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Officer's Comments – Annual Plan

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OFFICER COMMENTS ON SUBMISSIONS TO ANNUAL PLAN 2019/20

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Lou Klinkhamer (1)	<p>Officer Responsible: Colin Hosford (Parks and Property Manager)</p> <p>Officer Comments:</p> <p><u>Funding for Keirunga Homestead and Quilters Cottage</u></p> <p><i>The submitter requests funding support for maintenance and upgrade of facilities at Keirunga.</i></p> <p>Officers are aware that the Keirunga crafts community would like to see the upkeep and running of the facilities funded via general rates. This situation is common across many clubs and organisations who struggle with increasing costs to maintain facilities. Council provides land for many clubrooms at a minimal cost. It also allows the use of its buildings where available at minimal cost and it looks after the buildings' exterior. Leasees pay for their own internal needs.</p> <p>Officers suggest that Council needs to be cautious in approving funds in this situation and it needs to be aware that many others will seek to be treated on the same footing. Officers suggest that the call on the ratepayer will soon be substantial.</p> <p>The suggested solution within the submission points to rating all properties with some form of targeted activity rate. This is not an option for Council at this point in the Annual Plan process as there are legal requirements to be met in the setting of a rate. Funding could be allocated and recovered through existing rating mechanisms however.</p> <p>On the basis of the above officers cannot support the installation of a rates levy as requested as it will create a precedent that has the potential to impact heavily on ratepayers.</p>
Don Ryder (2)	<p>Officer Responsible: Craig Cameron (Group Manager: Economic Growth and Organisational Improvement)</p> <p>Officer Comments:</p> <p><u>Council appointments process</u></p> <p><i>The submitter questions recent decisions in regard to appointments to Council committees, and are taken as reference to the recent appointments made at the 28 March Council meeting.</i></p> <p><u>Maori Participation in Council Decision Making</u></p> <p>In the Council Meeting on 28 March 2019 Council resolved to appoint Tangata Whenua members with voting rights to the Hastings District Council Standing Committees.</p> <p>This was in order to recognise and respect the Crown's responsibility to take appropriate account of the Principles of the Treaty of Waitangi and to maintain and improve opportunities for Maori to contribute to local government decision making processes.</p>

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	<p>The decision also complies with Part 6 of The Local Government Act 2002 – Section 81;</p> <p><u>Contributions to Decision Making Processes by Maori:</u></p> <p>A Local Authority must;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish and maintain processes to provide opportunities for Maori to contribute to the decision making processes of the local authority and • Consider ways in which it may foster the development of Maori capacity to contribute to decision making processes of the local authority. <p>This decision is also aligns with earlier Council decisions to bring unelected members (providing particular expertise, knowledge and experience) onto Council Committees.</p>
Nicola Heads (3)	<p>Officer Responsible: Colin Hosford (Parks and Property Manager)</p> <p>Officer Comments:</p> <p><u>Support for artificial cricket wicket installation (practice nets) in Memorial Park Haumoana</u></p> <p><i>The submitter requests Council support for the installation of an all-weather artificial cricket pitch (and practice nets) at Memorial Park Haumoana.</i></p> <p>Officers are supportive of the request for a new synthetic pitch for cricket at Haumoana. While the set up cost is substantial, the maintenance costs are minimal. A new wicket will give Council more flexibility to manage cricket as well as offering a new sports offering to the Cape Coast area.</p> <p>Officers advise that this request can be funded via the existing Cape Coast RMP funding stream for Haumoana Park improvements. The submitter has suggested that the nets could be funded via other funds. Officers support this self-help approach.</p>
David Mee (4) (SMC Events)	<p>Officer Responsible: Craig Cameron (Group Manager: Economic Growth and Organisational Improvement)</p> <p>Officer Comments:</p> <p><u>Funding for Land Rover Horse of Year Show</u></p> <p><i>The submitter requests ongoing funding to deliver the Land Rover Horse of the year Show.</i></p> <p>Horse of The Year (HOY) have completed their report back to Council of the 2019 event as required under their Contract for Service with Council.</p> <p>This year's event has produced a surplus (financial report yet to be received). The event revenue relies on ticket sales, site rentals and sponsorship to pass through the breakeven. The possibility of adverse weather raises a significant financial and operational risk (with limited ability to mitigate the consequences) each year.</p>

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	<p>Officers are generally satisfied HOY are meeting the Key Performance Indicators, particularly in respect of marketing the region as a destination and delivering a positive economic impact;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over \$5m contribution to Regional Gross Domestic Product 85% of attendees are visitors to the region. <p>Council provides considerable in kind support to HOY particularly with event management support, health and safety management and marketing and communications.</p> <p>Council has budgeted to provide \$150,000 in annual funding support. HOY are seeking in their Annual Plan Submission for this funding to increase to;</p> <p>Year 1 \$175,000 Year 2 \$180,000 Year 3 \$185,000</p> <p>The current level of sponsorship has been budgeted at \$150,000 in recognition of the pressures and competing demands on Council budgets and the existing levels of financial and in kind support to HOY.</p>
Rachel French (5)	<p>Officers Responsible: Colin Hosford (Parks and Property Manager) Craig Cameron (Group Manager Organisation Growth and Improvement)</p> <p>Officer Comments: <u>Central city pedestrian mall</u></p> <p><i>The submitter calls for investment and changes in use to create vibrancy in the Hastings central mall area.</i></p> <p>Council adopted the Hastings City Centre Revitalisation Plan in March 2019, to assist in the delivery over the next five years of key projects identified in the City Centre Strategy.</p> <p>The projects specifically relate to the provision and enhancement of attractive and inviting public open spaces in the city centre. Together with a number of other Council initiatives, these projects will contribute to further positive improvement in the vibrancy of the city.</p> <p>The city centre includes a network of public open spaces: parks, the Central Plaza, streets, pedestrian links, laneways and footpaths, all providing space for people to relax, engage and be entertained.</p> <p>Many of these spaces are currently underused with limited facilities and amenity. In many cases they are used simply as thoroughfares and their design, location and quality contribute little to the vibrancy of the city.</p> <p>These spaces should be the focal point for community social interaction, and their development provides Council with the opportunity to enhance visitor experience; encouraging people to visit, stay longer, and return.</p> <p>The Plan identifies a total of 23 projects, of which \$1.6 million has been allocated to improvements to the City Centre Pedestrian Mall. This funding is currently included in 2020/21 of the Long Term Plan.</p>

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	<p>The mall is a well-established and dedicated pedestrian gathering space where further activation and enhancement is proposed to continue to develop it as a people orientated space.</p> <p>The Plan also considered the introduction of vehicle traffic to the mall as suggested by the submitter. Public consultation however showed the community's appetite for the reintroduction of traffic to the central plaza to be low, particularly if it resulted in the loss of the fountain.</p> <p>While the consultation provided mixed feedback on the reinstatement of traffic through the plaza, there was an overwhelming desire to see additional high quality lively public open spaces within the city centre. It was also considered to have the potential to attract 'through-route' traffic rather than the desired destination-based traffic.</p> <p>The proposal is therefore for the central plaza and fountain to remain an iconic and unique people-focused feature celebrated as the heart of the city - a gathering point for community and civic functions. Recommended changes are predominantly focused on the improvement of pedestrian links between the east and west sectors of the city, principally by improving sight-lines and visual connections and reducing the perceived walking distances.</p> <p>The central plaza is currently characterised by a large expanse of paving with numerous vertical elements including trees, artworks and lights. While individually all of these contribute to the character of the area, together they reduce route legibility and sightlines through the Plaza to the two sides of Heretaunga St.</p> <p>Additional seating areas would be provided in this area, both permanent and temporary, as well as areas of landscaping to encourage social interaction, entertainment and evening use.</p> <p>It is also suggested that the size of the fountain be reduced by approximately a third. This has several benefits, including improved connectivity and opportunities to improve vibrancy. With regard to vibrancy, it would provide an opportunity to redevelop the fountain with seating edges, allowing better interaction of the public with the water feature, and the installation of interactive water jets in the enlarged paving area.</p> <p>Redevelopment within the central mall would allow space for further elements, such as increased outdoor dining areas and strategically placed relocatable kiosks able to be used as pop up stalls, information stands, or markets. They could be positioned in the pocket parks to further activate these spaces; placed to ensure they did not obscure the views across the city to Te Mata Peak.</p> <p><u>Recommendation:</u></p> <p>Officers are currently working on further developing the plans for the Central City Pedestrian Mall to address the concerns expressed by the submitter, which will involve further input from the community and retailers in this block. This work will enable construction of the enhancement project for the mall to commence in the 2020/21 financial year as programmed.</p>

