodiverse joined-up city in the world.

Push back new capital projects that have not started or nice to haves until the stadium is completed i.e Lancaster Park, Rolleston Gate, Robert McDougall,

Stop spending money arguing about projects, the Harewood Cycleway, Church Corner dropping the westbound lane, and Park Terrace cycleway are just a few that come to mind.

Stop spending money on reports and strategic plans that are just tick boxing exercises that then get shelved or there are no allocated resources to execute the action items in said plans. i.e the Draft Stormwater Management Plan, Climate Resilience Strategy.

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou

Hayley Guglietta

For and on behalf of the Avon Ōtākaro Network INC Committee

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Draft Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 21/04/2024
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What is your role in the organisation:

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Feedback

Have we got the balance right - comments
Not completely, I believe we must push projects that have not started off the books untill we have completed key anchor projects (Stadium, Cathedral etc) to relieve people of the ever increasing costs and we do not lose any community funding as in the big scheme of things this money is not much but gives a ROI to the city like nothing else can.

Average rates - multiple-choice
Yes

Average rates - comments
Fine with it one year if it means we get the Stadium off our books and productive but we need to push other nice to haves into other years in order to provide relief in 2026/7

Changes to how we rate - comments
I support a city vacant differential but city wide and believe we should ping incoming international visitors I do not support rates to charities who are delivering space based community led development this is just a false economy as the organisation is most likely to go back to CCC to then fund this rating

Fees & charges - comments
I do not have issue with parking charges at the botanic gardens for me personally i would rather pay in the carpark for the time I need to be there than to be pinged all the time with tickets

Operational spending priorities - multiple-choice
Don't know

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Operational spending - comments
I do support drops in service levels to Libraries and Pools

Capital programme priorities - multiple-choice
Yes

Capital programme - comments
But looking at each line item I can easily indentify a number of projects that could easily be pushed into future years to allow room to finish large anchor projects

Capital: Transport - comments
transport is the major cause of emissions we must find ways to integrate all sorts of transport options and I believe this can be achieved with more costs effective solutions

Capital: Parks, heritage or the coastal environment - comments
I support the Urban forest work it is critical to have our urban parks forested to act as a connector to the other large restoration projects around the city

Capital: Libraries - comments
Libraries are essential services and offer alot more than just checking out books, they are centres for community connections often the only person contact some people have and I would not like to see hours cut

Capital: Solid waste and resource recovery - comments
I have given up on even commenting on this topic anything the community suggests is ignored so we will probably just continue beavering away to reduce waste, educate and provide community based solutions while you waste time, money and increase emissions.

Capital: Other - comments
I have strong opinions on some of the strategic documents that have been produced i.e Climate Resilience Strategy, Stormwater Management Plan are two that feel like tick boxing exercises to meet some sort of legislative requirement. I am involved in a number of organisations that are leaned on to undertake the action items in these documents we do this on contestable funding which is not always guaranteed. We deliver a return to the city that is 500 times the funding that we receive I am not sure this is sustainable.

Focus for 24-34 LTP - multiple-choice
Deliver what we have proposed in the Draft Long Term Plan (e.g. maintain existing levels of service and invest in our core infrastructure and facilities that keep Christchurch and Banks Peninsula running).

Areas to reduce costs to provide savings - comments
Push back new capital projects that have not started until the stadium is completed i.e Lancaster Park, Rolleston Gate, Robert McDougall, Stop spending money arguing about projects i.e Harewood Cycleway, Church Corner dropping the westbound lane, Park Terrace cycleway. Stop spending money on reports and plans that then get shelved as there are no allocated resources to execute said plans. i.e the Draft Stormwater Management Plan

Event bid funding - multiple-choice
Leave the bid funding for major and business events at current levels in the draft LTP, as proposed. This expenditure is included in the proposed rates increase. While it may not have an impact on rates, it could have implications for our ability to attract major and business events in the short term.

Event bid funding - comments
Bid funding should be left to the commercial operators. We should be concentrating on a liveable city and infrastructure that then goes on to support the attraction of more visitors to events and to experience our wonderful city.

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Bring forward $1.8m for CAPP - multiple-choice
Yes - bring $1.8 million forward.

Create climate adaption fund - multiple-choice
Don't know - not sure if we should create a climate adaption fund.

Adapting to climate change - comments
Apply a levy on all international travellers coming into Christchurch that is then used to support climate adaptation or a huge shared goal of the most biodiverse joined up city in the world.

Strategic Framework - comments
A green liveable city should be number one

Disposal of 5 Council-owned properties - comments
I support the disposal of unneeded land as long as it is in areas where the intensification and green space balance is met or if it might be required for better transport infrastructure in the future.

Disposal of Red Zone properties - comments
With respect to the Port Hills Red Zone, efforts need to be made to connect with previous owners first, we have a preference to plant areas that support other restoration projects over selling. I do not support the sales of any OARC land.

Gift of Yaldhurst Memorial Hall - comments
Where a group forms and shows a willingness to take on a facility and run it so it doesn't increase the operational spend of CCC then yes I wholeheartedly agree. and YES that was a dig a 10 Shirley Road

Anything else about the LTP24-34 - comments
Now is not the time to cut community funding the return MOST groups give to the city out ways the funding they receive from CCC in most cases the group takes the CCC dollar and match it with other funders and then turn that into a return with volunteers and resourcing that cannot be matched. I would rather see nice to have projects pushed back than the Sustainability, Parks Partnership and Biodiversity fund removed

Agree to future contact for consultations - multiple-choice
Yes.

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