

Leadership



WHAT THIS GROUP OF ACTIVITIES INCLUDES

Within this group of activities, the Council provides leadership, community representation, advocacy, consultation, monitoring, planning, stewardship and accountability to the residents and ratepayers of the Whakatane District. In addition, the Council is responsible for the provision and allocation of community grants. The Council also develops formal policies and the Ten-year Council Community Plan.

The activities undertaken within this group include:

- Governance
- Community Support
- Strategy and Policy

WHAT WILL THIS GROUP OF ACTIVITIES COST

The table below provides an overview of the budget at a Group of Activities level. Information related specifically to each activity can be found on the following pages.

Annual Plan 2009/10 \$000		LTCCP 2010/11 \$000	Annual Plan 2010/11 \$000	Variance 2010/11 \$000
OPERATIONAL				
EXPENDITURE				
0	Depreciation	0	0	0
7	Interest Paid	7	8	1
2,724	Operations	2,852	2,770	(82)
2,731	Total Expenditure	2,860	2,777	(81)
REVENUE				
0	Development Contributions	0	0	0
0	User Fees & Charges	0	0	0
2,345	General Rates	2,403	2,309	(94)
0	Interest Income	0	0	0
0	Sundry Income	58	58	0
0	Subsidies & Grants	0	0	0
380	Targeted Rates	406	404	(2)
2,725	Total Revenue	2,867	2,771	(96)
5	Net Cost (Surplus) of Operations	(8)	6	15
NON OPERATIONAL				
EXPENDITURE				
5	Transfer from (surplus)/deficit	(8)	6	13
0	Capex *	0	0	0
6	Loan Repayments	6	6	0
0	Payments to Reserves	2	0	(2)
0	less Depreciation not Funded	0	0	0
11	Total Funding Requirement	(0)	12	11
FUNDED BY				
0	Depreciation Reserve	0	0	0
0	Development Contribution Reserve	0	0	0
0	Loans Raised	0	0	0
11	Operational Reserve	0	11	11
0	Sale of Assets	0	0	0
11	Total Funding Applied	0	11	11

GOVERNANCE

WHICH COMMUNITY OUTCOMES DOES THIS CONTRIBUTE TO



STRONG,
TRANSPARENT AND
OPEN LEADERSHIP

WHAT WE DO AND WHY WE DO IT

Governance of the Council is a key activity, supporting and guiding everything else that the Council does. The elected members of the Council provide direction to the Council, ensuring that it is able to offer value for money and prudent management contributing to community outcomes. The elected members are the community's representatives, making decisions on behalf of and in the interests of the community. The Council is required by the Local Government Act 2002 to be open, transparent and democratically accountable. This means the Council must conduct its business in public in a way that is easily understood and contributed to by the community.

WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO

Local Government Elections: The Council is required to conduct local elections every three years. At a cost of \$125,000 the Council will conduct elections in October 2010. These will provide the opportunity for the community to elect a Mayor, Councillors and Community Board Members to represent their views and interests over the following three year period. The cost of elections are spread over three years.

Post Election Process: Following the Local Government Elections, the Council will undertake an induction process for the elected representatives and establish the structures and processes for the coming triennium. Part of this process includes establishing committee structures, assigning delegations, considering standing orders and the code of conduct.

Community Board Discretionary Funds: Each Community Board of the District has a discretionary fund (ranging from \$5,000-\$50,000) available for community groups and projects that benefit their ward. The Community Boards include Edgcumbe/Tarawera (to be known as Rangitaiki from October 2010), Murupara, Ohope Beach, Taneatua, and Whakatane.

WHAT WILL THIS ACTIVITY COST

	Annual Plan 2010/11 \$000
Expenditure	1,915
Revenue	1,904
Net Cost (Surplus) of Operations	11
Capital Expenditure	0

WHAT ARE THE KEY DIFFERENCES FROM THE LTCCP

- No key differences.

WHAT ARE OUR PERFORMANCE TARGETS FOR THE YEAR

The Council makes decisions in an open and transparent manner.

- » All meetings are publicly notified and agendas of the Council, its committees and community boards are available.
- » Satisfaction with the opportunities Council provides for community involvement in decision making scores 58.5 or higher (Needs significant improvement) in Council's Perception Survey.

Elections and representation reviews are conducted in accordance with the Local Electoral Act 2001 and participation is encouraged.