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Ryan Fraser (6)	<p>Officer Responsible: Jag Pannu (Transportation Manager)</p> <p>Officer Comments:</p> <p><u>Road noise on Kotuku street</u></p> <p><i>The submitter calls for further investigation into the effects of road noise from the expressway on residents of Kotuku street.</i></p> <p>This submission relates to expressway which is controlled and managed by New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA). We have referred the submission to NZTA and their response is given below.</p> <p>NZTA carried out noise monitoring along this section of the expressway in 2010 and found the noise levels did not warrant any noise mitigation at the time. The present surfacing is a grade 3 chip seal which was laid in 2004 and is not due for a reseal until 2023, when it will be sealed with a smaller chip. This should have some noise reduction impact.</p>
Catherine Hancock (7)	<p>Officer Responsible: Colin Hosford (Parks and Property Manager)</p> <p>Officer Comments:</p> <p><u>Softball HB request for project manager towards facility upgrade</u></p> <p><i>The submitter requests Council support of \$40,000 toward a project manager to manage the upgrade to the softball clubrooms at Akina Park.</i></p> <p>Officers advised that the parks project officers will assist in project management of the Softball's new build. Officer advise that to do this some other non – urgent projects may need to be deferred to make space.</p>
Jock Mackintosh (8)	<p>Officer Responsible: Bruce Allen (Chief Financial Officer)</p> <p>Officer Comments:</p> <p><u>Regional Sports Park – Lighting and administration building</u></p> <p><i>The submitter requests Council funding of \$250,000 toward lighting for sportsfields, netball courts and outdoor aquatic facility along with a multi-use administration building.</i></p> <p>The Regional Sports Park Trust has requested funding for an upgrade of the provision of lighting for sportsfields and a sports administration building to support the codes using the sports fields and the canoe polo facility. The Trust has continued to be successful in receiving external funding for the capital developments that have occurred at the Sports Park.</p> <p>Since 2012/13 Council has invested \$2.3m of capital grants into the park assets (excluding the Hawkes Bay Community Wellness Centre) which has delivered \$5.3m of asset improvements with 56% of the funds required coming from non HDC sources. This capital fundraising model of the Trust has been very successful and the current submission is continuing on in that direction, requesting \$250,000 out of a total capital cost of \$700,000 or 35% for the improvements outlined.</p> <p>In 2018/19 Council agreed to provide \$250,000 towards Canoe Polo and the Administration building and due to Lotteries being oversubscribed the Trust has not achieved it funding targets and has subsequently resubmitted the administration building as part of this funding application to Council.</p>

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<p>Ron Wilkins (9) <i>Grey Power Association</i></p>	<p>Officer Responsible: Colin Hosford (Parks and Property Manager) Officer Comments:</p> <p><u>Bus shelter Russell Street</u></p> <p><i>The submitter calls for the extension and enclosing of the bus shelter on Russell Street.</i></p> <p>Officers understand the concerns of the public who have to sometimes brave the elements. This is a feature of many bus shelters across New Zealand. While enclosing bus shelters is an option to make them more weather resilient, Council needs to be cautious to not create entrapment areas for vulnerable bus users.</p> <p>Officers have had a sketch design prepared for Council to consider. The initial cost has best estimated at \$20,000 to undertake the simple glass shielding. If Council wishes to meet this request it will need to allocate \$20,000 into the Transportation budget in 2019/20.</p> <p>Officer Responsible: John O'Shaughnessy (Group Manager Planning and Regulatory) Officer Comments:</p> <p><u>Free parking for super gold card holders</u></p> <p><i>The submitter calls for free parking in the Hastings CBD, over a defined time period, for super gold card holders.</i></p> <p>Hastings has some of the cheapest parking in New Zealand, off-Street at \$0.50 and on-Street at \$1.00 per hour.</p> <p>An exemption system is already available for those who genuinely need it through a mobility card. For card holders in the Hastings district we double the permitted time allocation for vehicles legally parked anywhere in the CBD.</p> <p>Officer Responsible: Jag Pannu (Transportation Manager) Officer Comments:</p> <p><u>Speed limit reduction – Havelock North village shopping area</u></p> <p><i>The submitter requests a reduction in the speed limit in the Havelock North village shopping area to 30kmh.</i></p> <p>The speed limit request will be considered as part of HDC's Speed Limit Review Process in the next financial year. This review will include the CBD/shopping areas of Hastings, Havelock North and Flaxmere. The latest traffic counts conducted in the Havelock North Village centre show that the speed environment is in the order of 30km/hr currently, and as such a 30km/hr speed limit would be suitable. The courtesy crossings seem to work well in Havelock North.</p> <p>The low speed (30km/h) environment is at the centre of CBD design. It promotes a shared and safe place for all users. The courtesy crossings are typically used in the CBDs and it allows for a safer place to stop if pedestrians do want to cross. According to NZTA's Guidelines for the Selection of Pedestrian Facilities, elevated pedestrian platforms used in situations similar to the Havelock North Village centre would see an expected crash reduction of 80%, whereas zebra crossing facilities in general, do not result in a reduced crash risk for pedestrians.</p>

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	<p>The raised platforms in Havelock North are shared areas that are not official pedestrian crossings. In all of these instances the vehicles have the right of way. We are investigation options to make all users more aware of priorities which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signage • Rod marking • Footpath marking • Paving changes in the footpath • Waterblasting information into kerbs/footpaths <p>All of the able types of information have been used in other built up areas in New Zealand.</p>
John Roil (10)	<p>Officers Responsible: Bruce Allen (Chief Financial Officer) Craig Cameron (Group Manager Organisation Growth and Improvement) Jag Pannu (Transportation Manager)</p> <p>Officer Comments:</p> <p>1 & 2. Proportionality, Public Good Consideration & Additional Rating Income</p> <p>Council has recognised the benefit of the assets / infrastructure to the existing community in its allocation of costs. For example: a share of the York / Maraekakaho Roundabout cost (determined through Stantec traffic modelling) has been taken out of the DC calculation and will be funded from other (non-DC) sources.</p> <p>Officers believe its cost allocations are fair, equitable and proportionate, and the beneficiaries of that infrastructure have been appropriately reflected in its calculation. Council has previously held a workshop to discuss public good considerations.</p> <p>Council's historic approach has been to recover the portion of costs of capital expenditure necessary to support Irongate growth, from those benefitting and driving the need for that infrastructure. Council could choose to reflect the economic benefits to the wider community from economic development and job creation, by reducing its DC rate. Any reduction would need to be recovered from other sources (rates).</p> <p>Council acknowledges that 'growth', either through a change in land use (I.e Horticulture / Farming to Commercial / Industrial) or increased land values from the rezoning of land, has a positive impact on rates, as it will lead to an increase in the 'rating base' that rates are then shared across. However, that's not exclusive to just Irongate.</p> <p>It should be noted that an increase in the 'rating base' does not necessarily increase council's rate take. Council sets its rating requirement through its Annual Plan / LTP. An increase in the rating base simply allows council to spread the rates across a larger base.</p> <p>Whilst the land is rezoned industrial and ready for development to take place, commercial / industrial rates will only be levied when the land is actually being used for commercial / industrial purposes.</p>

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	<p>3. Increase in DC's & Refunds</p> <p>Council is committed to monitoring the assumptions (including uptake) that underpin the DC calculation on a regular basis and where necessary update the DC rate accordingly. One of the main drivers for the increase in the rate has been the lower than anticipated uptake rate.</p> <p>Under its DC Policy, council updates budgeted costs with actual costs (savings or increases) once they are established and known, and reflects any change in a revised DC rate. In this instance, the savings in Water and Wastewater costs were passed on through the 2018/19 revised DC rate of \$8.45m2, which also recognised the increase of the chargeable land within the zone. A refund was made to those landowners who had paid at the higher rate.</p> <p>Whilst some contributions were recovered from land owners towards roading, prior to the work commencing, this is reflected in the calculation by marginally reducing the total interest cost recovered over the lifetime of the project. The upgrade of Irongate Road is now well underway and anticipated to be completed in June 2019. The Irongate / Maraekakaho Roundabout is due to commence in September 2019.</p> <p>4. Share or allocation of Roundabout Costs</p> <p>The Irongate Industrial Development has undergone a robust planning process and variations from 2007. The process included both formal consultation as well as targeted workshops with the land owners.</p> <p>A transportation assessment of the proposed zoning of the area surrounding Irongate Road (known as the Irongate Industrial area) was completed by Stantec (formerly MWH) in 2016 and followed numerous previous studies by MWH and BECA all assessing the transportation impacts of the proposed development.</p> <p>The assessment identified the expected trip generation and distribution on the surrounding road network associated to the change in land use to Industrial. As is evident on site, the nature of developments progressing range significantly across the 'industrial' spectrum with cold stores already operational and future potential developments including freight distribution centres. The assessment completed has accounted for these potential land-uses in identifying the likely trip generation associated to the site.</p> <p>Within the assessment it is shown that the provision of a roundabout at Irongate Road and also York Road is required directly as a result of the development (i.e. it would not be warranted from a traffic operational perspective without this development). However, the assessment shows that whilst the development traffic triggers the need for a roundabout at these locations, the volume of additional traffic at York Road intersection equates to roughly 1/3rd of the total traffic volume. Hastings DC have therefore reduced the development contribution requirement for this particular infrastructure response (York Road/Maraekakaho Road roundabout) to 1/3rd of the total estimate.</p> <p>The above solution is deemed a fair and reasonable approach to the roading related development contributions for this site. These matters have been previously discussed with the landowners.</p>

