

Tuesday, 11 June 2024

*Te Hui o Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga*  
**Hastings District Council**  
**Council Meeting**

*Kaupapataka*

# Officer Comments on Submissions

## Long Term Plan 2024-2034

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*Te Rā Hui:*  
Meeting date: **Tuesday, 11 June 2024**

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*Te Wā:*  
Time: **9.00am**

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*Te Wāhi:*  
Venue: **Council Chamber  
Ground Floor  
Civic Administration Building  
Lyndon Road East  
Hastings**

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**OFFICER COMMENTS ON SUBMISSIONS TO LONG-TERM PLAN 2024 – 2034**

(Note: Excludes comments on the overall funding plan – which can be found in the covering report to the Council agenda)

SUBMITTER & SUBMISSION NUMBER	OFFICER COMMENTS
	<b>CONSULTATION DOCUMENT ISSUES</b>
53, 374, 375, 377, 410, 428, 434, 435, 440	<p><b>Development Contributions</b></p> <p><b>Officers Responsible:</b>  <b>Craig Cameron (Group Manager: Strategy and Development)</b>  <b>Ross Franklin (Chief Financial Officer)</b>  <b>Richard Elgie (Management Accountant)</b></p> <p><b>Officer Comments:</b></p> <p><u>Development Contributions Policy Matters</u></p> <p>The submitters raise various policy matters along with the charging equity for retirement complexes. An appendix as part of these officer comments addresses these points.</p>
4, 34, 75, 76, 84, 92, 257, 286, 287, 293, 294, 296, 299, 301, 302, 315, 319, 320, 323, 324, 326, 329, 333, 335, 337, 339, 341, 343, 347, 350, 352, 353, 355, 363, 368, 372, 396, 414, 416, 449, 456	<p><b>Frimley Pool Closure</b></p> <p><b>Officer Responsible:</b>  <b>Rebekah Dinwoodie (Group Manager: Community Wellbeing and Services)</b></p> <p><b>Officer Comments:</b></p> <p>17% of online submissions (41) were in favour of closure and 83% of online submissions were against. Whilst 71% of feedback via the Consultation Document tear-off form (7) was in favour of closure with 29% against.</p> <p>Some of those submitters had concerns about the land being used for social housing. Some submitters suggested the pool should be user pays while others said it should be more affordable than currently. Submitters point out the differences between user groups of the Frimley Pool versus the Aquatics Centre.</p> <p>Submitters agree about the importance of water safety and some note that Frimley does not offer swimming lessons and there are better alternatives available for this purpose.</p> <p>Officers continue to recommend that Frimley Pool is closed.</p>
18,345,409,443	<p><b>Te Awanga Lagoon Protection</b></p> <p><b>Officers Responsible:</b>  <b>Steve Cave (Three Waters Manager)</b></p>

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	<p><b>Graeme Hansen (Director: Major Capital Projects Delivery)</b></p> <p><b>Officer Comments:</b></p> <p>Damage to the foreshore adjacent to the Te Awanga lagoon at Te Awanga was caused by floodwaters from Cyclone Gabrielle. This damage left some properties at risk from water intrusion from high seas. A public meeting was held with the community on 26 April 2023 to discuss possible solutions and how they might be funded.</p> <p>Further erosion and sea water intrusion occurred on 10 July 2023 in the same area, with some metres of erosion to a 200m section of coast, impacting the beach access and parking area, as well as causing power outages. Since this time, there has been a replenishment of gravel to this area that has given some immediate respite to the problem but needs ongoing monitoring.</p> <p>Te Awanga representatives are keen to pursue a level of protection for the section of coast adjacent to the Te Awanga lagoon, with a preference for a revetment style intervention. The Te Awanga reps, with support from HDC, are considering the Ecoreef solution for this section of coast and have obtained prices for a staged approach.</p> <p>Stage 1 involves protection of the immediate 200m section of coast under threat adjacent to the Te Awanga lagoon, estimated at \$730k for design, consent and construction. Stage 2 involves a further 450m of protection from the Maraetotara river mouth to the northern end of the Te Awanga domain, estimated at a further \$1.67m, giving a total project cost for all work as \$2.4m. Any protection proposal would need to be brought to the attention of HBRC as part of the Coastal Strategy Memorandum of Transition process.</p> <p>Funding for these works needs to go through a public consultation process to determine an agreed way forward, with consideration of a targeted rating scheme, similar to the Waimarama Seawall, and determination of public and private good benefits.</p> <p>HDC infrastructure assets, including water and stormwater, along with Unison assets in the Wellwood Terrace area are under threat should the barrier beach fail opposite the Te Awanga lagoon, allowing seawater to inundate this area.</p> <p>Te Awanga reps are seeking consideration of pre-emptive work to protect these assets, funded by HDC to maintain the lagoon area as the stormwater receiving and discharge area.</p> <p>The ‘Do nothing’ option poses a significant risk to this area, with replenishment gravels providing a very short-term level of intervention.</p> <p>A number of elements need to be brought together concurrently including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Further Council scrutiny of an initial funding catchment and classification put together by the community representatives;</li> <li>▪ Council infrastructure protection options and considerations (including pre-emptive works);</li> <li>▪ Project staging;</li> <li>▪ Liaison with HBRC and Coastal Strategy process</li> <li>▪ Council consideration of private and public good inputs into the project</li> </ul> <p>Council will need to provide a direction of travel on the above.</p>

