
Thursday, 31 March 2022

Te Hui o Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga

Hastings District Council

Council Meeting

Kaupapataka

Separate Document - Attachment to agenda item 7

Te Rā Hui:
Meeting date: **Thursday, 31 March 2022**

Te Wā:
Time: **1.00pm**

Te Wāhi:
Venue: **Council Chamber
Ground Floor
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7.	ADOPTION OF DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2022/23, DRAFT DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS POLICY AND CONSULTATION DOCUMENT - SEPARATE DOCUMENTS	
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New and amended targeted rates

Specific properties impacted by the following proposals will be contacted directly for their views.

Those proposals being:

1. Extension to Havelock North targeted rate – a proposed extension of the targeted rate area and the amount to be collected to fund marketing and promotion of the central Havelock North commercial area. This rate is levied only on properties within the defined central commercial area of Havelock North.
2. Introduction of H18 Haumoana Seawall Protection targeted rate – a proposal to construct a seawall in front of 18 properties at risk from coastal forces at Haumoana. Stage one represents the investigation, design and consenting phase. This rate would be levied only on those 18 properties, subject to consultation.

Development Contributions Policy

Development contributions, paid by the developer, are a funding tool that enables councils to recover a fair and equitable portion of the costs associated with the provision of infrastructure to support and service growth development.

Council is proposing to update its schedule of charges to reflect actual expenditure incurred to date, minor changes to the timing of proposed infrastructure works, and to reflect actual uptake rates in our ring-fenced industrial zones.

The proposed schedule of charges would take effect on any application received from 1 July 2022. Generally the rate per Household Unit Equivalent has increased in line with inflation, other than in the Omaha Industrial catchment which has a larger increase.

Other minor changes include clarification around when a refund would be made in the case of our ring-fenced developments, and introducing a Household unit equivalence rate for retirement village units/care facilities.

More information can be found in the policy document.



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The feedback period runs from 2 April to 16 May 2022

Your Feedback Form

A copy of the Draft Annual Plan, Draft Development Contributions Policy and Long Term Plan 2021-2031 is available from: Hastings District Council Service Centre, Lyndon Road East or your local library. You can also phone **06 871 5000** to have a copy posted to you.

Talk to us in person
HB Farmers' Market
17 April & 24 April
8.30-12.30

Make your submission by:

- Returning this reply-paid feedback form (free post)
- Completing the form online at www.myvoicemychoice.co.nz
- Filling out a form at the Hastings, Flaxmere and Havelock North libraries or the Customer Service Centre, Lyndon Rd.

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From the Mayor

There is so much happening to make Hastings district an even greater place and we are proud to present this year's draft Annual Plan, delivering on our community's priorities.

It is exciting this year to see the completion of one of Hastings' most ambitious ever projects – the upgrade of all of our drinking water networks to provide Hastings residents with a safe, resilient drinking water supply. We will celebrate the completion of the Frimley and central city water storage and treatment plants (Waiaroha), and the completion of the small communities water supply upgrades.

We are committed to our focus on housing, while protecting our valuable growing lands. Through our Hastings Place-Based housing plan and working with our partners, we are well on the way to delivering more than 1600 homes for our people: papakāinga, social housing, homes for first home buyers, and private development.

One of the significant projects in our plan, provided it has community support, is the proposed purchase of the Tōmoana Showgrounds. The A&P Society, which has owned the property for more than 100 years, is preparing to sell the property. If Council purchases the showgrounds, it will be protected as a park for all time.

We will continue to invest in our existing parks and reserves, with new and refurbished playgrounds in the plan. Our city's vibrancy is

a priority, with the continuation of projects that make our urban shopping areas bright, beautiful and vibrant. The grand re-opening of the redeveloped Municipal Buildings and the new Quest Hotel will be particular highlights this year.

There is no doubt the impact of COVID restrictions are being felt by many in our community, but there is reason for optimism. Despite the challenges, our economy is performing well, particularly our primary sector and our tourism sector. People from across New Zealand are finding out just how wonderful Hastings is and flocking here to visit!

To support our economy, the region's councils are proposing to establish a Hawke's Bay Regional Economic Development entity. This agency would work with industry to develop training and job initiatives, attract skilled workers to our region, and support both start-up and existing businesses.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our team of committed, visionary councillors, our hardworking staff, and our community partners.

We look forward to hearing your thoughts on the Annual Plan.



Sandra Hazlehurst

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Mayor, Hastings District Council

The budget and your rates

This Annual Plan represents Year Two of the 2021-2022 Long Term Plan (LTP).

The budget for the year required some adjustment to add capability to advance the Council's response to growth pressures. Other areas of adjustment related to escalating insurance costs, increasing maintenance costs, investment in our information technology systems and an enhanced focus on environmental pollution.

In addition, the proposed formation of a new Regional Economic Development entity has added some cost to the forecast LTP budget.

Despite these additional cost pressures, the Council has managed to keep the overall rates increase to 6.4% (as forecast in the Long Term Plan) through a range of savings and funding adjustments.

Note: This represents the overall increase in the budget. Individual property impacts may vary from those above.

Please read inside for details on an additional proposal we are seeking your views on regarding the proposed purchase of the Tōmoana Showgrounds. If approved, this will change the overall forecast rates increase from 6.4% to 6.6%.



Regional Economic Development

During 2021, the five Hawke's Bay Council's commissioned a review of business and industry support across the region. The review recommended changes to the current system with a mix of services being delivered by Business Hawke's Bay, Hawke's Bay Tourism and individual councils. Business Hawke's Bay has subsequently undergone formal closure.