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	<p>5. Chargeable Land Whilst the Irongate zone spans 118ha of land, the DC calculation is based over a chargeable area of 94.4ha. This reflects the assumption that the existing developed land will not connect to council services. To date, we have received a total contribution of \$7,503 excl GST from two properties that decided to connect (to council wastewater only) which were not part of the chargeable area calculation. This income has been reflected in the latest \$9.88m2 calculation.</p> <p>6. Irongate Road upgrade costs The official information request has been received and has been processed.</p> <p>7. Refund of unspent funds The LGA is explicit in that council must not over recover DC's and must only recover the costs it incurs (including interest and inflation) over the lifetime of the project. To ensure council does not over recover over the lifetime of the project, council is committed to monitoring its assumptions with a view to revise its policy (including its schedule of charges) at least every 3 years or as required.</p> <p>Whilst refunds are generally not envisaged, council did choose to refund land owners the difference between what they paid and the \$8.45m2 rate that came into force from 01/07/18. This reflected the material impact of the variation (I.e the increase of the extent of the area from 71.5ha to 96.5ha of chargeable area at that time) on the DC rate required.</p> <p>8. Interest Costs The interest rate assumptions that currently form part of the calculation are aligned with Council's 2018-28 LTP. Council could choose to reflect current interest rate market conditions in its calculation, although it should be mindful that the interest rate assumption is only one of many assumptions that form the DC calculation.</p> <p>Council is aware that current infrastructure construction costs are at elevated levels due to the positive economic conditions the region is currently experiencing, therefore putting at risk the budgeted construction costs for future works. Council is also aware that the uptake assumptions used for the Irongate Development are bullish and the risk of these not being achieved is real with the impact being that debt repayment through development contributions is not received and debt therefore remains at higher levels resulting in higher than assumed interest cost.</p>
John Roil (11)	<p>Officer Responsible: Brett Chapman (3 Waters Manager)</p> <p>Officer Comments:</p> <p><u>Upgrade of Wastewater System</u></p> <p><i>The submitter seeks changes to wastewater discharge rates and new infrastructure solutions to address growth and changing land use in the Irongate area.</i></p>

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	<p>Background</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following a District Planning/ Zoning process and consultation with the community in 2015/16 the initial Industrial Irongate development area (71.6ha) was serviced with a pressure sewer system. An outcome of the consultation process was that Council review wastewater servicing options in order to investigate lower cost wastewater solutions. The pressure sewer system was identified and accepted as the preferred solution. The system was designed and constructed in 2016/17. Following Variation 2 of the Plan Change 50 process the initial Irongate zoning process resulted in the Irongate Industrial Zone being increased to 118Ha in 2016. The sewer design was reviewed and found to have sufficient capacity for the revised Irongate dry industrial area. The system was designed with 2 rising mains to cater for initial lower level uptake using a 70mm rising main and future full capacity using a second larger 100mm main. <p>Issues raised by submitter</p> <p>1. Council did not consider existing Trade waste industries when designing the wastewater system. Existing onsite systems were considered as part of the original wastewater system design. It was assumed that any future development on these sites would necessitate a connection to the HDC wastewater system and capacity needs to be set aside to facilitate future growth on these sites. This was a decision made as part of the Plan Change 50 process.</p> <p>2. Submitter requests consideration for RSE accommodation to be considered in the Irongate development area. Wastewater design flows are based on Table 6.2, Commercial Flow Allowances for Standard Fixtures, Day Staff, Auckland Regional Council Technical Publication No. 58 (TP 58)</p> <p>The Irongate wastewater system was intended to cater for dry industrial land use and allows for a maximum discharge of 0.04 litres/second/hectare (or 3456 l/day/ha). The submitter suggests that catering for RSE accommodation be collated into the Irongate industrial zone.</p> <p>The Irongate wastewater system has been designed to provide a sanitary wastewater service for the land zoned as part of the Irongate Plan Change. There is no trade waste capacity which was the intention when services were being designed. The ability to allow additional wastewater flows from outside the existing area has not been evaluated in any detail and is currently not permitted.</p> <p>3. Domestic Wastewater Proposal The pressure sewer system has been hydraulically designed to ensure that the wastewater system meets the intended level of service for the Irongate industrial area. This design ensures that the right combination of pumps, pipe</p>

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	<p>sizes and onsite systems will work effectively. There are no limiting factors in regard to the intended design specification.</p> <p>4. Trade Waste Proposal The Irongate industrial area is zoned dry industrial and trade waste discharges have not been anticipated therefore capacity has not been considered in the system design. Development that is consistent with the dry industrial zoning is occurring within Irongate and there is no indication that wastewater capacity is incompatible with current development proposals.</p> <p>5. Summary The submitter is requesting a new trade waste system and to increase the current wastewater system capacity to cater for RSE accommodation within or adjacent to the Irongate industrial zone.</p> <p>The development of a trade waste reticulation system in the Irongate industrial area is inconsistent with the current zoning. Adequate industrial zones to cater for wet industry needs are located along Omaha Road and at Whakatu.</p> <p>For land within the zone, the ability to service any RSE proposal will be dependent on the size of facility and the anticipated wastewater flows. As long as the discharger complies with the allocated capacity and flows, then a solution may well be feasible. The servicing of land outside the current zone is not possible unless capacity that is currently allocated to land within the zone is surrendered. Any additional capacity beyond the current scheme would necessitate the construction of a separate pipeline.</p>
Mark Aspdon (12) (Sport HB)	<p>Officer Responsible: Alison Banks (Group Manager Community Facilities and Programmes)</p> <p>Officer Comments:</p> <p><u>Appreciation of support</u></p> <p><i>The submitter outlines the value of the working relationship with Council.</i></p> <p>Council Officers support the continued funding to Sport HB to deliver programmes in Raureka, Camberley, Flaxmere and Mayfair which has been budgeted.</p>
Andrew Norris (13)	<p>Officers Responsible: Colin Hosford (Parks and Property Manager) Alison Banks (Group Manager Community Facilities and Programmes)</p> <p>Officer Comments:</p> <p><u>Defibrillator installation at Clive Pool</u></p> <p><i>The submitter requests Council install and manage an automated external defibrillator (AED) on the external wall of the Clive swimming pool complex at an approximate cost of \$2,500.</i></p>

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	<p>Community Facilities and Programmes and Parks officers agree that the request is sound and would be beneficial for Farndon Domain and Clive Rive users. The Domain Board is also in support.</p> <p>Officers advise that this initiative can be funded collectively \$1,500 from existing budgets in both the parks and community facilities area. The parks team will supply project management.</p>
<p>Colin Hurst (14) (Heretaunga Croquet Club)</p>	<p>Officer Responsible: Colin Hosford (Parks and Property Manager)</p> <p>Officer Comments:</p> <p><u>Clubroom Refurbishment</u></p> <p><i>The submitter requests a contribution of \$50,000 toward clubroom refurbishment.</i></p> <p>Officers note that the successful amalgamation of the two clubs to create the Heretaunga Croquet club at Havelock North.</p> <p>While officers are always supportive of successful sports and recreational clubs and wish them well as they develop their facilities, it is suggested that Council needs to be cautious in allocating funds to a club, as opposed to a fully open public facility.</p> <p>Council does make contributions to clubs but they are normally where there is hardship or the support is of a more modest quantum than that requested.</p> <p>For context, the Council did however last year allocate \$35,000 of loan funding to the Keirunga Gardens Arts Complex rebuild.</p>
<p>Various (15) (HB Mountain Bike Club)</p>	<p>Officer Responsible: Colin Hosford (Parks and Property Manager)</p> <p>Officer Comments:</p> <p><u>Mountain Bike Tracks</u></p> <p><i>The submitters outline the growth and popularity of mountain biking and future development needs at Keirunga, Tainui and Te Mata Peak.</i></p> <p>Officers are aware that progress on some of the building of the approved track network has been slow. There are funds set aside (circa \$144,000) to undertake track work on the wider track including some of the specific work at Te Mata. The uncertainty around land ownership necessitated taking a precautionary approach to ensure the tracks will all ultimately link up coherently. It would be timely to reconvene conversations between the mountain bikers, Council and the Te Mata Park Trust Board, especially with new plans for the acquired Jack's land now imminent.</p> <p>Councillors are also aware that any track work on the eastern face has been delayed as a better understanding of the important cultural landscape is restated. Work on the health and safety improvements to the "mad mile" section of the landscapes ride have met design and funding approvals, and now await a decision on the Craggy Range Track process before commencing construction.</p> <p>Funds are also available to do track work in Tainui Reserve. Officers are working on a report and project plan seeking Council's final approval before work is undertaken. This should occur within the next 3 -4 months.</p>

