



Where can I find out more about the Long Term Plan 2015-25?

Whakatāne District Council has produced a Long Term Plan 2015-25 Consultation Document "The Big Decisions" which provides an overview of the main issues, priorities and key decisions facing the Council over the next 10 years. Copies of the Consultation Document have been distributed to households and businesses and are also available at all Council buildings, and on our website www.whakatane.govt.nz.

Detailed information about the work that has underpinned the development of the Long Term Plan is also available on our website.



KEY TIMEFRAMES FOR THE LONG TERM PLAN 2015-25

If you have any questions, contact your local Councillor, Community Board member, or the Council offices. Phone: 07 306 0500

12 MARCH – 13 APRIL
Submissions open

7 – 11 MAY
Public hearings

14 – 22 MAY
Deliberations

25 JUNE 2015
Adoption of final LTP

Your COMMUNITY BOARD

Community Boards provide a link between the Council and the Community and serve to represent and act as advocates for the interests of their community; consider and report on all matters referred to it by the Council or any matter of interest or concern to the Community Board; and act as a channel of communication between the community and Council.

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The Big Decisions

Ngā whakataunga matua
LONG TERM PLAN 2015-25

WHAKATĀNE
Community Board Area

What is the Long Term Plan and why is it important?

We are currently developing our 2015-25 Long Term Plan, which sets out the Council's direction, priorities, work programme and budgets for the next 10 years.

Regardless of whether or not you are a ratepayer, the Long Term Plan affects us all. It is more than just a work plan for the Council. Our District faces a number of big decisions, which will have an impact on the services the Council delivers and the costs of those services. We need to hear your views so that we can work together towards the kind of community we want to live in and a future we want to be a part of.

Have your say Submissions close 5pm Monday, 13 April 2015



Our key proposals

Through the Long Term Plan 2015-25, Whakatāne District Council needs to make some big decisions about the future of our District. We need your help to make these decisions, so please tell us what you think about the following:



Redeveloping the Whakatāne Museum and Research Centre



Developing the Whakatāne War Memorial Hall into a modern multi-purpose facility



Transferring pensioner housing to a Community Housing Provider



Increasing our focus on attracting jobs, investment, events and people to the District



Improving harbour facilities

For more detail on these and our other big decisions please see the Long Term Plan 2015-25 Consultation Document.



Find out more about your area

Project snapshot for the Whakatāne Community Board area

Here is a snapshot of some the projects that are proposed for the Whakatāne Community Board area for the next 10 years. To find out more about what is planned throughout the District, and for more detail, please refer to our Long Term Plan 2015-25 consultation document. The Consultation Document and supporting documents are also available on the Council website (www.whakatane.govt.nz/ltp-2015).

Whakatāne stormwater system improvements

A significant programme of capital works is planned to respond to stormwater issues in Whakatāne. The purpose of this ongoing project is to provide increased protection for houses and businesses during heavy rainfall events. Recurring surface flooding in some areas indicates that there is a need to raise the level of service provided and this work also reflects community feedback to the previous Long Term Plan and Annual Plans. Council has allocated \$9.15 million for various works during the next 10 years, including \$1.5 million to complete flood mitigation works for the Wainui Te Whara Stream in 2015-16. This is a continuation of a project already underway and involves a combination of upper catchment and lower catchment solutions.

Expand reservoir storage for Whakatāne water supply

A series of dry summers has led to the need for increased storage capacity in our reservoirs. The Whakatāne Water Treatment Plant currently only has water storage capacity to supply the community for a 24-hour period. We are proposing to increase the reservoir capacity by about 25 percent and provide at least 30 hours average storage. Council has set aside \$3.06 million to carry out this work in the 2017-20 period of the LTP.

Whakatāne Sewage Treatment Plant upgrade

The resource consent to discharge treated effluent from the Whakatāne Sewage Treatment Plant is due to expire in 2026. To obtain a new resource consent, Council may have to carry out upgrades to the existing treatment plant and improve treated effluent quality. This project

involves de-sludging the existing oxidation ponds and upgrading the treatment system. Council is proposing to set aside \$4.16 million for this work to be carried out during the next 10 years.

Infrastructure to support development at Huna Road, Mill Road and Coastlands

Council anticipates residential growth in the Coastlands, Bunyan Road and Shaw/Huna Road areas and industrial development at Mill Road during the next 10 years. To facilitate that growth, the Council is proposing that additional water, sewerage and stormwater infrastructure be put in place. The majority of that work will be funded through development contributions, meaning that those who will directly benefit will bear most of the cost. Council has budgeted \$3.05 million for these works during the 2015-18 period of the LTP.

Whakatāne dog park development

Following feedback from the community, the Council is planning to develop a dog park in Whakatāne township. The proposal is for a dedicated, fenced facility allowing dogs to socialise and exercise off the lead. Warren Park has been suggested as the most favourable area for this facility, however as part of the project, other locations will also be considered. A budget of \$50,000 has been allowed for this project in 2015-16.



Key services provided in the Whakatāne Ward

Whakatāne District Council is responsible for delivering a wide range of essential services and facilities including water supplies, sewage treatment and disposal, solid waste management, roads and footpaths, parks and reserves, libraries, economic development and animal control, to name a few. Additionally, many services located throughout the District provide services to our rural communities and smaller townships.

Some examples of key services located in the Whakatāne Community Board Area include:

- Whakatāne-Ōhope Water Scheme
- Whakatāne Sewerage Scheme
- Catchment stormwater systems
- Weekly rubbish and recycling and fortnightly greenwaste collections
- Extensive sealed road network
- Walkways and cycleways
- Multiple reserves and sportsfields
- Whakatāne Aquatic and Fitness Centre
- Ports and harbour facilities
- Urban community halls
- Library and Exhibition Centre
- Whakatāne Crematorium and Cemeteries.

Proposed rate changes for 2015/16

Rates for an average Whakatāne property (capital value \$298,000) are proposed to increase by about 3.07% for 2015/16. This is below the district average of 3.20% and equates to an additional \$87 on the average yearly rates bill.

This is primarily due to increases in the general rate and Uniform Annual General Charge, and stormwater and sewerage targeted rates increases.