



Waitakere City Council
Te Taiao o Waitakere

NOTICE OF MEETING

LONG TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN AND ANNUAL PLAN COMMITTEE

I hereby give notice that a Meeting of the Long Term Council Community Plan and Annual Plan Committee will be held on:-

<u>DATE:</u>	Friday,	07 March 2008	<u>TIME:</u>	9.30 am
	Thursday,	13 March 2008		9.30 am
	Friday,	14 March 2008		9.30 am
	Tuesday,	18 March 2008		9.30 am

VENUE: Waitakere Central, 6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, Waitakere

to consider the business as set out herein and to take any necessary action connected therewith.

3 March 2008

Ngareta Delamere
COMMITTEE SECRETARY

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MEMBERSHIP:

Councillors	JM	Clews, QSO, JP (Chairman)
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	BA	Brady, JP
	MFP	Chan, JP
	LA	Cooper, JP
	AK	Corban, OBE, JP
	RP	Dallow, QPM, JP
	WW	Flaunty, QSM, JP
	PA	Hulse
	MM	Jolley
	JP	Lawley, JP
	PG	Mitchell
	VS	Neeson, JP

Mayor RA Harvey, QSO, JP (ex officio)

(Quorum 5 members)

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6 HENDERSON VALLEY ROAD, HENDERSON, WAITAKERE, ON FRIDAY,
07 MARCH 2008, COMMENCING AT 9.30 AM**

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1 APOLOGIES



2 URGENT BUSINESS

Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 provides that where an item of business is not on the agenda, it may only be dealt with at the meeting if:

- (i) the Committee by resolution so decides; and
- (ii) the Chairman has explained at the beginning of the meeting (when open to the public) that the item will be raised for discussion and decision, why the item is not on the agenda, and why it cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

The Committee may make a decision on a matter determined to be urgent.

NOTE: Urgent Business need not be dealt with now and may be delayed until later in the meeting.



3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The Council has acknowledged in its Code of Conduct that Elected Members need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member of the Council and any private or other external interest they might have. This note is provided as a reminder to members to check that no such conflicts arise in relation to any items on this agenda.



4 ANNUAL PLAN PROCESS AND TIMETABLE

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to inform the Long Term Council Community Plan and Annual Plan Committee of the process for the adoption of the draft and final Annual Plan 2008/2009 and the indicative timetable to meet the planned adoption dates.

DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN PROCESS

Councillors and Community Board representatives have been issued with a draft Annual Plan folder and will be supplied with supporting material at the deliberations.

The folders contain the following:

- Section A Agenda and Acting Chief Executive Officer Overview
- Section B Additional Reports
- Section C Unit Budgets

The accompanying supporting material will include the following material that will be provided during the Deliberations:

- Unit Overview Reports

The folders will be updated at each of the Long Term Council Community Plan and Annual Plan Committee meetings with additional information that has been requested or is intended to be supplied to assist elected members in their decision-making.

TIMETABLE FOR PRESENTATION OF DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN MATERIAL

The timetable below sets out the indicative times for the Long Term Council Community Plan and Annual Plan Committee to consider draft Annual Plan material. At the conclusion of the deliberations of the Committee, recommendations will need to be ratified at the Council meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 19 March 2008 at 9.30 am.

Friday, 7 March 2008

9.30 am - 11.00 am	Agenda - Process and Timetable Acting Chief Executive Officer - Overview
11.00 am - 11.15 am	BREAK
11.15 am - 12.45 pm	City Services
12.45 pm - 2.00 pm	LUNCH
2.00 pm - 3.00 pm	Finance and Public Affairs

Thursday, 13 March 2008

9.30 am - 11.00 am	Strategy
11.00 am - 11.15 am	BREAK
11.15 am - 12.45 pm	Strategy
12.45 pm - 1.30 pm	LUNCH
1.30 pm - 2.45 pm	Corporate and Civic
2.45 pm - 3.00 pm	BREAK
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	