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<p>Tony Lane (16) (Waimarama Hall Committee)</p>	<p>Officers Responsible: Colin Hosford (Parks and Property Manager) Alison Banks (Group Manager Community Facilities and Programmes)</p> <p>Officer Comments: <u>Waimarama Hall Maintenance</u> <i>The submitter outlines a range of Waimarama Hall maintenance items requiring attention.</i></p> <p>Officers are currently working through the list of items with the view of developing a staged potential funding plan to address the priority issues. The funding plan may consist of a combination of rural halls funding, community plan funds, some operational budget allocation, external funding applications and local community input.</p> <p>In recent years the use of the hall by the local community has dropped off. A new group of volunteers has been formed and the community impetus of earlier years is returning. This enthusiasm is the backbone of rural halls and officers are keen to support this local energy.</p> <p>The Waimarama Community Plan was completed in 2013. One of the Council actions in this plan is "that the community hall is well maintained and fit for purpose", so any Council support will be in keeping with this objective.</p> <p>The request is for multiple actions totalling circa \$100,000 with local community support totalling circa \$15,000. These works may be able to be reasonably carried out over three to four years.</p> <p>As part of an overall staged funding plan as outlined above, Officers support the earmarking of \$10,000 from the existing parks new works budget to assist the hall committee in undertaking priority 1 tasks in 2019/20, along with a further \$5,000 from the Community Plan implementation budget.</p> <p>The funding "kick start" of \$15,000 above from current budgets may also be able to be added to pending a decision on a funding application to the Rural Halls Fund for part of the overall project need.</p> <p>Finally, the Council funding support would be intended to be used as leverage for other external funding. The Community Grants Advisor has undertaken to work with the group to advise on other avenues of funding including but not limited to Gaming Trusts and DIA/Lotteries funding.</p> <p>Officers have attempted to put together a funding package as best it can from existing budgets. However, given the extent of the funding challenge to complete the works, in particular the exterior of the building, Council may wish to consider allocating further funds to better close the funding gap, and to support the community input into the project.</p>
<p>Nic Richards (17)</p>	<p>Officer Responsible: Colin Hosford (Parks and Property Manager)</p> <p>Officer Comments: <u>Bill Mathewson Park</u></p>

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	<p><i>The submitter outlines a range of matters in respect of Bill Mathewson Park.</i></p> <p>Councillors will recall the local community requesting funds for this work as part of the 2018-28 LTP. At that time Council agreed to allocate \$150,000 towards all the items the community sought.</p> <p>Council has upgraded the changing rooms, and erected a new toilet block. Officers have received a price of \$90,000 to undertake the first carpark on Willowpark Road. This is programmed to commence once the rugby season is finished in order to minimise disruption to sporting codes. The remaining funds of approximately \$60,000 will be allocated on the new pathway (\$30,000) and bund removal (\$10,000).</p> <p>The unspent funds estimated at \$20,000 can be allocated to the Cunningham Crescent carpark. If Council is of the mind to build the second carpark and fences in 2019/20, it will need to allocate an additional \$55,000 in the Annual Plan.</p>
Kiri Goodspeed (18)	<p>Officers Responsible: Colin Hosford (Parks and Property Manager)</p> <p>Officer Comments:</p> <p><u>Indiscriminate littering</u></p> <p><i>The submitter outlines concerns regarding littering at Waipuka 2E and suggests a waste collection solution.</i></p> <p>Parks staff have been in discussion with land owners adjoining the Tiakitai Road coastal reserves. Officers are in support of the request to install litter receptacles to try to improve the state of the reserves and nearby sites. Officers believe the best option is to install a double litter bin which allows for general litter and recyclables.</p> <p>The initial cost to supply and install the double bin can be appropriately funded from the Waimarama Reserves Management Plan LTP allocation. However the annual cost of servicing the bins is \$950pa and will need to be allocated in the maintenance budgets for the 19/20 Annual Plan and in subsequent years.</p> <p>The request to install a 40 foot recycling bin is not supported by officers. There are a number of reasons why this is not supported including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The containers are only for recycling and not general waste and litter; • The Waimarama community already has a recycling facility at the Domain and this would be an unnecessary duplication and cost; • A recycling container in this isolated location is likely to attract unwanted rubbish and litter as some members of the community will take the opportunity to dump non-recyclable goods in or near the container. This will likely lead to making the small Tiakatai reserves more untidy; <p>The initial installation of a double bin should suffice as an interim measure however as a partnership with local hapu develops, other options for controlling litter can be brought back to Council.</p>

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<p>Charles Daugherty (19) (HB Biodiversity Foundation)</p>	<p>Officers Responsible: John O'Shaughnessy (Group Manager Planning and Regulatory) Colin Hosford (Parks and Property Manager) Officer Comments: <u>HB Biodiversity Strategy Support</u> <i>The submitter outlines how the Council can support and give effect to the work of the foundation and the HB Biodiversity Strategy via the endowment fund, operational support and specific project support.</i> Officers are supportive of the efforts of HB Biodiversity Foundation. Council is becoming increasingly involved with community led projects and while these are in their infancy, there is a tangible growing awareness and activation in this space. To date Council's expenditure has been centred round supporting the first steps of community groups such as those at Whakatu, Waipatiki, Esk River and some Havelock Reserves. Council has also supplied funding for planning expertise as well as working alongside the HBRC in pest control. Council also has targeted native revegetation projects as part of its Reserve management planning programmes in Waipatiki, Waimarama and Cape Coast. Council's District Plan too is signalling community aspirations supporting biodiversity. It is now timely for Council to focus its attention on this important matter and work out what its strategy for support and leadership is going forward. Officers suggest a joined up focussing of all work areas should commence in the coming financial year to formulate a discussion draft strategy for Council to consider. Council may wish to consider setting aside some funding in advance which would then be allocated in the coming year as appropriate.</p>
<p>Kiri Goodspeed (20)</p>	<p>Officer Responsible: Alison Banks (Group Manager Community Facilities and Programmes) Officer Comments: <u>Community Plan</u> <i>The submitter outlines a request for the development of a community plan for the Te Pohue, Te Haroto, Tarawera area within the Mohaka ward.</i> Officers support the development of a Te Pohue Community Plan, which can be accommodated within the budget and work programme for 2019/20.</p>
<p>Jane Mackersey (21) (Havelock North Business Association)</p>	<p>Officers Responsible: Martin Jarvis (Waste & Data Services Manager) Alison Banks (Group Manager Community Facilities and Programmes) Officer Comments: <u>Waste, Recycling, Smoke free</u> <i>The submitter outlines a range of concerns and suggestions regarding waste, recycling and smoke free initiatives within the village.</i> 1. Points 1 and 2: The Council's Martin Place recycling depot is situated on land that is leased from Foodstuffs NZ. It is envisaged that at some point in time (yet</p>

