

Christchurch City Council

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# Our Draft Annual Plan 2026/27

## Full submission form

We'd like your feedback on the Draft Annual Plan 2026/27 and the matters we have raised in our consultation document.

**Tell us what you think by Friday 27 March 2026.**

### Submissions are public information

Anonymous submissions will not be accepted. Contact details are provided to elected members with your feedback to be considered when making their decision. We will also contact you with updates about the decision.

Submissions, including names, are published on our website, so please do not include any personal information you would prefer to keep private.

While contact details will not be published, if requested through the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, these must be supplied.

If there are good reasons why your personal details and/or feedback should be kept confidential, please contact us on [cccplan@ccc.govt.nz](mailto:cccplan@ccc.govt.nz) or 027 291 8638.

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Want to speak to the Council about your submission? You can book a speaking time early, even before finishing your submission. Contact **cccplan@ccc.govt.nz** or **027 291 8638**.

### Your details

First name\*

Last name\*

Email\*

Street name and number\*

Suburb

Town/City

Postcode

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

Hearings will be held in April 2026 (specific dates are to be confirmed).

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

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

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

Name of organisation

Your role

Before we get started we'd like to ask a few questions about you. This helps us better understand who we are hearing from.

**How do you identify your gender?**

- ☐ As a man
- ☐ As a woman
- ☐ Non-binary / another gender

**Age:**

- ☐ Under 18 years
- ☐ 18–24 years
- ☐ 25–34 years
- ☐ 35–49 years
- ☐ 50–64 years
- ☐ 65–79 years
- ☐ 80 years and over

**Ethnicity:**

- ☐ New Zealand European
- ☐ Māori
- ☐ Pacific Peoples
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ Middle Eastern/ Latin American/African
- ☐ Other European
- ☐ Other

**Rates**

Do you support our proposed average rates increase of 7.96% across all ratepayers (which is higher than the 5.80% signalled in the Long Term Plan 2024–34) and an average residential rates increase of 7.4%?

☐ **Yes**      ☐ **No**      ☐ **Don't know**

Do you have any comments on the proposed average rates increase?

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**General rate business differential**

We're proposing to lower the business rates differential from 2.22 to 2.00 to keep the overall share of rates paid by business and residential ratepayers consistent despite business property valuations rising more than residential in the 2025 revaluation.

Do you support our proposal to lower the differential paid by business property owners from 2.22 to 2.00 to keep the current overall proportion of rates paid by business and residential ratepayers the same?

☐ **Yes**      ☐ **No**      ☐ **Don't know**

Do you have any comments about our proposed changes to the business rates differential?

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Fees and charges

We’re proposing some changes to our fees and charges in our Draft Annual Plan. While some fees will remain unchanged, to help avoid creating barriers for residents, others will be adjusted in line with the rising cost of providing services.

Do you have any comments on our proposed changes to fees and charges?

To what extent do you agree or disagree that services should be funded by the service users, as opposed to all ratepayers?

☐ Strongly agree

☐ Agree

☐ Neither agree nor disagree

☐ Disagree

☐ Strongly disagree

☐ Don’t know

If Strongly agree or Agree: Which services do you think should be funded by charging service users?

The Climate Resilience Fund

Our Draft Annual Plan proposes continuing to fund the Climate Resilience Fund by maintaining the 0.25% rates increase from July 2025 and applying an additional 0.25% increase each year of the Long Term Plan. Alternatively, we could pause the planned 0.25% rates increase for 2026/27 and resume contributions to the fund from 2027/28.

Which option do you support for the Climate Resilience Fund?

☐ Continue with the planned 0.25% rates increase in 2026/27, and apply an additional 0.25% each year of the Long Term Plan

☐ Pause the planned 0.25% rates increase for 2026/2027, resuming contributions from 2027/2028

☐ Don’t know

Do you have any comments about the options for the Climate Resilience Fund?

## Contestable community grants

Our Draft Annual Plan proposes to provide \$7.12 million in funding for contestable community grants in 2026/27. Alternatively, we could reduce the amount available in some contestable grant schemes by 5%, saving \$356,100 in 2026/27 and lowering the rates increase by 0.04%.

