

SUBMISSIONS, DECISIONS AND BUDGET CHANGES



This Annual Plan is based on year three of the Council's Long Term Council Community Plan 2006 - 2106 and confirms that the Council's 2008/2009 work programme continues to meet its strategic direction and contributes to the community outcomes identified in the Long Term Council Community Plan 2006 - 2016.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

The consultation period was from 11 April 2008 until 14 May 2008. Copies of the draft Annual Plan 2008/2009 were available from all libraries, citizens advice bureaux and community houses. A special edition of the Waitakere City News was delivered to all households in the City. This contained a summary of the City's strategic direction and relevant financial data. A submission form was included to encourage the community to make submissions on the plan. The draft Annual Plan 2008/2009 was also published on the Council's website at www.waitakere.govt.nz and was available, on request, by contacting the Council's 24 hour Call Centre on 839 0400.

ANNUAL PLAN SUBMISSIONS

The consultation process generated 350 submissions. These submissions included 1,124 responses to individual issues, compared to the previous year's 498 submissions responding to 1,429 individual issues on the draft 2007/2008 Annual Plan.

All submitters were given the opportunity to present their submissions in person to the Long Term Council Community Plan and Annual Plan Committee.

After the hearings, all submissions were then considered by the Long Term Council Community Plan and Annual Plan Committee.

The issues raised in the submissions related to the following areas

URBAN AND RURAL VILLAGES

Acquisitions and divestments	6
Building maintenance	3
Cemetery	5
City development	3
Community and leisure facilities	23
Community houses	24
District plan	1
Field services	4
Fixtures, furniture, fencing, lighting and signs	7
General	8
Graffiti	4
Growth	2
Halls	2
Heritage	9
Hobsonville	1
Litter maintenance	9
Maintenance and operations	16
Northern strategic growth area	3
Other sport and leisure	19
Park and street trees	4
Park and street weeds and pests	6
Parks and street plantings	5
Parks planning	40
Passive areas - mown areas and roadside berms	2
Play facilities, playgrounds and skateparks	4
Reserve management plans	1
Resource management	1
Sportsfields and sports facilities	3
Structure plans	3
Town centre development	13
Toxic chemicals herbicides reduction	2
Tracks and walkways	9
Waitakere Central	2
Whenuapai	4
Youth centre	5
TOTAL	253

INTEGRATED TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION

Bridges and walls	3
Bus services	2
Bus stops	2
Cycle strategy	9
Cycleways	7
Drainage	7
Footpaths	26
General	20
Intersections	8
Lighting	5

New Lynn transport interchange	1
Park and ride	11
Parking	11
Passenger transport general	11
Rail	12
Road safety	3
Roading	39
Safety	6
School travel plans	1
Signals	2
Signs and markings	4
Slow streets	9
Street cleaning	3
Undergrounding	3
Waitakere online	5
Waitakere primary school road safety issues	22
TOTAL	232

STRONG INNOVATIVE ECONOMY

Business development	3
City promotion	4
Eco city brand	2
Economic Development Strategy	5
General	2
Genetically modified organisms	1
Tourism	3
Waitakere Enterprise Board	3
TOTAL	23

STRONG COMMUNITIES

Arts and culture	29
Arts funding	8
Citizens advice bureaux	1
Community advocacy	6
Community safety	37
Community support and funding	10
Corban Estate	6
Emergency services	4
Ethnic and migrant groups	8
Events	20
Gaming venues	2
General	8
Grants and assistance	6
Health sector	7
Heritage properties	2
Housing for older adults	8
Libraries	13
Maori issues	8
Partnerships	5
Youth issues	8
TOTAL	196

ACTIVE DEMOCRACY

Annual plan document format	3
Annual plan process	1
Auckland regional governance	15
Chief executive	2
Citizen participation and facilitation	2
Civic costs	3
Community outcomes	3
Council controlled organisations	1
Democracy and support	5
Democratic process	4
Development contributions and financial contributions policy	2
Education programme (civic and environmental)	2
Employment services	5
Financial management	21
General	2
Human resources	6
Rates	36
Rates policies	21
Revenue and financing policy	1
Strategic policy	4
Targeted rate for Te Atatu business district	23
TOTAL	162

GREEN NETWORK

Animal welfare	1
General	6
Green network community assistance	2
Keep Waitakere Beautiful	2
Licensing and information	1
Piha pond	2
Protecting the Waitakere Ranges	29
TOTAL	43

THREE WATERS

General	13
Project Twin Streams	23
Stormwater	5
Wastewater	7
Water supply	4
TOTAL	52

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY AND CLEAN AIR

Climate change	2
General	12
Testing station	1
TOTAL	15

ZERO WASTE

Aftercare	1
Cleaner production	2
General	7
Inorganic rubbish collection	110
Recycling	2
Rubbish bag prices	11
Solid waste	1
Waste collection and disposal	12
TOTAL	146

FEES AND CHARGES

Proposed fees and charges	2
TOTAL	2
TOTAL ISSUES	1124

KEY DECISIONS

The draft Annual Plan highlighted four key items for special consideration.