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	<p>to be determined) the Council will have to shift recycling operations from the site or purchase land (if permitted) at that address to enable drop-off recycling to continue.</p> <p>Council officers will endeavour to locate another suitable site(s) in the Havelock North vicinity in case the lease is terminated and land cannot be purchased in Martin Place. The Romanes Drive location has been considered (in 2013), however it's proximately to future housing was seen as problematic. As the Council continues to consider options and possibilities, the Romanes Drive site can be reconsidered as part of that process.</p> <p>As pointed out in the submission Martin Place is unmanned and this is something that may have to be addressed in the future. A site that has staff would not be open 24/7 and this may well have a bearing on the suitability or otherwise of potential sites in and around Havelock North.</p> <p>2. <u>Points 3, 4, 5 and 6:</u></p> <p>In respect to the "banning" of throw away coffee cups (including compostable ones) and plastic bags, Council can assist by way of communication, education and promotion. Such bans cannot be legally enforced by Council, however the building of a culture that encourages better environmental behaviours figures strongly in the Council's new Waste Management & Minimisation Plan and will be supported by Council.</p> <p>This support also includes the encouragement of businesses to cut back on the amount of polystyrene and plastic they use when selling food and the minimisation of such packaging on other products received from suppliers.</p> <p>The Waste Minimisation Team is in a position to work alongside the Association and assist where it can to achieve the desired outcomes.</p> <p>3. <u>Point 7:</u></p> <p>Hastings District and Napier City Council have a Joint Smokefree policy which is set for review in July 2019. The policy gives effect to governments aim of a smoke free aotearoa/nz by 2025.</p> <p>Under the subheading "Smokefree public places "there are a number of smoke free areas which include public outdoor areas (sportsground playgrounds and reserves). There is no specific reference to car parks. Please note that not all car parks are council owned (car park by Paper Plus Hastings).</p> <p>Hastings City Square and Central Plaza have been made smoke free but this does not include the Havelock North business area.</p> <p>The submitter suggestions will be considered as part of the impending policy review.</p> <p>4. <u>Point 8:</u></p> <p>The matter of kerbside recycling was a key discussion point across the urban areas of the district (including Havelock North) during the</p>

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	<p>development of the new Waste Management & Minimisation Plan. Over 6,000 submissions were received during the consultation period.</p> <p>The adopted outcome of this process is that the kerbside recycling service provided by Council will change at the completion of the current contract (30 April 2010). Residents will be provided with Council supplied receptacles for placing their recycling in, along with clear instructions on what can be recycled and how the materials are to be presented. More information on the new kerbside recycling system will be provided as the Council works through the contract tender process.</p> <p>Officer Responsible: John O'Shaughnessy (Group Manager Planning and Regulatory) Officer Comments:</p> <p><u>Parking</u></p> <p><i>The submitter outlines a range of concerns and suggestions regarding parking in the village.</i></p> <p><i>Issue 1. Use existing Council owned land close to the village for lease parking E.g. (Scout Hall, 22 Napier Road)</i></p> <p>The Scout hall is currently zoned 'Residential' and is used by the Havelock North Scout Group. An alternative site would need to be provided for the Scout Group.</p> <p>A site plan and estimate to demolish/relocate the existing buildings, form, drain and seal the area for a car parking site has been commissioned.</p> <p>We are unaware of any other suitable sites owned by Council, close to the village that could be used for leased parking.</p> <p><i>Issue 2. Fund the development of the Scout Hall site and assist the relocation of the Scout Group using the Havelock North Reserve fund.</i></p> <p>The costs to demolish/relocate the existing buildings, form, drain and seal the area for a parking site would be funded from the Havelock North Reserve account however there are higher priorities for these funds than leased parking.</p> <p>Council are looking at other land purchasing options like the parking area adjoining Porter Drive associated with the current New World shopping site from this fund, should the opportunity arise. This would secure a site much more practical for future parking, with more options and less impact on residents.</p> <p><i>Issue 3. Earmark the Scout Hall site for a parking building in the future, if needed.</i></p> <p>This land is zoned Residential and there is an easement to allow access to the neighbouring property. A parking building would likely impact significantly on surrounding neighbours. These matters would need to be assessed however maintaining ownership of this site is critical (pump station debate).</p> <p><i>Issue 4. When developers have an empty site, Council encourage them to convert to free or leased monthly car parking or allow Council to lease.</i></p> <p>These types of arrangements are encouraged. Developers are not always obliging.</p>

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	<p><i>Issue 5. Parking Wardens to monitor Monday – Saturday</i></p> <p>Parking enforcement is currently carried Monday to Friday with an officer dedicated to the Havelock North beat. Every other Saturday enforcement is from 9:00am to 1:00pm.</p> <p><i>Issue 6. Reduce Joll Road P120 to P60</i></p> <p>This will require consultation with affected parties and a resolution from Council. There is currently significant construction work happening in this area which has impacted Joll Road. Occupancy use will differ during development stages.</p> <p>A review of suitable parking controls would be better completed after construction.</p> <p><i>Issue 7. Add angled parking to Te Aute and Middle Road to extend 2 – 3 blocks</i></p> <p>This will require consultation with affected parties and a resolution from Council. The parking survey results will assist officers to assess demand for additional parking.</p> <p><i>Issue 8. Electric charging stations</i></p> <p>There are no Tesla charge stations at the Porters Hotel. Attempts were made to facilitate two Tesla and two general charge units however, this did not eventuate and we are still in discussions with Unison.</p> <p><i>Issue 9. Bike Stands in the village at various locations</i></p> <p>Officers have some draft designs completed by a local Havelock North artists. The design will be shared with the Business Association and with their agreement commence a roll out in key locations in 19/20. The initial run will be out of existing funds.</p> <p><i>Issue 10. Provide safe lock up for bikes, electric scooters, to encourage this type of transport</i></p> <p>Officers are supportive of the proposal to provide storage for bikes and scooters. There are three issues that need to be resolved to advance the proposal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location – there is no obvious spare land so it may be that parking spaces would need to be used to house a storage building • The design of the building will need to be such that it is easily accessed so users can then lock their own vehicles so they are not interfered with or stolen <p>Council will need to access additional funds to construct the storage units. There is little information readily available on such structures. Officers recommend they research the proposal, draft plans and possible locations and confer with the Bus Assoc on reporting back to Council in 19/20.</p>

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	<p>Issue 11. Allow commercial Passenger transport to use loading zones to drop off disabled people.</p> <p>Legally passenger service vehicles are permitted to use loading zones and to double park. They are also permitted to use mobility parks if the passenger has a valid mobility permit.</p> <p>Issue 12. Undertake parking survey using cctv footage</p> <p>Once the construction on the sites at the top of Joll Road have been completed and given a period to settle down then a Havelock North parking study will be undertaken. Estimated timing April / May 2020.</p>
<p>Vicki Butterworth (22) (Hawkes Bay Trails -HBRC)</p>	<p>Officer Responsible: Jag Pannu (Transportation Manager)</p> <p>Officer Comments:</p> <p><u>Bayview to Whirinaki Cycleway extension</u></p> <p><i>The submitter outlines a proposal and funding request for \$100,000 toward the Bayview to Whirinaki cycleway.</i></p> <p>Officers support the proposed Bay View to Whirinaki Cycleway Extension. This would be a popular addition to the Hawke's Bay trails and complete an iconic off-road route from Whirinaki all the way to Clifton, connecting communities as it does so. It would also link a major employer and a large recreational facility with the urban areas of Hawke's Bay.</p> <p>This project utilises a mix of local roadsides, state highway, railway land and beachfront. It spans both Napier and Hastings and would create a new walking and cycling bridge between the two. 50% of funding has been approved by MBIE with roughly 10% being requested from each of the three councils and 20% from Pan Pac.</p> <p>The project is not currently funded in the LTP.</p>
<p>Teri Te Whaiti (23)</p>	<p>Officer Responsible: Alison Banks (Group Manager Community Facilities and Programmes)</p> <p>Officer Comments:</p> <p><u>Camberley Community Plan</u></p> <p><i>The submitter outlines a request for the development of an aspiration community plan for Camberley.</i></p> <p>Officers support the development of an aspirational community plan for Camberley which can be accommodated within the budget and work programme for 2019/20.</p> <p>Officer Responsible: Colin Hosford (Parks and Property Manager)</p> <p>Officer Comments:</p> <p><u>Kirkpatrick Reserve Management Plan</u></p> <p><i>The submitter outlines a request for the development of a Reserve Management Plan for Kirkpatrick Park.</i></p>

