



# Ordinary Council - LTP Hearings

## *Hui a te Kaunihera*

Thursday, 18 April 2024  
*Rāpare, 18 Paengawhāwhā 2024*

Totara Room, Whakatāne District Council  
14 Commerce Street, Whakatāne  
9:00 am

Chief Executive: Steph O'Sullivan  
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## **B Powers of the Council - *Ngā mana o te Kaunihera***

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The Council will meet Eight weekly to make decisions on all matters that cannot be delegated, that it has not delegated or that it has had referred to it by staff or a committee. Extraordinary Council meetings will be called when required in between the Eight weekly cycle for specific purposes such as hearing the Annual Plan submissions.

#### **The powers that cannot be delegated by the Council are:**

- a. the power to make a rate
- b. the power to make a bylaw
- c. the power to borrow money, or purchase or dispose of assets, other than in accordance with the long-term plan
- d. the power to adopt a Long-term plan, Annual plan or Annual report
- e. the power to appoint a Chief executive
- f. the power to adopt policies required to be adopted and consulted on under the Local Government Act 2002 in association with the long-term plan or developed for the purpose of the Local Governance Statement
- g. the power to adopt a remuneration and employment policy

#### **The powers that can be delegated but which the Council retains:**

- a. Approve the Council's recommendation to the Remuneration Authority for the remuneration of additional positions of responsibility for elected members and elected members expenses rules
- b. Approve the Local Governance Statement (called "A Guide to the Whakatāne District Council") produced following the triennial election of members
- c. Resolve those decisions required to be made by a local authority under the Local Electoral Act 2001 including the appointment of electoral officer.
- d. Determine whether or how to fill any extraordinary Council vacancies within 12 months of an election
- e. Review and make decisions on Council membership and the basis for elections through representation reviews
- f. Set the direction for the Long-Term Plan
- g. Hearing of submissions on the Long-Term Plan and, if required, the Annual Plan
- h. Appoint and discharge trustees, directors or office holders to Council's Council-Controlled organisations and to other external bodies
- i. Agree the final Statement of Intent for Council's Council-Controlled organisations
- j. Adopt the Half Yearly and Full Year Annual Report of the Whakatāne Airport
- k. Approve the purchase, sale and disposal of Council property
- l. Approve a proposed plan or a change to a District Plan under Clause 17 of the First Schedule of Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA); A1827586 April 2021 Page 14 of 37.
- m. Approve changes to the status or revoke the status of a reserve as defined in the Reserves Act 1977
- n. Authority to name or rename a reserve in accordance with the Reserves Management Plan;

**B Powers of the Council - *Ngā mana o te Kaunihera* (Cont.)**

- o. Authorise any unbudgeted expenditure that exceeds the delegation levels provided to officers, committees or other subordinate decision-making bodies of Council
- p. Approve recommendations from relevant Committees for new fees and charges for services provided, outside of the Annual Plan or Long Term Plan process.

**Procedural matters exercised by Council:**

- a. Receive minutes and recommendations, and make decisions on any recommendations from:
  - Standing Committees, Joint Committees and Joint Forums
  - Iwi Chairs Forum
  - Commercial Advisory Board
  - Toi Economic Development Agency
  - Any other Council appointed advisory board or forum with Council as the parent committee
- b. Consider any matters referred to it from any of the Committees, the Mayor, or Chief Executive.

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**1 Prayer - *Karakia***

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**2 Meeting Notices - *Ngā Pānui o te hui***

**1. Live Streaming**

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**2. Health and Safety**

In case of an emergency, please follow the building wardens or make your way to the nearest exit. The meeting point is located at Peace Park on Boon Street.

Bathroom facilities are located opposite the Chambers Foyer entrance (the entrance off Margaret Mahy Court).

**3. Other**

**3 Apologies - *Te hunga kāore i tae***

No apologies were recorded at the time of compiling the agenda.

**4 Acknowledgements / Tributes - *Ngā mihi mihi***

An opportunity for members to recognise achievements, to notify of events, or to pay tribute to an occasion of importance.



**5 Conflicts of Interest - *Ngākau kōnatunatu*****5 Conflicts of Interest - *Ngākau kōnatunatu***

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as an elected member and any private or other external interests they might have.

The Elected Member Register of Interest is available on the Whakatāne District Council website. If you wish to view the information, please click this [Register link](#).

**6 Public Forum - *Wānanga Tūmatanui***

The Council has set aside time for members of the public to speak in the public forum at the commencement of each meeting. Each speaker during the forum may speak for five minutes. Permission of the Chairperson is required for any person wishing to speak during the public forum.