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<p>Hannah Thorne (47)</p>	<p><b>Officer Responsible:</b>  <b>Naomi Fergusson Group Manager: Marketing and Communications)</b></p> <p><b>Officer Comments:</b></p> <p><u>Events</u></p> <p><i>The submitter requests \$10,000 per annum toward a Kiwi Walk and Run series of events.</i></p> <p>Kiwi Walk and Run series has grown steadily and is expected to attract around 1,000 entries in 2024.</p> <p>The event has previously been funded from the single-year events fund, and is now requesting three-year funding.</p> <p>Officers recommend \$5,000 base funding with \$2,500 linked to KPIs for participant numbers and percentage target of 60% of entrants from out-of-region (total funding potential being \$7,500). HDC would also contribute \$2,500 marketing/in-kind support (non-cash value).</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="603 981 1310 1727"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="3" data-bbox="603 981 1310 1037">KEY STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="603 1037 979 1077">Enhance district reputation</td> <td data-bbox="979 1037 1054 1077" style="text-align: center;">✓</td> <td data-bbox="1054 1037 1310 1077">Promoted around NZ</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="603 1077 979 1234">Create tourism opportunities</td> <td data-bbox="979 1077 1054 1234" style="text-align: center;">✓</td> <td data-bbox="1054 1077 1310 1234">Popular ‘destination’ event with women aged 45 – 60 with steady growth in numbers. Lower entry fee than some other similar events.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="603 1234 979 1296">Drive economic development and investment</td> <td data-bbox="979 1234 1054 1296" style="text-align: center;">✓</td> <td data-bbox="1054 1234 1310 1296">Using local suppliers</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="603 1296 979 1359">Enhance civic pride</td> <td data-bbox="979 1296 1054 1359"></td> <td data-bbox="1054 1296 1310 1359">[locals enjoying cycle trails – proud to host]</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="603 1359 979 1400">Foster health and wellbeing</td> <td data-bbox="979 1359 1054 1400" style="text-align: center;">✓</td> <td data-bbox="1054 1359 1310 1400"></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="603 1400 979 1440">Celebrate culture and heritage</td> <td data-bbox="979 1400 1054 1440"></td> <td data-bbox="1054 1400 1310 1440"></td> </tr> <tr> <th colspan="3" data-bbox="603 1440 1310 1480">Scale &amp; Scope</th> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="603 1480 979 1543">Take place <u>within district boundaries</u>, or regionally significant for Hastings.</td> <td data-bbox="979 1480 1054 1543" style="text-align: center;">✓</td> <td data-bbox="1054 1480 1310 1543"></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="603 1543 979 1606">Event is in the shoulder seasons of spring and autumn.</td> <td data-bbox="979 1543 1054 1606" style="text-align: center;">✓</td> <td data-bbox="1054 1543 1310 1606">Held in October</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="603 1606 979 1668">Events connected to HDC-owned or supported venues.</td> <td data-bbox="979 1606 1054 1668"></td> <td data-bbox="1054 1606 1310 1668"></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="603 1668 979 1727">Links to Toi-Tū Arts &amp; Culture Framework</td> <td data-bbox="979 1668 1054 1727" style="text-align: center;"><b>part</b></td> <td data-bbox="1054 1668 1310 1727">Aligns with some of strategic outcomes</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	KEY STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES			Enhance district reputation	✓	Promoted around NZ	Create tourism opportunities	✓	Popular ‘destination’ event with women aged 45 – 60 with steady growth in numbers. Lower entry fee than some other similar events.	Drive economic development and investment	✓	Using local suppliers	Enhance civic pride		[locals enjoying cycle trails – proud to host]	Foster health and wellbeing	✓		Celebrate culture and heritage			Scale & Scope			Take place <u>within district boundaries</u> , or regionally significant for Hastings.	✓		Event is in the shoulder seasons of spring and autumn.	✓	Held in October	Events connected to HDC-owned or supported venues.			Links to Toi-Tū Arts & Culture Framework	<b>part</b>	Aligns with some of strategic outcomes
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<p>Angeline Chand (81) <i>Hindu Council of Hawkes Bay</i></p>	<p><b>Officer Responsible:</b> <b>Rebekah Dinwoodie (Group Manager: Community Wellbeing and Services)</b></p> <p><b>Officer Comments:</b> <u>Hindu Cultural/Community Centre</u> <i>The submitter requests funding support toward a Hindu Cultural/Community Centre.</i></p> <p>The Hindu Council of Hawke’s Bay have put together an informative proposal for a Hindu Cultural Centre.</p> <p>Unfortunately, Council is not able to provide a piece of land or an already established building however could provide advice and support with applying for external funding through our Community Grant and Partnerships Advisor.</p> <p>The Diwali Festival has been a successful event and contributes to the Hastings Multicultural Strategy and Welcoming Communities programme.</p> <p>HDC has provided funding of \$5,000 in 2022 and 2023 through the Events Fund.</p> <p>Funding allocated in the LTP would reduce reliance on the annual grants for events that are strategically important for our District to ensure stable funding.</p> <p>This leaves annual grants to support new events to establish or one-off regionally significant events such as concerts or national sporting events.</p>
<p>Maree Price (92)</p>	<p><b>Officer Responsible:</b> <b>Martin Jarvis (Waste and Data Services Manager)</b></p> <p><b>Officer Comments:</b> <u>Refuse and Recycling usage and charging mechanisms.</u> <i>The submitter comments on the weekly and fortnightly refuse/recycling services, the connection to charging mechanisms and the food scrap service.</i></p> <p>As a way of rewarding low waste producing households, based on feedback from the consultation of the Joint Waste Management and Minimisation Plan in 2017, the Hastings District Council provides a refuse rates remission to households who put their rubbish wheelie bin out for collection 26 times or less per year. This remission is 25% of the targeted rate for the kerbside rubbish collection service.</p> <p>Hastings District Council consulted with the community on the current Joint Waste Management and Minimisation Plan in 2017. At the time, the feedback by-in large from the community was not in support for Council providing a food or garden waste collection service.</p> <p>This resulted in the Council adopting a combination public/private approach to waste and recycling services after considering all of the 6,165 submissions that were received. Following this decision, Council tendered long term contracts for kerbside waste collection and recycling services. Council made the conscience decision to leave kerbside green waste collections to the private businesses that were already offering services to those that wanted</p>