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	<p>Officers prepared a Kirkpatrick Park landscape development plan three years ago to help plan the upgrade of the park. Works completed included a zero water depth play feature, basketball court, a walking/cycling track and playground enhancements.</p> <p>If the community is of a mind to request further enhancements they can be raised as part of an aspirational community plan of which parks officers will be a part of the consultation and engagement process. This process can lead to a revised park landscape plan for inclusion in future LTP discussions.</p> <p>Officer Responsible: Jag Pannu (Transportation Manager)</p> <p>Officer Comments:</p> <p><u>Camberley School Travel Plan</u></p> <p><i>The submitter outlines a request for the development of a school travel plan for all education centres in Camberley.</i></p> <p>Currently there are nine travel plan schools and we are looking to expand this programme further. Officers would be happy to speak with Camberley School and the other education providers in Camberley about travel plans and what is involved in developing one. These are a largely school/community lead processes with guidance from Council. We have already had some early discussions with Heretaunga Intermediate about developing a travel plan.</p>
Lizzie Langley (24)	<p>Officer Responsible: Colin Hosford (Parks and Property Manager)</p> <p>Officer Comments:</p> <p><u>Akina Park</u></p> <p><i>The submitter requests the upgrade of Akina Park.</i></p> <p>The submitter has requested that Council upgrade the playground at Akina Park, relocate it to Riverslea Road entrance and move winter football to the Regional Sports Park to allow the removal of the changing shed to make more usable space for the park.</p> <p>Sports fields - Akina Park is used extensively both during summer and winter codes. During the winter months the park supplies three junior football fields. There are also two senior fields used for football pre-season training. Akina Park is now being used to cater for the growth of junior football in Hastings where the Western Rangers Club who intend to keep using the park in future years as St Leonards is at capacity.</p> <p>Akina Park has the added attraction of having lights in place that make it readily available as an overflow sports fields for winter sports' training.</p> <p>The changing rooms are used by winter codes and by softball in summer. The changing rooms are in good condition and are a worthwhile asset for sportsground users.</p> <p>Playground - Council provides and manages 40 public playgrounds throughout the District, which require a significant investment in their ongoing management, to ensure continued quality, play value, safety and amenity. This investment is</p>

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	<p>carefully managed to ensure that these assets continue to meet the needs of the community, and that they offer the best value for the available resources.</p> <p>All 40 of the District’s playgrounds are classified according to their position in a hierarchy identified in the 2008 Play Strategy: (1) Premier; (2) Key Urban; and (3) Local.</p> <p>The playground at Akina Park is currently classified as a <u>Key Urban Playground</u>. The 2008 Play Strategy states that when the playground is due for renewal, additional pieces could be added to increase play value, and that the relocation of the playground to a more central location should be considered.</p> <p>With regard to condition, Akina Park playground was installed in 1997 and is graded as <u>Fair</u>, which means it will likely require renewal in 3-5 years.</p> <p>The table below identifies Council’s priorities for renewal and upgrade, based on condition grade and play value. As can be seen this table, the playground at Akina Park is programmed for renewal 2022/23, based on the current funding available.</p> <p>Table 3: Proposed Renewal Programme</p> <table><tr><th>2018/19</th><th>2019/20</th><th>2020/21</th><th>2021/22</th><th>2022/23</th><th>2023/24</th></tr><tr><td>Essex Crescent Reserve</td><td>Ron Giorgi III</td><td>Ron Giorgi I</td><td>Kingsley Park</td><td>Akina Park</td><td>Anderson Park</td></tr><tr><td>Grant Street Reserve</td><td>Ebbett Park</td><td>St. Leonards Park</td><td>Chatham Park</td><td>Nanny Kona Park</td><td>Bridge Pa Domain</td></tr></table> <p>Should Council bring forward the renewal and upgrade of the Akina Park playground, it would require the deferment of another playground that has a higher priority.</p> <p>The recent high quality playground developments in William Nelson Park and Havelock North Village Green have heightened the expectation of the community, and arguably highlighted the deficiencies of other playgrounds by comparison. This has led to numerous requests from members of the community for their playgrounds to be similarly upgraded. However, any reprioritisation of the current programme, or increase in the existing level of service, will have significant impacts on other members of the community, and on existing budgets.</p> <p>The Akina Park playground is programmed for renewal in 2022/23. At this time Council will consider the size and location of it, in consultation with the wider community and sports field users. While officers support the intent of the submission, they recommend staying to the approved programme.</p>	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Essex Crescent Reserve	Ron Giorgi III	Ron Giorgi I	Kingsley Park	Akina Park	Anderson Park	Grant Street Reserve	Ebbett Park	St. Leonards Park	Chatham Park	Nanny Kona Park	Bridge Pa Domain
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Dan Bergoff-Howes (25)	<p>Officer Responsible: Colin Hosford (Parks and Property Manager)</p> <p>Officer Comments: <u>Esk River Care Group</u> <i>The submitter requests start-up funding for the Esk River Care Group.</i></p>																		

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	<p>The HDC has begun with the initial steps of working alongside the Esk River Care Group as they look to promote a community driven plan to restore portions of the Esk River catchment. This is a bold and worthwhile plan and that involves many landowners including Council.</p> <p>Officers are supportive of this group and suggest an allocation of \$10,000 seed funding be considered by Council. This can be used to set up their trust structure, undertake survey work in partnership with adjoining land owners or to initially undertake an approved planting plan on Council or public reserves.</p>
<p>John Buck (26) <i>(Cranford Hospice Foundation)</i></p>	<p>Officer Responsible: Bruce Allan (Chief Financial Officer) Officer Comments: <u>Cranford Hospice Building project</u> <i>The submitter outlines the Cranford Hospice building project and a request for funding support (cash or in kind) of \$2,000,000.</i></p> <p>The Cranford Hospice is requesting financial support from Council of \$2 million. A request of this magnitude needs to be considered in line with Councils Significance and Engagement Policy. There is no disputing the significance of the role that the Cranford Hospice plays in our community and the opportunity that they have to build a purpose built hospice in a stunning location at Chesterhope Station.</p> <p>Also for consideration of Council when deciding if this financial support can be provided is how this project fits with the purpose of Local Government and in particular the four wellbeings that have been recently re-established into the Local Government Act. The purpose of Local Government now states "to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future".</p> <p>In discussion with Cranford representatives (Mr John Buck, Mr David Compton and Mrs Jenni Giblin) it is expected that the funds required from Council are not required in their entirety in 2019/20 and can be staged over a 4 year period.</p> <p>The Trust will be requiring some funding support in 2019/20 and if Council is supportive of assisting this project then the following may be an option for consideration that is cognisant of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy but pragmatic in providing the Trust with a very strong indication of support from Council that the Trust can use to underpin future funding applications to other agencies.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) That Council provide the Cranford Hospice Trust with a letter of support for this project 2) That Council include \$500,000 as a financial contribution to the Cranford Hospice rebuild in the 2019/20 Annual Plan to be funded by way of a loan with a funding agreement to be negotiated and approved by the Chief Executive 3) That Council commit to including in the 2020/21 Annual Plan for consultation a further \$1.5m to be drawn down over a three year period in three equal instalments of \$500,000 and to be loan funded.

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<p>Jim Galloway (27) (Federated Farmers)</p>	<p>Officer Responsible: Bruce Allan (Chief Financial Officer)</p> <p>Officer Comments:</p> <p><u>Rates</u></p> <p><i>The submitter outlines a number of matters in respect of the rating system, with particular regard to the use of uniform charges.</i></p> <p>Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC):</p> <p>Council is able to recover up to 30% of its rates revenue through uniform and targeted rates (excluding Water & Sewage Disposal) that are set on a uniform basis. Historically this has sat around the 25% mark.</p> <p>One of the drivers for the reduction from 24% to 23% is the increase in 'non uniform' rates such as Water and Wastewater. As a result of significant increases in these activities, the uniform based charges now represent a smaller % of overall rates.</p> <p>Another driver has been the reallocation of communication costs within the Leadership function. These are now recovered in the same way as other Marketing Costs which are funded through a combination of General Rates / Community Resource Management Rate (35% of these costs are funded on a uniform basis).</p> <p>It is predicted that this trend will continue over the lifetime of the LTP with the UAGC % reducing to approximately 22% by 2028.</p> <p>Council could consider increasing the level of its uniform charges by shifting costs from the general rate to the UAGC or Community Resource and Management Rate. It should be mindful that the higher level of uniform charges would shift the incidence of rates from high land value / high differential properties to other rating groups, particularly low land value properties. This is always a balance the Council needs to manage.</p> <p>The costs associated with Administration Buildings in particular are currently recovered from General Rates. They are allocated 80% to Rating Area One / 20% to Rating Area Two. Of the \$345,534, \$69,107 is recovered across Rating Area Two properties, set differentially on a land value basis.</p> <p>Council could determine that the benefit of these particular costs are equal and move the costs from General Rates to the UAGC basket of costs, however in this instance the impact on most Rural properties would be minor. For example: whilst a \$500,000 land value Farm would see a reduction in their General Rates of \$11.50, they would see a corresponding increase in their UAGC of \$12.</p> <p>General Rate:</p> <p>Council undertook a thorough review of its differentials in 2012 looking at the levels of service each differential group broadly receives from those activities funded through General Rates. Due to the financial impacts of the changes recommended, council agreed to implement the changes in differentials over an 8 year period. These changes were paused in (Year 5) due to the concerns that the revaluation may have skewed the intended outcomes.</p>