Friday, 14 March 2008

9.30 am - 11.00 am	Further deliberations
11.00 am - 11.15 am	BREAK
11.15 am - 12.45 pm	Further deliberations
12.45 pm - 1.30 pm	LUNCH
1.30 pm - 2.45 pm	Further deliberations
2.45 pm - 3.00 pm	BREAK
3.00 pm - 4.00 pm	Further deliberations

Tuesday, 18 March 2008

9.30 am - 11.00 am	Further deliberations
11.00 am - 11.15 am	BREAK
11.15 am - 12.30 pm	Further deliberations

Wednesday, 19 March 2008

Council

9.30 am Adopt draft Annual Plan and recommendations

TIMETABLE FOR ADOPTION OF ANNUAL PLAN 2008/2009

The Council has approved the following timetable for the adoption of the Annual Plan for 2008/2009.

DELIBERATIONS ON DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2008/2009

Friday, 7 March 2008	9.30 am - 3.00 pm
Thursday, 13 March 2008	9.30 am - 4.00 pm
Friday, 14 March 2008	9.30 am - 4.00 pm
Tuesday, 18 March 2008	9.30 am - 12.30 pm
Wednesday, 19 March 2008	9.30 am

Council adoption of draft Annual Plan, Wednesday, 19 March 2008 at 9.30 am.

SUBMISSION PERIOD

11 April 2008	Submissions Open
14 May 2008	Submissions Close

ANNUAL PLAN HEARINGS

Tuesday, 20 May 2008	9.30 am - 4.00 pm
Thursday, 22 May 2008	3.00 pm - 9.00 pm
Friday, 23 May 2008	9.30 am - 4.00 pm
Monday, 26 May 2008	3.00 pm - 9.00 pm
Tuesday, 27 May 2008	9.30 am - 4.00 pm
Friday, 30 May 2008	9.30 am - 4.00 pm
Friday, 6 June 2008	9.30 am - 4.00 pm

DELIBERATIONS ON FINAL ANNUAL PLAN 2007/2008

Monday, 16 June 2008	9.30 am - 4.00 pm
Tuesday, 17 June 2008	9.30 am - 4.00 pm
Thursday, 19 June 2008	9.30 am - 4.00 pm
Friday, 20 June 2008	9.30 am - 4.00 pm
Monday, 23 June 2008	9.30 am - 4.00 pm
Tuesday, 24 June 2008	9.30 am - 12 noon

Council adoption of Annual Plan Tuesday, 24 June 2008 at 12 noon.

CONCLUSION

An indicative timetable to consider information and content for inclusion in the draft Annual Plan 2008/2009 has been provided.

The scheduled approval of the draft Annual Plan on Wednesday, 13 March 2008 by the Council will ensure that the statutory requirement to adopt the final Annual Plan no later than Tuesday, 24 June 2008 will be met.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Annual Plan Process and Timetable report be received.

Report prepared by: Wendy Kjestrup: Annual Plan and LTCCP Coordinator.



5 COMMUNICATIONS PLANNING FOR THE ANNUAL PLAN 2008/2009

GLOSSARY

Long Term Council Community Plan (2006-2016) (LTCCP)

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide the Long Term Council Community Plan and Annual Plan Committee with a proposed Communications - Public Participation Plan to support the development of the 2008/2009 Annual Plan (Year 3 - Long Term Council Community Plan 2006-2016) through engagement with stakeholders and communities.

BACKGROUND

The Long Term Council Community Plan 2006-2016 (LTCCP), sets out the basic work programme for the next ten years. This Annual Plan covers Year 3 of the LTCCP and incorporates deferred work and works brought forward, as well as some new projects.

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A Communications - Public Participation Plan to ensure community engagement and to assist Councillors in their deliberations has been developed for the Committee's consideration, as attached at pages A1 to A2.

Submissions open on 11 April 2008 and close a month later (14 May), after which hearings are held and the Annual Plan adopted.