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	<p>them. The council supports these businesses by encouraging green waste diversion and has banned green waste from the council’s kerbside rubbish wheelie bins. This combination is working well for the vast majority of residents in Hastings (HDC) and Napier (NCC).</p> <p>In March 2023, the previous Government announced policies requiring councils to provide kerbside recycling and food scraps collections by either 2027 (where nearby facilities exists) or 2030 in all urban areas. These policies were agreed by the previous Cabinet but have not yet been drafted into regulations. The development of regulations is now awaiting further decisions by the current Government.</p> <p>Should Council be required to provide a food scrap service, more work and a feasibility study will be completed on the best approach for Hastings, followed by public consultation.</p>
<p>Crystal Lau (97) Cancer Society</p>	<p><b>Officer Responsible:</b> <b>Colin Hosford (Public Spaces and Building Assets Manager)</b></p> <p><b>Officer Comments:</b> <u>SunSmart Environments</u> <i>The submitter comments on Council’s contribution to enabling SunSmart environments particularly via the planting of native trees.</i></p> <p><b>Request Council implement a Sun Protection Policy in the forthcoming 3 Year plan.</b></p> <p>Officers suggest the best mechanism for meeting this request is to include consideration as part of the review of the District Wide Reserve Management Plan to be carried out in the next 12 – 18 months.</p> <p><b>Request Council invest in planting native trees to provide sufficient direct shade in playgrounds in cyclone affected parks and reserves–</b></p> <p>Officers advise that current practice includes consideration of shade provision when planning any new park or playground project. If the site has existing tree cover then we make use of these where possible.</p> <p><b>Request Council invest in more drinking fountains in high use equity centred playgrounds.</b></p> <p>Council has been incrementally increasing drinking fountains in our parks. Currently 19 playgrounds out of 39 playgrounds have drinking fountains.</p> <p>Officers advise that drinking fountains are routinely installed when new playgrounds are built or when significant upgrades of existing playgrounds are undertaken. While the constrained economy has slowed the pace of new builds and upgrades, water fountains will continue to be installed when projects come due.</p>