With the permission of the Chairperson, Elected members may ask questions of speakers. Questions are to be confined to obtaining information or clarification on matters raised by a speaker.

**At the time of compiling the agenda, there were no requests for public participation for subjects not related to the Long Term Plan Hearings.**

## 7 Reports - Ngā Pūrongo

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#### 7.1 Hearings of submissions on the WDC Long Term Plan 2024-34

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To: **Whakatāne District Council**

Date: **Thursday, 18 April 2024**

Author: **H Keravel / Senior Strategic Policy Analyst**

Authoriser: **S Perdia / GM Strategy and Transformation**

Reference: **A2649256**

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#### 1. Reason for the report - *Te Take mō tēnei rīpoata*

The purpose of this report is to introduce the hearings stage of the Long Term Plan (LTP) 2024-34 process, and to provide information to support the hearings.

#### 2. Recommendation - *Tohutohu akiaki*

1. THAT Council **receive** the 'Hearings of submissions on the Long Term Plan 2024-34' report; and,
2. THAT the Council **note** the use of the special consultative procedure in relation to Long Term Plan (Section 93 A) and the requirements of Section 83 (1) (e) of the Local Government Act 2002 to ensure that any person who wishes to present his or her views to the local authority or its representatives is given a reasonable opportunity to do so.

#### 3. Issue/subject – *Kaupapa*

The Council is required to develop and adopt a Long Term Plan (LTP) every three years under the Local Government Act 2002.

On 6 March 2024, the Environment, Energy and Resilience Committee adopted the LTP Consultation Document, underlying information, and supporting policies and proposals for public consultation from 12 March to 12 April 2024.

This hearings meeting has been scheduled for those submitters who have indicated that they wish to speak to their submissions.

##### 3.1. Hearings Schedule

At the time of finalisation of this report, the formal consultation period has closed.

Section 8 lists all oral submitters wishing to be heard. Appendix 1 includes a copy of the submissions for all oral submitters.

## **7.1 Hearings of submissions on the WDC Long Term Plan 2024-34(Cont.)**

### **3.2. Overview of quantitative feedback**

All submissions received on the LTP will form part of the public agenda for the deliberation meetings on 8,9 and 10 May 2024.

Further information about community views gained through the LTP consultation process and the Climate Change Strategy will be provided to the Council to support the deliberations process in May 2024.

### **4. Options analysis - *Ngā Kōwhiringa***

No options have been identified relating to the matters of this report.

### **5. Significance and Engagement Assessment - *Aromatawai Pāhekoheko***

#### **5.1. Assessment of Significance**

The decisions and matters of this specific report are assessed to be of low significance in accordance with the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy. However, this report is part of broader processes to develop the Council's LTP which is assessed to be of high significance.

#### **5.2. Engagement and community views**

In May/June 2023, Council undertook a pre-engagement phase to engage with communities and Iwi Partners to 'pulse check' Council's draft strategic priorities, and to confirm if what Council has heard through previous engagement activities was still current. Council received more than 360 pieces of feedback through this pre-engagement phase, providing good insight into community aspirations, preferences, and preoccupations.

Formal consultation on the LTP has been undertaken under the Special Consultative Procedure, which is prescribed in the Local Government Act 2002.

This hearings process is an important part of obtaining community feedback before the Council deliberates on submissions and finalises the LTP and Climate Change Strategy.

### **6. Considerations - *Whai Whakaaro***

#### **6.1. Financial/budget considerations**

The costs associated with the development of the LTP and draft Climate Change Strategy, including the costs for the hearings process, are included within current budgets.

#### **6.2. Strategic alignment**

The LTP is Council's main strategic document and is a key strategic project for Council. The Strategic Framework includes Council's vision, community outcomes and set of strategic priorities. It will be used in future Council reports' strategic alignment section for the next three years.

**7.1 Hearings of submissions on the WDC Long Term Plan 2024-34(Cont.)**

7. Next steps - *Ahu whakamua*

The next steps of the process towards completion of the final LTP is as follows:

Action	Meeting date
Hearings ( <i>may adjourn to continue on 19 April</i> )	18 April 2024
Deliberations ( <i>may adjourn to continue on 9/10 May</i> )	8 May 2024
EER Standing Committee approve final LTP to audit for Audit	23 May 2024
Council adopt final LTP 2021-31, underlying information, and remaining supporting policies and proposals	20 June 2024
Back-up date for LTP adoption	27 June 2024
Additional back up for LTP adoption – last option before striking rates	11 July 2024

**Attached to this report:**

The appendices will be circulated prior to the meeting.

- Appendix 1 – Schedule of Speakers
- Appendix 2 – Written submissions of Speakers