A draft copy of the proposed communications/consultation plan was provided to Councillors involved in the pre-budget preparation workshops.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The Local Government Act 2002 sets out a statutory minimum requirement for consultation on significant issues, including the adoption of the LTCCP and Annual Plan.

Meaningful dialogue with stakeholders, and in particular residents, also aims to deliver better decision making, thereby contributing to the Council's broadest aims across all areas of community well-being (social, environmental, economic and cultural).

ISSUES

Statutory Requirements

The proposed consultation/public participation plan exceeds requirements of the Local Government Act 2002.

The Plan

A1-A2

Fuller detail of activities is attached at pages A1 to A2. But in summary it is proposed that the Waitakere News (delivered in the first week of April 2008) be the primary vehicle for the dissemination of information and submission forms.

This special edition of the Waitakere News becomes, in effect, the "summary document" of the 2008/2009 plan.

This notification of submission dates (and key issues for consultation) will be supplemented by utilisation of the city website (submissions can be made on-line), general advertising (media, billboards etc), and press releases, and presentations to key stakeholder groups including Resident and Ratepayer Groups, the Waitakere Ethnic Board, Te Taumata Runanga and the Waitakere Pacific Board.

Council officers will respond to any such requests from other external organisations on a case by case basis.

Information and submission forms will also be available at libraries and Citizens Advice Bureaux.

Submission Numbers and Key Issues

In past years the number of submissions has varied from around 400 to over 1000, depending on key issues for deliberation. Subject to any issues which may arise during deliberations on budgets.

Preparation of Material

Consultation material will be prepared by Council officers from across the organisation, but most particularly in the Public Affairs, Finance and Strategy areas. In the past it has been useful to have that reviewed by a small group of Councillors and others. It is suggested that a "sign-off" group be delegated authority to approve any final material.

RESOURCES

Resources for the proposed Annual Plan communications - public participation plan and production of the Annual Plan document are included in current budgets. If Councillors wish for an increased level of consultation, additional funding will need to be provided.

CONCLUSION

A community consultation - public participation plan has been prepared for the (draft) Annual Plan 2008/2009.

It is proposed that a special edition Waitakere News acts as the summary document for the Annual Plan, and is the primary source of information and submission forms.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Communications Planning for the Annual Plan 2008/2009 report be received.
2. That the Communications - Public Participation Plan for the draft Annual Plan 2008/2009 as attached at pages A1 to A2 to the Agenda be approved.
3. That a editorial group comprising the Mayor, Chairman of the Long term Council Community Plan and Annual Plan Committee and one other Councillor be delegated to approve consultation material.

A1-A2

Report prepared by: Nada Cottrell: Communications Advisor.



6 DRAFT BUDGET 2008/2009 OVERVIEW

GLOSSARY

Local Government Act 2002 (the Act)

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of the report is to bring to the Long Term Council Community Plan and Annual Plan Committee's attention the process surrounding the preparation of the draft Annual Plan for 2008/2009. The draft budget submitted for the Committee's consideration is the culmination of a process that started in September 2007 and has been through continuous review to produce a work programme that is both sustainable and capable of delivering on the Council's strategic direction. The report outlines the planned work programmes, indicates changes from the Long Term Council Community Plan adopted in 2006, and discusses financial issues and the proposed rates requirement. The report seeks a recommendation to the Council for adoption of the draft Annual Plan for 2008/2008 for consultation.

BACKGROUND

The Council adopted its Long Term Council Community Plan 2006-2016 on 30 June 2006. This plan was the result of extensive community consultation, which established community outcomes and priorities for the next ten years for the city.