Which option do you support for contestable community grants?

- ☐ **Provide \$7.12 million in funding for contestable community grants in 2026/27, as planned**
- ☐ **Reduce the amount available in some contestable grant schemes by 5%, saving \$356,100 in 2026/27 and lowering the rates increase by 0.04%**
- ☐ **Don't know**

Do you have any comments about the options for contestable community grants in 2026/27?

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## The Environmental Partnerships Fund

Our Draft Annual Plan proposes to increase the Environmental Partnerships Fund by \$300,000. Alternatively, we could retain funding at the current \$700,000 per year, and reduce rates by 0.04% in 2026/27.

Which option do you support for the Environmental Partnerships Fund?

- ☐ **Proceed with the planned \$300,000 increase to the Environmental Partnerships Fund**
- ☐ **Retain the funding in the Environmental Partnerships Fund at the current \$700,000 per year, reducing rates by 0.04% in 2026/27**
- ☐ **Don't know**

Do you have any comments about the options for the Environmental Partnerships Fund?

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Capital programme

Capital spending is the money we put towards physical infrastructure projects, such as roading and three waters (drinking water, wastewater, stormwater) improvements, new community facilities like our libraries and recreation and sport centres, and upgrades to parks and reserves.

Our Draft Annual Plan proposes investing \$598.9 million in capital projects in 2026/27. It focuses on water, transport, parks, facilities, and climate adaptation, while refining project timing to ensure the programme is realistic, deliverable, and cost-effective.

Do you have any comments on the proposed changes to our spending on transport (e.g. roads, footpaths, cycleways)?  
(if not, please leave blank)

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Do you have any comments on the proposed changes to our spending on three waters (e.g. drinking water, wastewater, stormwater)? (if not, please leave blank)

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Do you have any comments on the proposed changes to our spending on parks? (if not, please leave blank)

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Do you have any comments on the proposed changes to our spending in other areas of the capital programme?  
(if not, please leave blank)

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## Potential disposal of Council-owned properties

We're proposing to sell a small number of properties that we've found no longer serve their original purpose. Any properties confirmed as surplus would be sold through transparent, market-value processes in line with the Council policy.

Do you support the Council selling these properties?

☐ **Yes**    ☐ **In part**    ☐ **No**    ☐ **Don't know**

Do you have any comments about selling these properties? Or are there any you'd like the Council to retain and if so, why?

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## Restoring our iconic buildings

We want your views on investing in the restoration of four 'iconic' buildings – Christ Church Cathedral, Canterbury Museum, Canterbury Provincial Chambers and Te Matatiki Toi Ora The Arts Centre. We estimate that the total funding gap between the estimated restoration costs and the funds committed from all sources is around \$290 million. Closing this gap would require funding from multiple sources, including central government. Any contribution the Council makes would also have an impact on rates increases.

How important is completing the restoration of these four heritage buildings to Christchurch's future?

- ☐ **Critical – these are essential to our city's identity and economy**
- ☐ **Important – worth pursuing if funding can be secured**
- ☐ **Somewhat important – would add value, but only after higher priority projects**
- ☐ **Not very important – may have some benefit, but is unlikely to significantly influence the city's future**
- ☐ **Not important – other priorities matter more**
- ☐ **Don't know**

Do you have any comments about the Council investing in the restoration of these buildings?

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## Anything else?

Is there anything else that you would like to tell us about the direction of the Draft Annual Plan or our proposed changes to spending in 2026/27?

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**Thank you for your submission.**

Please put this submission form in an envelope and send it to:

Freepost 178 (no stamp required)  
Draft Annual Plan submissions  
Christchurch City Council  
PO Box 73016  
Christchurch 8154

or email it to [cccplan@ccc.govt.nz](mailto:cccplan@ccc.govt.nz), or give it to a staff member at a community service hub.

**Consultation on the Draft Annual Plan closes at 11.59pm on Friday 27 March 2026.**