The preferred outcome of the review was the establishment of a Regional Economic Development entity for Hawke's Bay. Hawke's Bay Tourism would remain as is but with closer working relationships with the proposed new entity and possible co-location of the two entities in the future.

The new entity will focus on:

- HB Business Hub and start-up initiatives
- Industry and sector development programmes
- Investment and talent attraction
- Hawke's Bay brand strategy and activation
- Skills and employment initiatives
- Funding to support a 'by Māori for Māori' approach to regional economic development

Hastings District Council supports the establishment of the new entity with our contribution being \$455,000 of the total forecast budget of \$1.5m. This has been funded within the overall proposed 6.4% base rate increase for the 2022/23 financial year.

Key Investment Programmes

Below is a brief summary of some of the initiatives planned for the coming financial year, focused on the maintenance of our assets, delivering safe drinking water, adding further to the vibrancy of our city centre and addressing our communities housing needs.

Maintaining our roads

Some of the key routes programmed for work include:

- Taihape Rd, Kahurānaki Rd, Waimārama Rd, Te Mata Peak Rd and Mt Erin Rd

Delivering safe drinking water

The focus for the coming year is on:

- Completion, testing and commissioning of the Frimley Water treatment plant, reservoir, bores and pipelines at Frimley Park
- Completion, testing and commissioning of the Waiaroha Water treatment plant, reservoirs, bore and pipelines at the Southampton Street site, and significant progress on the associated education centre.
- Completion of the Small Communities water upgrade programme with a focus on Whakatū.

Homes for our people

The focus for the coming year is on:

- Howard Street, Brookvale and Iona/Middle residential growth areas
- Various housing initiatives within Flaxmere
- Supporting housing intensification in our urban areas.



Hastings alive

The focus for the coming year is on:

- Completion of Heretaunga Street East 300 street and pocket park enhancements
- Heretaunga Street West block amenity enhancements
- Completion of Eastbourne Street 300 East streetscape upgrade
- Completion of King Street streetscape upgrade
- Continuation of regular vibrancy and activation projects in the city centre.

Upgrading our rural bridges

The focus for the coming year is on:

- Tawa Bridge, Tawa Road
- Heays Gorge Bridge, Waihou Road
- Lambs Hill No.1, Okaihau Road
- Peach Gully Bridge, Waimārama Road
- Rossers Bridge, Rossers Road
- Awanui Bridge, Te Aute Road
- Arapaoanui Low Level Bridge, Arapaoanui Road

Enhancing where we live

The focus for the coming year is on:

- Completion of Flaxmere Park skate plaza
- New neighbourhood playground in Lyndhurst
- Upgrade to Ngaruroro Avenue Reserve
- Redevelopment of Ron Giorgi III Playground
- Enhancement works at St Leonards Park (playground and carpark)
- New sports facilities in Te Awanga and new toilet and enhanced playground at Te Awanga Domain
- Additional accessible play equipment at Cornwall Park and upgrade to former Cornwall Park tea kiosk
- Extra shade sails for Havelock North Village Green playground.



Purchase of Tōmoana Showgrounds

Hastings is growing. Providing recreational space and opportunities to build the wellbeing of our community is key to a sustainable future. The proposal below is focused on this outcome.

140 Kenilworth Road, Mayfair, Hastings comprises the Hawke's Bay A&P Society property, commonly referred to as the Tōmoana Showgrounds. The property is about 43 hectares in size and contains numerous significant and protected trees reflecting the history of this site and its long tenure under the Society ownership (100 years plus).

Some of the key activities currently run at the facility include, the Horse of the Year, the A&P Show and the Farmers' Market.

With the passing of time and changes in our community the A&P Society are seeking to exit the majority of the site and to refine their business model.

THE KEY BENEFITS BEING:

- Secure public access to the park, heritage trees and green space for future generations.
- Security of access for the Horse of the Year; A&P Show and Farmers' Market and other lease holders.
- A space for public events and concerts and a growing equestrian sport sector.
- A small new potential wetland for stormwater cleansing and flood mitigation.
- Other recreational uses identified through a Reserve Management Plan process.

This proposal will change the overall rates increase from 6.4% to 6.6% in the 2022/23 financial year, and add a further 0.15% in the following financial year (2023/24).

KEY ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSAL:

- Purchase price \$7.5million
- Site works/Grandstand demolition (subject to further investigation) \$525,000
- The site would hold a General Purpose Reserve-Recreation status. This prevents housing or other significant commercial activity from developing on the site.
- A Reserve Management Plan would be developed in 2022/23 seeking community views on uses for the site.
- The name "Tōmoana Showgrounds" would be retained.
- A Trust would oversee the funding and management of the Reserve and the Council will own the land and buildings.

Note: The purchase of the Tōmoana Showgrounds is subject to ratification from the A&P Society membership and a Council decision in June 2022 (following consideration of the views of the wider Hastings community).

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Tell us

what you think

The potential purchase of the Tōmoana Showgrounds is a major project that is new in this Draft Annual Plan.

We need your feedback to make an informed decision. Please fill out this form and put it into a New Zealand Post mailbox.

To view the full Annual Plan and provide detailed feedback head to Hastings District Council's consultation website www.myvoicemychoice.co.nz. There will also be printed copies available at our libraries in Hastings, Flaxmere and Havelock North and at the Customer Service Centre, Lyndon Rd.

Our Customer Service team is here to answer your questions on **06 871 5000**.

Do you support the proposed purchase of the Tōmoana Showgrounds?

- Yes - Purchase
 No - Do Not Purchase

Is there anything else you want to tell us?