For 2008/2009, there is only a requirement to produce an Annual Plan. The requirements are detailed in Section 95, subsection 5 of the Local Government Act 2002 (the Act) which states:

The purpose of an annual plan is to:

- a) contain the proposed budget and funding impact statement for the year to which the annual plan relates; and
- b) identify any variation from the financial statements and funding impact statement included in the local authority's long-term council community plan in respect of the year; and
- c) support the long-term council community plan in providing integrated decision-making and co-ordination of the resources of the local council; and
- d) contribute to the accountability of the local authority to the community; and
- e) extend opportunities for participation of the public in decision-making processes relating to the costs and funding of activities to be undertaken by the local authority.

It is an update of Year 3 of the Long Term Council Community Plan and not a new plan. A full review process will take place during 2008/2009 including re-examination of strategic priorities and spending as the 2009-2019 Ten Year plan is developed.

PREPARATION OF THE DRAFT BUDGET 2008/2009

The preparation of the draft budget 2008/2009 focused on the delivery of the programmes identified in year 3 of the Long Term Council Community Plan. Also considered were the implications of the current work programme underway as detailed in the 2007/2008 Annual Plan.

To achieve this, the preparation of the budget involved the following:

- Recognition that this is year 3 of the approved Long Term Council Community Plan;
- The implications of the approved work programme in the 2007/2008 Annual Plan;
- Review of previous Council decisions to ensure inclusion in the plan;
- Reviews of budgets to ensure strategic compliance and fiscal responsibility;
- Preparation of Unit Overview reports.

The budget provides the tools necessary to efficiently manage the organisation whilst supporting the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Elected Members. There are some items in the Unit Overview reports that require special consideration by the Committee as they are not included in the draft budgets. This also includes recommendations from other Council Committees and Community Boards.

A list of items that are not included in the draft budget have been highlighted within this report to enable elected members to consider them one at a time.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2002 REQUIREMENTS FOR ANNUAL PLAN CONTENT

As mentioned above, the process is to produce an Annual Plan based on the Long Term Council Community Plan adopted in June 2006. Schedule 10, part 2 of the Local Government Act 2002 details what information is to be included in an Annual Plan. In summary, these are:

- Forecast financial statements;
- A funding impact statement.

The Annual Plan must also contain appropriate references to the Long Term Council Community Plan in which the local authority's activities for the financial year covered by the Annual Plan are set out. These are noted in the Unit Overview reports.

The document will of course contain any other information considered necessary to advise the community of the Council's aims and intent for 2008/2009.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT PROVISIONS

The Act requires that local authorities prepare their budgets in a prudent manner. A local authority must ensure that each year's projected operating revenues are set at a level sufficient to meet that year's projected operating expenses. However, the Act does allow that when a local authority resolves to do so, and it is financially prudent, that having regard to the estimated expenses of achieving and maintaining the projected levels of service provision set out in its Long Term Council Community Plan, projected operating revenues may be set at a different level. This allows the Council some flexibility in matching its operating revenues and expenditure in any year, however, it would need to be clearly signalled why such a non-matching is occurring and how it will be rectified in future years.

There is a requirement in the Act that a Local Authority must manage its revenues, expenses, assets, liabilities, investments and general financial dealings prudently and in a manner that promotes the current and future interests of the community. The draft budget 2008/2009 presented to this Committee has been prepared on that basis.

BUDGET PREPARATION

There has been an in-depth examination of the budgets by the Directors, along with the Acting Chief Executive Officer, resulting in some service level adjustments, user pay increases and other reductions.

There was a peer review of the Unit Budgets with the Councillor Review Group, comprising Councillors Battersby, Clews, Clow and Hulse. The peer review focused on key issues and resulted in further budget reductions.

The budgets as presented offer a Council controlled rate increase (this excludes external levies) of between 6.5% and 8% depending on the options taken and utilisation of a carry forward surplus. At this stage, the inorganic collection for 2008/2009 is not included resulting in a saving of \$339,000 which is a 0.28% saving on the rates. This is a proposed change in the level of service.