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	<p><b>Officers Responsible:</b>  <b>Rebekah Dinwoodie (Group Manager: Community Wellbeing and Services)</b></p> <p><b>Officer Comments:</b>  <u>Sun Protection Policy</u>  <i>The submitter requests the implementation of a Sun Protection Policy.</i></p> <p>In relation to staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One of our 12 critical HSW risks is the risk of fatality or serious health effects from exposure to harmful levels of noise, vibration, dust/particulates or substances hazardous to health. This includes UV exposure. As part of this we have work procedures and planning of work recognising health risks and using the guidance from WorkSafe: Worksafe strategic plan for work related health, guidelines and fact sheets on exposure monitoring and health monitoring.</li> <li>• While our preemployment programme and annual monitoring does not have specific testing for UV exposure, our HDC Skin Examination Subsidy Policy identifies the key roles that have sun exposure. For these staff it provides free annual skin checks, while all staff are offered a subsidised rate for skin checks if they would like one.</li> <li>• During summer periods for teams where it is possible, they have the flexibility to adjust work patterns and hours to minimise exposure. For example the parking team will come into the office for 12-2pm to complete paperwork and other activities, before returning to outdoor work for the remainder of the day. Sun protection and heat exhaustion are regular toolbox and newsletter topics to ensure staff are aware of how to keep themselves safe, and how to monitor their work mates.</li> <li>• Staff uniforms and PPE are designed to factor in sun protection, with cotton material recommended. PPE examples include sunhat, pants, long sleeves and cooling vests, and are targeted to what is required for a particular team. Shade provision is made where possible, for example life guard stations with shade sails and air conditioning incorporated into vehicles / plant. Sunscreen is provided for all facilities and vehicles, and at some facilities is provided for public use.</li> </ul>
<p>Katrin Wunderlich (128)</p>	<p><b>Officer Responsible:</b>  <b>Jag Pannu (Transportation Manager)</b></p> <p><b>Officer Comments:</b>  <u>Safe Road Environments</u>  <i>The submitter encourages a continued focus on safe road environments with particular emphasis on school safe environments for children and specific examples within the Haumoana area.</i></p>

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	<p>Over the last several years Council has had a focus on providing safe journeys to schools through our Heretaunga Arakura programme, which unfortunately lost much of it's funding due to the change in central government.</p> <p>We have however managed to get some work done recently in the Haumoana area, including the widened shared path near Collison Tce and the improved pathway opposite the Four Square. We also have a design for an improved crossing across East Rd that we plan to construct next year and will investigate improvements to other crossings in the area.</p>
<p>Nick Richards (137) <i>Mayfair Community Group</i></p>	<p><b>Officers Responsible:</b> <b>Rebekah Dinwoodie (Group Manager: Community Wellbeing and Services)</b></p> <p><b>Officer Comments:</b> <u>Community Hub</u> <i>The submitter requests Council assistance to establish a community hub in the Mayfair area.</i></p> <p>In principle, Officers are supportive of a Mayfair Hub.</p> <p>The submission requests \$150k for personnel to establish (6 months) and operate (12 months) a Hub and an additional \$30k for operations (power, lease etc) for 12 months.</p> <p>This is not in the LTP, however, Officers will work with the community to support accessing external funding for this project. The assistance of the Community Grants and Partnerships Advisor will be offered.</p>
<p>Rosheen Fitzgerald (154)</p>	<p><b>Officer Responsible:</b> <b>Naomi Fergusson Group Manager: Marketing and Communications)</b></p> <p><b>Officer Comments:</b> <u>Events</u> <i>The submitter advocates for the arts and in particular the potential of "Fringe in the Stings" to contribute towards this – requesting \$5,000.</i></p> <p>Fringe in the Stings occurs over three days in the Hastings CBD. HDC has previously sponsored the event \$15k per annum. No reporting was received from events. The committee has changed and has appointed an experienced local event manager. The festival organisers have also been connected with Arts Inc. Heretaunga to look at how the events can benefit each other in the long run.</p> <p>Given the potential of this event to align with the HB Arts Festival (and the festival moving to biennial), officers recommend \$5,000 per annum, subject to reporting against KPIs each year. HDC would also contribute \$2,500 marketing/in-kind support (non-cash value).</p>































































