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	<p>Whilst the differential changes has marginally shifted the incidence of rates from Residential properties (<1ha) to Lifestyle / Horticulture / Farming properties (>1ha), a major causation of recent higher than average rate increases for Farming properties was the 2016 revaluation where Lifestyle / Horticulture / Farming land values increased at a greater rate than other properties within RA2.</p> <p><u>Recommendation</u></p> <p>It is the Council practice to periodically review the equity and fairness of rates and Officers recommend that a review of the analysis that underpins the current system be undertaken and reported back to the Council's Rating Review Working Party. It is timely to do this as the analysis will also consider any 2018 revaluation impacts. The appropriate level of uniform charging moving forward can then be considered in that context.</p>
	<i>Note: Submission 28 blank</i>
Stephen Daysh (29)	<p>Officers Responsible: John O'Shaughnessy (Group Manager Planning and Regulatory) Bruce Allan (Chief Financial Officer)</p> <p>Officer Comments:</p> <p><u>Developer Agreement</u></p> <p><i>The submitter (on behalf of Lowe family interests) questions aspects of the Development Contributions Policy and calls for a developer agreement with the Council to be formulated.</i></p> <p>Officers are supportive of entering into a developer agreement, however terms of any such agreement need to be agreed that ensure the Lowe Family development does not negatively impact on the wider development contribution policy and calculations. Any upsizing of infrastructure to accommodate other land owners in the development area need to be addressed to ensure all land owners are being treated equitably.</p>
John Roil (30)	<p>Officer Responsible: John O'Shaughnessy (Group Manager Planning and Regulatory)</p> <p>Officer Comments:</p> <p><u>Use of consultants and post evaluation of work</u></p> <p><i>The submitter questions the council's use of consultants and calls for a formal post evaluation of work.</i></p> <p>In a general sense resource consents have become more complex over time. This reflects best practice and the outcome of Environment Court decisions which naturally means that consenting has also become more complex. Council does not automatically require peer reviews in either building consent or resource consent applications. The release in late 2017 of revised liquefaction hazard maps and the subsequent implementation by Council of its guidelines around geotechnical investigations have led to use of peer reviewers on land investigation matters mainly related to subdivision.</p> <p>Council does use local as well as out of the district RMA specialists and geotechnical engineering reviewers. We have found often that there are conflicts</p>

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	<p>in the use of local RMA specialists and geotechnical engineers due to their engagement and roles undertaken with local private sector clients who lodge with HDC. Council has undertaken formal post evaluation RMA assessments where these are of substantial public interest such as the Te Mata Track resource consent. This has resulted in an improvement in the recognition of cultural values in significant landscape areas.</p> <p>Council management does support its staff to make the appropriate judgements on both building consents and resource consent applications. We accept that some parties may not see it this way however it is considered overall that the consenting officers do achieve a good balance between meeting requirements of the Building Act and Resource Management Act, achieving the statutory processing timeframes and seeking appropriate advice where complexity dictates.</p>
Wi Huata (31)	<p>Officer Responsible: James Graham (Pou Ahurea Matua) Officer Comments:</p> <p><u>Marae Blueprint Plan</u></p> <p><i>The submitter seeks funding support of \$112,000 toward a proposal to develop a Marae Blueprint Plan seeking to unlock business opportunities along with educational and training opportunities.</i></p> <p>The HDC have committed to supporting Ngā Marae o Heretaunga in the recent past with a key outcome of this collaboration being the beautiful 'pou' that take pride of place in Civic Square, and that represent the marae and hapū of Heretaunga. This particular kaupapa (submission) under refreshed and collaborative leadership and direction seeks support from HDC and so given the context, will be important moving forward for the Council in terms of continuing to develop and nurture our relationship with Ngā Marae o Heretaunga.</p> <p>Supporting Ngā Marae o Heretaunga to undertake their aim of developing a 'Master Plan' that can then be progressed at another and higher PGF level, is consistent with supporting our Treaty partner(s) to progress alongside the wider community's aspirations in terms of economic growth and development. Supporting Ngā Marae o Heretaunga to develop a 'Master Plan' will provide clarity with regards to the entity's aspirations, which will have significant benefit too for HDC in terms of our existing community investment(s), direction and the added community value that the potential of this kaupapa once completed, can unlock not only for themselves but for the wider district.</p> <p>Officers recommend that Council partially support the submission up to \$25,000, which can be funded from existing budgets for a stage one application to the Provincial Growth Fund to complete the Marae Blueprint Feasibility Plan.</p> <p>It is suggested that the stage one application should contain similar support from other relevant entities with the balance being matched funding support to be sought from the PGF. Officers could provide some administrative support in preparing the stage one application. In this way PGF support for the overall proposal can be tested at an early stage. Should that support not be attained from the PGF, then Council would not commit its funding.</p>

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Wi Huata (32)	<p>Officer Responsible: James Graham (Pou Ahurea Matua)</p> <p>Officer Comments:</p> <p><u>Bridge Pa Community Plan</u></p> <p><i>The submitter seeks funding support of \$71,000 to complete the final community plan and to submit an application for funding for priority projects from the Provincial Growth Fund.</i></p> <p>Officers recognise the opportunity for HDC to continue to support the applicant's submission to complete the development of the community plan. Bridge Pā are an important part of our community for a number of reasons and as such with economic and commercial development in their community in a post-settlement era (Treaty of Waitangi), socio-cultural, economic, and community development moving forward will be important.</p> <p>Bridge Pā Community Plan's development represents the diversity across the Bridge Pā district as well as the idea that one size does not fit all. The telling of this story, traverses traditional Māori history, Pākehā settlement, the journey up to today and the contemporary realities of the 21st century; which as revealed through the progress reports, will all form the substrate of a strong, collaborative, positive and forward looking community plan.</p> <p>From the long interview process that project team have engaged in and continue to do so, they have shared this journey (story) thus far, the good things that have occurred, the raw and or not so good things, but importantly the coming together, the dialogue and the sense of community that has arisen out of adversity (preconceptions of each other - Māori and Pākehā community of Bridge Pā).</p> <p>The development of Bridge Pā Community Plan involves a slightly different model compared to our more traditional styled community plans in that while they relate to an area of Hastings, they are being led by the local hapū / local community, and the project team who represent the Mangaroa Marae Committee and the different methodological approach that this community plan is taking compared with others. A more in-depth qualitative approach forms the methodology by the community leading the proposal and at the time of this committee meeting, a project update has been provided to officers.</p> <p>Officers recommend that Council partially support the submission up to \$25,000, which can be funded from existing budgets, and that depending on the leverage this additional funding from Council is successful in obtaining, the project be re-scoped to fit the available funding. Officers would work with the submitter on any changes to the project scope should they be required.</p>
	<i>Note: Submissions 33 & 34 blank</i>
Sharnita Raheke (35)	<p>Officer Responsible: Alison Banks (Group Manager Community Facilities and Programmes)</p> <p>Officer Comments:</p> <p><u>Raureka Community Plan</u></p> <p><i>The submitter outlines a request for the development of a community plan for Raureka.</i></p>

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	Officers support the development of a Raureka Community Plan which can be accommodated within the budget and work programme for 2019/20.
	<i>Note: Submission 36 blank</i>
Keith Newman (37) <i>WOW</i>	<p>Officers Responsible: John O'Shaughnessy (Group Manager Planning and Regulatory) Colin Hosford (Parks and Property Manager)</p> <p>Officer Comments: <u>Cape View Corner</u> <i>The submitter calls for the establishment of a rock revetment structure at Cape View Corner to protect the vulnerable piece of coast line.</i></p> <p>The submitter requests a rock revetment like Clifton, but smaller be installed. A pathway for boats and vehicles is also suggested.</p> <p>Options for the protection of the Cape View corner include renourishment in the short term, until such time as final agreement and direction is established from the Coastal Hazards Strategy. Options of groynes or revetments like Clifton are available to this site however the consents and capital cost will need to be defined and determined through future budget processes.</p> <p>In the interim it is proposed to continue with renourishment initiatives for the immediate future. As a busy road intersection, access for vehicle and boats would be problematic if located at Cape View Corner. Pedestrian access, cycleway and picnics/sightseeing only are supported for this area.</p> <p>The Coastal Hazard Strategy 2120 identifies Haumoana as needing re-nourishment and control structures to cover the next 50 years. A possible "Groyne Field" is currently being considered by HBRC engineers for Haumoana and can only be considered in future years. Officers support the approach taken by HBRC in considering groyne options.</p> <p>HDC has applied for a consent to scrape shingle off the lower beach to re-nourish eroded areas of the shingle ridge as a short term maintenance solution. While HDC is yet to receive the consent it is expected in June and re-nourishment works could begin in July 2019.</p> <p>Some re-nourishment and amenity planting has begun at the Cape View Corner and will continue in future years.</p> <p>However if the resource consent for beach scraping is granted, some additional funding is requested to undertake the scraping and to cover re-nourishment works and in particular the need to compensate "beach scraping" volumes moved up the beach where access is unavailable with shingle trucked in from off site to an area which is accessible. The work and likely condition of consent is expected to cost in the order of \$15,000 - \$20,000 to help mitigate erosion.</p> <p>Officers advise that there is a reserve available for replenishment work and there is sufficient funds in the current reserve to fund next twelve months' likely need (\$15,000 - \$20,000)</p>