SUMMARY OF THE MAJOR COST DRIVERS FOR 2008/2009

Rates Funded Cost Drivers	2007/2008 Budget \$000's	2008/2009 Draft Budget \$000's	Variance \$000's
Expenditure			
Payroll Costs (Permanent, Temporary and Agency Staff)	63,497	69,422	5,925
Other Costs	44,935	45,826	891
Depreciation	24,035	25,002	967
Interest	14,860	21,534	6,674
External Levies	17,990	19,191	1,201
Long Term Council Community Plan	364	922	558
Total Expenditure	165,681	181,897	16,216
Revenue			
External Revenue from User Charges and Subsidies	(47,406)	(52,210)	(4,804)
Total Revenue	(47,406)	(52,210)	(4,804)
Rates	118,275	129,687	11,412

Payroll Costs

The increase in Payroll Costs is due to increases in remuneration to reflect market rates and business requirements. There are also additional positions in the Consents area as a consequence of the implementation of the Building Control Act. There has been an increase in Consents revenue to compensate for this.

Other Costs

There has been little movement in other costs as a result of detailed and lengthy examinations of the budgets. In addition to the removal of the inorganic collection, there have been some additional budget reductions for 2008/2009 within the City Services Unit as follows:

Parks Assets	Reduced Planting Maintenance	(50,000)	The main impact of this reduction will be in residential areas. The Town Centre and the main road gardens will not be affected. The maintenance visits to the plantings in the residential streets and neighbourhood parks will be reduced.
Solid Waste	Town Centre Waste Minimisation Officer x 2	(74,000)	There are new staff yet to be employed. Currently there is coverage for Henderson and New Lynn. Other areas such as Glen Eden, Te Atatu Peninsula, and Titirangi will not be covered.
Solid Waste	Fleet Management	(20,000)	Vehicles for above deleted.

Heritage	Heritage fund	(100,000)	Applications for grants from this fund have been advertised. Reducing the amount would mean fewer grants made.
Parks Assets	Introduction of reduced and no litter collection in neighbourhood parks and some esplanades.	(30,000)	This is a pilot programme for the reduction of litter collection involving some neighbourhood / esplanades parks having no collection and bins being removed. This practice is operating successfully in some regional parks. There is an education and communication plan proposed. A report will be presented to City Infrastructure Committee in June which will identify options for further savings should the pilot be successful.

The following City Services Capital Expenditure projects have been deferred:

Transport Assets	Westgate Pedestrian / Cycle Bridge south of shopping complex	2,500,000	This was the budget to build the preferred option for the pedestrian/cycle bridge connection between Massey East and Massey West. There is no major risk for this delay, as there is an alternative option to build a full road connection in the future to the east of this one. here are no major third party issues for the delay.
Transport Assets	Henderson Town Centre: Edmonton / Alderman	6,000,000	Deferment is in line with the current construction programme which has been delayed due to the Council's decision in mid 2007 to workshop the Henderson project. This corresponds to the Land Transport New Zealand funding availability forecast.
Transport Assets	Footpath Renewals	250,000	This is a medium Impact reduction. The focus will be on the areas requiring the most urgent work. This will result in delaying programmed works until future years.
Transport Assets	Footpath Construction	120,000	Deferment of the Henderson Valley Road project from the 2008/2009 programme. This will result in delaying programmed works until future years.
Wastewater Renewals	Sewer Renewals	900,000	The overall infiltration programme is planned out to 2012/2013 with it moving from New Lynn to other older parts of the City. This reduction will have no long term consequences.

The following items have not been included in the Strategy Unit budgets and will be addressed during the presentation of their Unit Overview.

Operating Costs

Mayoral Taskforces on Education and Jobs	65,000	Two taskforces to enable action on the City's learning plan and to participate in the national mayoral Jobs initiative.
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Tourism Development 26,000 Budget not continued for 2008/2009.

Pacific Skilled Employment Programme 50,000 Seed funding for a pilot project currently under consideration by the Ministry for Economic Development.

Capital Expenditure

Tui Glen Community Resource Centre development 200,000 Potential funding shortfalls for construction not provided.