- » 2010 triennial elections conducted in accordance with Local Electoral Act.

Māori have the capacity and the opportunity to contribute to Council decision making.

- » Eight or more Iwi Liaison Committee meetings held during the year.
- » Māori satisfaction with the opportunities Council provides for community involvement in decision making scores 58.4 or higher (Needs significant improvement) in Council's Perception Survey.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

WHICH COMMUNITY OUTCOMES DOES THIS CONTRIBUTE TO



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WHAT WE DO AND WHY WE DO IT

The Council provides community support by providing funding for community projects; recognising voluntary organisations' contributions to the community; supporting and encouraging interaction and exchange with other cultures and recognising elderly people's contribution to the District. This activity is a key part of the Council's work to support the social and cultural well being of the citizens of this District. It also includes civic ceremonies such as ANZAC Day.

WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO

Community Grants: The Council will provide \$211,000 (including \$70,000 from the Harbour Fund) in the way of grants to community groups and voluntary organisations to acknowledge and better enable them to contribute to the wellbeing of the Whakatane District. Applications for Community Grants are called for in July of each year.

Iwi Liaison Committee Discretionary Fund: This discretionary fund of \$10,000 provides financial assistance to support, promote, encourage, and celebrate Maori culture and language in the Whakatane District. Applications are accepted throughout the year subject to funding availability.

WHAT WILL THIS ACTIVITY COST

	Annual Plan 2010/11 \$000
Expenditure	186
Revenue	192
Net Cost (Surplus) of Operations	(6)
Capital Expenditure	0

WHAT ARE THE KEY DIFFERENCES FROM THE LTCCP

- No key differences.

The Council provides grants to community groups and voluntary organisations to acknowledge and support them in their contribution to the wellbeing of the Whakatane District

WHAT ARE OUR PERFORMANCE TARGETS FOR THE YEAR

Community groups, voluntary organisations and landowners are supported in contributing to the social, environmental, cultural and economic wellbeing of the Whakatane District.

\$295,000 of community funding distributed in accordance with Council policy (note: this amount is sourced from general rates, harbour fund, and external agencies and distributed as a function of the Community Support activity). This includes the following funds:

- » Community Boards discretionary funds.
- » Iwi Liaison Committee discretionary fund.
- » Annual Grants.
- » Multiple Year Funds.
- » Lease Subsidies.

STRATEGY AND POLICY

WHICH COMMUNITY OUTCOMES DOES THIS CONTRIBUTE TO



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WHAT WE DO AND WHY WE DO IT

This activity delivers quality strategy and policy advice for elected members and staff to enable effective decision making and long-term planning. The Council makes decisions and sets direction to promote the social, cultural, environmental and economic wellbeing of the District's communities, and contribute to the good governance of these communities. Making good decisions and effectively setting direction requires a framework to provide long-term stability and consistency of approach. This activity also includes developing and consulting on planning and accountability mechanisms as required under the Local Government Act 2002, such as the Long Term Council Community Plan and the Annual Plan.

WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO

Corporate planning:

The Council is required to produce a Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) every three years and an annual plan in each intervening year. During 2010/11 this means we will produce an Annual Plan covering the 2011/12 financial year.

Policy Development:

During the coming year the Council will continue its programme of developing new policies and reviewing existing policies. Priorities will include policies required for the LTCCP such as the Revenue and Financing Policy,

Policy on Determining Significance, Liability Management Policy and Remission policies. The Council will also review community development policies such as the Alcohol Policy and Youth Policy.

Sustainability framework:

The Council is planning to implement the first round of initiatives to foster sustainable practices by the Council. This follows the development of a sustainability strategy in 2009/10.

WHAT WILL THIS ACTIVITY COST

	Annual Plan 2010/11 \$000
Expenditure	676
Revenue	676
Net Cost (Surplus) of Operations	0
Capital Expenditure	0

WHAT ARE THE KEY DIFFERENCES FROM THE LTCCP

- Community Outcomes Review project cancelled due to review of legislative requirements in this area.

WHAT ARE OUR PERFORMANCE TARGETS FOR THE YEAR

The Council will develop and maintain strategies, policies and plans that support sustainable development and the needs of the community.

- » Perception that the Council makes good long term decisions scores 47.4 or higher (Needs significant improvement) in Council's Perception Survey.
- » Council's Policy framework drafted and review schedule completed. A third of policies reviewed as per schedule.