- Options for the future of the household inorganic collection
- Targeted rate for the Te Atatu business district
- Liability Management and Investment Policy amendments
- Revenue and Financing Policy amendment

The Council after consideration of submissions and deliberations approved the following:

INORGANIC REFUSE COLLECTION

The household roadside inorganic refuse collection will cease and be replaced by a new system commencing in February 2009 where residents have the option of contacting the Council and having inorganic refuse picked up from within their property boundary once a year. There will be an \$11.25 (including GST) charge for the service. This service is rates subsidised. There were 110 submissions on this issue. The collection for the 2007/2008 year has been completed.

This change in the collection service has resulted in a reduction to the Council rate requirement of \$339,000.

Targeted rate for Te Atatu Business District

The Council approved a targeted rate for the Te Atatu Business Sector. This is for business development and promotion under the auspices of the Te Atatu Business Association. There were 23 submissions and the Council approved to levy the targeted rate with the amount to be collected being \$78,750 inclusive of GST.

LIABILITY MANAGEMENT AND INVESTMENT POLICY

There was a Separate Statement of Proposal prepared for consultation on amendments to the Liability Management and Investment Policy. Five amendments were proposed:

- Two provide greater transparency in the approval process of certain transactions.
- Two recognised structural changes in financial markets and provide the Council greater flexibility with financial risk management strategies.
- The fifth deleted references to Sinking Funds and Sinking Fund Commissioners.

No submissions were received on the amendments and the revised policy was adopted by the Council.

REVENUE AND FINANCING POLICY

There was a separate Statement of Proposal for an amendment to the Revenue and Financing Policy. The policy amendment was to enable the Council and stakeholders in each town centre to consider the establishment of a Business Improvement District and for a targeted rate to be levied if desirable. There were 23 submissions concerning the introduction of a targeted rate for a Business Improvement District rate and after consideration the Council approved the proposed amendment.

REGULATORY FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2008/2009

There was a separate Statement of proposal for Regulatory Fees and Charges for 2008/2009 that was open for consultation at the same time as the draft Annual Plan. There were 2 submissions on this and after consideration and discussion the fees and charges were adopted without change.

After considering all submissions and other information the Council approved the Annual Plan with the following changes from the draft Annual Plan.

CHANGES AS A RESULT OF PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

OPERATING COSTS -**ADDITIONAL RATES FUNDING**

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Auckland Conductive Education Foundation	20,000
Ezekiel 33 Trust	15,000
Livingworks Trust (Titirangi music festival)	5,000
Pacific skilled employment programme	50,000
Project K (Waitakere Rangatahi Trust)	30,000
Waitakere area Principals Association	30,000

TOTAL	150,000
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CAPITAL EXPENDITURE -**ADDITIONAL LOAN FUNDING**

Starling Park Sports Club new clubrooms	1,000,000
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TOTAL	1,000,000
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OTHER COUNCIL CHANGES

OPERATING COSTS – REDUCTIONS IN RATES FUNDING AND USE OF SURPLUS FUNDS

Additional anticipated year end surplus	497,000
Citizens Advice Bureaux	100,000
Corban Estate development	430,000
Development contributions review	15,000
Global adjustments	411,000
Marae funding	40,000
Maori music in parks	15,000
Rates penalties	580,000
Solid Waste – correction to draft budget	95,000

TOTAL	2,183,000
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OPERATING COSTS –**ADDITIONAL RATES FUNDING**

Assistant security manager and increased cleaning costs	44,000
Customer services – correction to draft budget	114,000
Emergency services – adjustment to subsidy	8,000
Green Network rate relief	27,000
Harbour Clean Up Trust	10,000
Interest as a consequence of additional capital expenditure	19,000
Keep Waitakere Beautiful - Trees for Babies	12,000
Long Term Council Community Plan 2009-2019 audit fee increase	70,000
Parks and Green Assets – correction to draft budget	106,000
Rugby world cup – regional share of cost	85,000
Remuneration	800,000
Sustainability projects	150,000
Waitakere history project	20,000

TOTAL	1,465,000
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EXTERNAL LEVIES - ADDITIONAL

Auckland War Memorial Museum	6,000
Watercare Services Limited -wastewater	364,000
Watercare Services Limited – bulk water	891,000

TOTAL	1,261,000
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CAPITAL EXPENDITURE – ADDITIONAL LOAN FUNDING

Keep Waitakere Beautiful - neat streets tree planting	10,000
Keep Waitakere Beautiful - trees for babies	9,000
Strategic land purchase (no rates impact)	12,000,000
Sustainability projects	50,000

TOTAL	12,069,000
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CAPITAL EXPENDITURE -**REDUCTION IN LOAN FUNDING CAPITAL**

Keep Waitakere Beautiful - community street planting	21,000
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TOTAL	21,000
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The Council also approved a loan of up to \$30,000 for the Auckland Conductive Education Foundation, subject to their ability to repay such a loan.