Depreciation

There has been an increase in depreciation in the draft budget over the previous year's Annual Plan. This has arisen from the revaluation of some assets and the creation of new assets.

The Long Term Council Community Plan allowed the phasing in of full funding of depreciation while still providing that all assets are properly maintained and that levels of services are not changed. The following table shows the depreciation requirement for 2008/2009, together with how it is funded. The future funding of depreciation will be addressed in the forthcoming Long Term Council Community Plan 2009-2019.

Depreciation	2007/2008 Budget \$000's	2008/2009 Draft Budget \$000's	Variance \$000's
Rates Funded	24,035	25,002	967
Funded from Other Sources	4,210	3,910	(300)
Not Funded	11,856	13,603	1,747
Total	40,101	42,515	2,414

Interest

The Council faces a planned increase in rates funded interest as a consequence of capital expenditure approved in previous years to service growth and to provide enhanced infrastructure to the City. This interest expense is consistent with the Long Term Council Community Plan.

External Levies

External Levies are those charges imposed on the Council by other organisations including the Auckland War Memorial Museum, the Museum of Transport and Technology and treatment of wastewater by Watercare Services Limited. These external levy increases represent an additional increase in rates of 1.01%.

Long Term Council Community Plan

The Council is required to produce a new Long Term Council Community Plan for 2009-2019. This will be adopted before the end of June 2009. There are considerable costs in producing this plan.

Revenue

The major increases in revenue have arisen from:

- Increased consent fees to cover the cost of the new Building Control Act;
- A proposed increase in the bag charge for Solid Waste;
- Increases in revenue from the cemetery;
- Increases in revenue from the Aquatic Centre;
- Additional subsidy from Land Transport New Zealand reflecting increases in road maintenance.

There are also other cost pressures faced by the Council. Recent increases in the price of oil will have an impact on the quantity of reseals carried out as roading materials are very sensitive to oil prices. This means that less work can be accomplished within the proposed budgets. There have also been increases in the costs of steel and concrete.

At a workshop held with the Community Boards on 11 February 2008, the Community Boards asked that Footpath Renewals stay at the 2007/2008 level, plus inflation. The 2007/2008 budget was \$1,283,000. This included a one-off transfer to address all grade 4 and 5 issues and high lip sites. The proposed budget for 2008/2009 is \$950,000. The Community Boards also requested a budget for Kerb and Channel renewals and School 40 km/h zones. Budgets of \$200,000 for Kerb and Channel Renewals and \$400,000 for School 40 km/h zones are included.

Key Capital Project Variations to the Long Term Council Community Plan

The following table details capital expenditure projects where there is draft budget to Long Term Council Community Plan variance greater than \$500,000. These will be discussed during the presentation of the Unit Overview reports.

Project Details	2008/2009 Budget	2008/2009 LTCCP	Variance To LTCCP
Public Affairs			
Lopdell House Carparking Project	1,350,000	0	1,350,000
Strategic Projects			
Henderson Vineyard Campus	2,642,000	5,284,000	(2,642,000)
Waitakere Information Access Project	5,000,000	0	5,000,000
Wilsher Village Redevelopment	2,500,000	0	2,500,000
McNaughton Way Extension Urban Design and Concept Design)	0	528,000	(528,000)
Corban Estate Pacific Island Centre	0	2,642,000	(2,642,000)
Corbans Design Stage Next set of Buildings	0	1,321,000	(1,321,000)
Waitakere Central Car Park building	0	15,852,000	(15,852,000)
Information Management			
Information Management Infrastructure and System Applications	9,000,000	6,047,000	2,953,000

Libraries

Massey Library extensions	0	1,189,000	(1,189,000)
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Roading