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	As discussed above, there will be a need to allocate further funds in 20/21 and onwards, to sustain the replenishment need and to allow beach crest scraping on the Cape Coastal Ridge.
Hastings District Landmarks Trust (38)	<p>Officers Responsible: Colin Hosford (Parks and Property Manager)</p> <p>Officer Comments:</p> <p><u>Laneway sculpture - King Street - Heretaunga</u></p> <p><i>This submission was referred from the Community Grants Committee to the Annual Plan process. It seeks funding of \$10,000 towards a sculpture installation in the Heretaunga West 300 block.</i></p> <p>Officers support the application and advise that \$10,000 is available in the 2019/20 parks budget for public arts works. Council will need to be mindful that approval of this request will fully allocate the available budget for 2019/20.</p>

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Attachment 1

Annual Plan 2019/20**Items referred to Annual Plan process from Council Committee meetings****1. 13 February 2019 - Raureka Reserve Management Plan**

- Items referred to Annual Plan

2. 12 March 2019 - Cornwall Park Reserve Management Plan

- Items referred to Annual Plan

3. 16 May 2019 – Strategy Planning & Partnerships

- Report on Forestry Slash Inspection Regime

1. Raureka Parks Reserve Management Plan

Current Situation

The attached spreadsheet shows the actions approved by Council in February 2019, pending consideration of the shortfall of funds through the Annual Plan process.

Option 1

To carry out the actions Council would need to allocate the following additional funds:

2019/20	\$319,000 (loan servicing cost for unbudgeted items - \$25,500 pa)
2020/21	\$537,000 (loan servicing cost for unbudgeted items - \$43,000 pa)
2021/30	\$0 (LTP budget surplus of \$22,000 from year 3 onwards)

Alternative Option

Council could consider slowing down the first two years to make them more affordable.

Officers suggest that if Council was of the mind, it could undertake the following reduced list of items with reduced expenditure.

These items create an improved play scape and safer access and parking options. The items are in a preferred priority list for Ebbett Park initially. Other items could be deferred and re budgeted in 20/21 and subsequent years.

1 – renew playground	\$110,000
2 – internal carpark	\$122,000
3 – toilet and drinking fountain	\$165,000
	<u>\$397,000</u>
Less available funds	(\$207,000)

This would necessitate borrowing an additional **\$190,000** with a debt servicing cost of **\$15,000pa**

By adopting this approach a more affordable programme is suggested for 2019/20 while delivering park improvements at Ebbett Park. The bulk of the improvements to all three parks could be re-budgeted on a similar basis to be carried out over a four year horizon, which would be more achievable financially and from a resource perspective.

2. Cornwall Park Reserve Management Plan

Current Situation

As part of the deliberations on the Cornwall Park Management Plan, Councilors were advised in the Officer Report that allowing certain submissions would require the inclusion of additional operational funds. This included the allowance of 4 submissions requesting that a full time staff member be appointed to the Park. Section 5.1 of the Plan was therefore amended to add the following sentence 'These service levels will be reviewed on an annual basis to recognise the importance of Cornwall Park as the premier park of the District; and as new facilities are added to the Park or increased levels of service are agreed, these will increase annual operating costs.

The following three proposed increased levels of service were identified in the report, totaling \$98,000 per annum. This included the additional staff member, and increased level of service required for the new playground that includes more items, and regular pond and stream maintenance to improve quality. The allocation of funds to action this additional expenditure will be subject to the 19/20 Annual Plan and subsequent LTP processes. The report identified to Councilors, that adopting the Action Plan and submissions, including the additional desired items, will indicate acceptance of this expenditure and work commitment, when being considered and weighed against other competing priorities.

PROPOSED ADDITIONAL OPEX FROM SUBMISSIONS	
Description	Annual Cost
Full Time Custodian	\$78,000
Increase Playground/Furniture	\$10,000
Pond/Stream Maintenance	\$10,000
TOTAL ADDITIONAL OPEX	\$98,000

Table 5: Proposed Additional Opex for Cornwall Park

Options

The additional proposed annual operational budget of \$20,000 per annum for playground maintenance and pond maintenance is necessary to meet the requirements for new equipment that will be installed this year; and to meet community expectation on the quality of the pond and waterways.

With regard to the additional \$78,000 for the custodian, there are two options.

From February 2019 the maintenance of all of the District's parks, reserves and open spaces, including Cornwall Park was contracted to Recreational Services. The contract includes mowing, sportsground preparation, toilet cleaning and playground, gardens and tree maintenance.

With regard to Cornwall Park, the contract provides for a custodian to spend 4 hours per day (5 days per week) in the Aviary and Holt House; and 2 gardeners to each spend 4 hours per day (5 mornings per week) for bins, loose litter collection, gardening and general parks maintenance. A total of 12 labour hours is therefore currently spent in the park, 5 days per week.

This is however all morning work, therefore there is no presence in the park after midday. This work excluded unscheduled items which are separately funding, including pond cleaning, reactive repairs and maintenance, sportsfield renovations, tree maintenance and sportsfield watering.

Option 1 is to provide the additional \$78,000 per annum to provide a full time custodian, in addition to the existing provision, 8 hours per day, 7 days per week.

Option 2 would recognise that given Recreational Services are currently only four months into their contract, that Council reassess this at the end of the first year of the contract, and reconsider this during the 2020/21 Annual Plan.

3. Forestry Slash Inspection Regime

Current Situation

This report brings forward the recommendation from the Strategy, Planning and Partnerships Committee for the inclusion of up to \$60,000 into the 2019/20 Annual Plan.

	Budget Plan - Raureka Parks RMP	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	Medium Term 4-7 years	Long Term 10 years	PARK TOTAL
WHENUA TAKOHA							
1	BBQ and Shelter	\$ 30,000					
2	New and additional park furniture (picnic tables, seats, and bins)	\$ 11,000					
3	Water fountain	\$ 5,000					
4	Basketball halfcourt	\$ 30,000					
5	Trees	\$ 1,000					
	Subtotal	\$ 77,000					\$ 77,000
EBBETT PARK							
1	Upgrade lighting on central pathway Gordon Road to Olinbant		\$3,750				
2	Park furniture (picnic tables, seats, and bins)		\$ 19,500				
3	Renew playground into more central location and fence		\$ 110,000				
4	Increase dog off-lead hours and dog bag dispenser		\$ 1,000				
5	Internal carpark		\$ 122,875				
6	Toilet and drinking fountain		\$ 165,000				
7	Historical and Interpretive signage		\$ 1,500				
N	Ebbett memorial family plaque		\$ 2,000				
N	biodiversity a& succession planting plan FOR ALL 3 PARKS		\$ 5,000				
8	Enhanced landscape planting		\$ 10,500				
N	design process for Ebbett entrance artwork		\$ 10,000				
N	Monies to support fundraising for Ebbett artworks				\$ 20,000		
9	Develop perimeter footpath & improve existing pathway				\$ 50,600		
10	Develop petanque court				\$ 4,000		
N	Future land acquisition					\$ 500,000	
ST LEONARDS PARK							
1	Upgrade playground with saleyard theme and fencing			\$318,000			
2	Internal carpark			\$ 155,725			
3	Park furniture (picnic tables, seats, and bins)		\$ 17,250				
N	Barbeque & shelter		\$ 30,000				
4	Interpretive Signage			\$ 1,500			

5	Toilet and drinking fountain			\$ 165,000			
6	Pathway network from Southampton & Townsend to Francis Hicks			\$ 82,525			
7	Light pathway from Southampton to Francis Hicks		\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000			
8	Landscape planting		\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000			
9	Perimeter Fitness Trail plus equipment				\$ 53,000		
	Sub Total	\$ 77,000	\$527,375	\$722,750	\$ 127,600	\$ 500,000	\$ 1,954,725
	less playground renewals		\$80,000	\$85,000			\$165,000.00
	Funds as established in 2018-2018 Long Term Plan	\$ 105,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 955,000
	Carry forward	\$28,000					
Shortfall/surplus with additional requests			\$319,000	\$537,750	\$172,400	\$150,000	\$834,725

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Attachment 3