Sealed Road Renewals	9,960,000	9,078,000	882,000
Te Atatu Road : Edmonton / Vera - Rehab / Roundabout Triangle	1,900,000	420,000	1,480,000
Te Atatu / Edmonton : Layout & signal	200,000	840,000	(640,000)
Te Atatu / Vera : Layout & signal	500,000	1,587,000	(1,087,000)
Titirangi / Rail line widening	500,000	1,007,000	(507,000)
Henderson Town Centre - extension to McLeod Road	0	2,687,000	(2,687,000)
Railway Station - contribution to underground	1,300,000	55,000	1,245,000
New Lynn Project	8,000,000	15,759,000	(7,759,000)
Great North Road (Lincoln-Portage)	28,816,600	0	28,816,600
Swanson Rail Park & Ride	0	544,000	(544,000)
Upper Opanuku Walk & Cycleway	2,000,000	0	2,000,000
Cycleways On Road Cycle Lanes	2,800,000	0	2,800,000
Cycleways Recreational Off-Road Routes	5,730,000	1,072,000	4,658,000
Routley Drive Footpath	0	455,000	(455,000)
Seal Extensions (Non-Subsidised)	800,000	0	800,000
Land Purchase Central Park Drive	0	315,000	(315,000)
	1,000,000	0	1,000,000

Parks & Green Assets

Structures Renewals	264,000	776,000	(512,000)
Ken Maunder Bridge	750,000	0	750,000

Aftercare & Special Projects

Development Works	454,000	1,046,000	(592,000)
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Leisure

New Capital Expenditure

Te Atatu Peninsula Community Centre Redevelopment	2,275,000	53,000	2,222,000
McLaren Park Community House	943,000	0	943,000

Property

Housing for Older Adults Renewals	3,308,000	564,000	2,744,000
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Wastewater

Renewals

Sewer Renewals	4,840,000	6,121,000	(1,281,000)
Wastewater Network Modelling	0	553,000	(553,000)
Catchment Capacity Studies & RMA Compliance	0	748,000	(748,000)
NORSGA Capital Expenditure	150,000	2,541,000	(2,391,000)

Stormwater

Project Twin Streams	7,469,000	2,167,000	5,302,000
Twin Stream Cycleways & Walkways	2,319,000	0	2,319,000
New Lynn Rail Project	2,000,000	0	2,000,000
Stormwater Quality Device Programme	1,400,000	2,005,000	(605,000)
NORSGA Capital Expenditure	2,000,000	416,000	1,584,000

Water Supply

NORSGA Capital Expenditure	260,000	840,000	(580,000)
Compliance DW Act	1,000,000	0	1,000,000

KEY PROJECTS

The draft budget provides for the delivery of the following key projects to contribute to community outcomes and to progress the Council's strategic direction.

Urban and Rural Villages

- Henderson Vineyard Business Campus;
- Waitakere Information Access project;
- Northern Strategic Growth Area development;
- Implementation of provisions of the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area Bill;
- Development of Corban Estate Creative quarter;
- Building Consent Authority project support;
- Te Atatu Peninsula Community Centre redevelopment;
- Wilsher Village Housing for Older Adults redevelopment;
- Parrs Park citywide playground;
- Regional Netball facility development;
- Ken Maunder Footbridge replacement;
- Corban Estate bridge access from Henderson Valley Road;
- McLaren Park Community House;
- Cemetery developments.

Integrated Transport and Communication

- New Lynn Transport interchange and associated works;
- Upper Opanuku Walk and Cycleway;
- Swanson Rail Park and Ride;
- Sturges Road bridge over rail line;

- Te Atatu Road: Edmonton Rd to Vera Road rehabilitation and roundabout;
- Henderson Town Centre - extension to McLeod;
- School Travel Plans;
- Pavement smoothing (Great North Rd between Awaroa Rd and West Coast Road);
- Railway Station lighting and safety;
- Whau River and School 40 km/hr zones network investigations.

Strong Innovative Economy

- Waitakere Economic Development Strategy;
- Continuing engagement in regional business and economic development planning;
- Continuing support to film and marine industry clusters;
- Continuing support to Hobsonville, Whenuapai and Massey North / Westgate development;
- Continuing support to Waitakere Enterprise Board;
- Attracting new business initiatives;
- Marketing Waitakere.

Strong Communities

- Housing for Older Adults revitalisation project;
- Te Atatu Peninsula Library Development;
- Development of Corban Estate;
- Lopdell House precinct redevelopment;
- Massey Library extension;
- Ranui Library development;
- Radio Frequency Identification Devices in libraries;
- Housing plan priority Initiatives;
- Development of the Cultural and Social Strategies;
- Older Adults plan development;
- Establishment of the Task Force on Education;
- Ongoing partnerships with Central Government;
- Ongoing support for community houses;
- Kelston Community Facility;
- Ongoing support for Sport Waitakere;
- Aquatic Centre fitness centre expansion;
- Ongoing support for Community Waitakere;
- Laureates group and Going West and Trash to Fashion festivals.

Active Democracy

- Royal commission of Enquiry into Auckland Governance;
- Working with 2 broadly representative Committees for the development of the 3 town centres;
- 2009 – 2019 Long Term Council Community Plan development.

Green Network

- Te Atatu Peninsula Walkway (Chapman Strand to Taipari Strand);
- Environmental Strategy development;
- Ongoing economic incentives supporting the Green Network on private land;
- Ongoing support for Eco-matters Trust.

Three Waters

- Continue renewals and network upgrade programme;
- Develop and progressively implement findings from sustainable water / land management research programmes (e.g. Landcare, Ministry for the Environment, University of Auckland, Building Act / Code);
- Integrate best practice for sustainable catchment management with community initiatives (Twin Streams, Eco Matters Trust);
- Project Twin Streams.

Sustainable Energy and Clean Air

- Continued focus on corporate energy efficiency initiatives;
- Continued support for home energy efficiency programme (external funding Council supported);
- Travel demand programmes for schools and business planned (to decrease vehicle emissions).

Zero Waste

- Continuation of separation of waste at the Transfer Station;
- Aftercare Development Works;
- Solid waste amenities block;
- Implementation of provisions of the Waste Minimisation and Resource Recovery Bill.

Organisation Support

- Information Management Infrastructure and System Applications.

COMMITTEE AND COMMUNITY BOARD REQUESTS

Requests from Council Committees and Community Boards for consideration of additional funds for projects have been addressed within the appropriate Unit Overview. In summary, these requests are:

Finance and Operational Performance Committee

- Funding for a review of the rating system pending the outcome of the Royal Commission of Inquiry findings concerning Auckland Governance;
- Funding for CABX.

City Development Committee

State Highway 16 – Westgate Pedestrian Facility Consultation
Funding for concept design of Options and the Quadruple Bottom Line analysis, by bringing forward funding in the Long Term Council Community Plan 2006-2016.

Infrastructure and Works Committee

- Funding of \$750,000 for the replacement of the Ken Maunder Park footbridge;
- Funding for the Ken Maunder Park footbridge replacement be carried over to the draft Annual Plan 2008/2009;
- Funding for water supply issues.

Policy and Strategy Committee

Consideration be given to increasing the maximum amount to be spent on any one project from \$10,000 to \$20,000 for Community Board Minor Parks Projects, for all Community Boards.

Massey Community Board

Various submission points for the Committee's consideration.

Culture and Community Committee

- Sister City Programme inclusion and budget of \$56,000;
- Trash to Fashion school's programme. \$40,000 be included in budget.

CONCLUSION

The draft budget submitted for the Committee's consideration is the culmination of a process that started in September 2007 and has been through continuous review to produce a work programme that is both sustainable and capable of delivering on the Council's strategic direction.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Draft Budget 2008/2009 Overview report be received.
2. That the Long Term Council Community Plan and Annual Plan Committee consider the budget information, Unit Overview reports, and recommendations from other Committees and associated work programmes and recommend to the Council the adoption of the draft Annual Plan 2008/2009 for consultation.

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