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Hastings District Council
Council Meeting

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Meeting date: **Wednesday, 10 June 2026**

Te Wā:
Time: **9.00am**

Te Wāhi:
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Lyndon Road East
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No

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Option 2: Set a rates increase of 9.1%, which would balance the budget immediately and reduce borrowing sooner.

What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?

Rates increase

Please tell us your views below

I support the 9.1% rates increase because it deals with the financial pressure now instead of pushing costs into the future. While it's a harder option in the short term and not something I am looking forward to at all, it avoids borrowing for everyday services, reduces long-term debt and interest costs, and puts Council on a stronger footing sooner. I believe paying a little more now provides greater certainty, protects services we rely on, and reduces the risk of bigger rates increases later.

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What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?

(No response)

Please tell us your views below

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No

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What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?

Nothing of concern as the council have been voted in to make the correct decisions.

Please tell us your views below

Seems a better option for the longer term. Anything to reduce borrowing must be good. While 9.1% adds on to the huge increases over the last 5 years it looks manageable. Personally I live alone, have my own home, no debt of any description and am comfortably off on the single person pension. There will certainly be some who WILL find it a burden so they need to be looked after. It is also time to stop using cyclone gabrielle as an easy excuse to put rates up! I am totally against separate water Bill's and sincerely hope water meters are not on the agenda!

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What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?

Reduce council spending immediatly. Limit rate increases to annual inflation rate. Get rid of loss making activities like Splash Planet

Please tell us your views below

Stop wasting ratepayers money on non essentials. A lot of people cannot afford rate increases

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What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?

(No response)

Please tell us your views below

While I have chosen option 1 this is not my preferred choice. My choice is not given as an option. Council must continue to review and make the harder decisions to get rate increases to the level of inflation. People like myself as a pensioner cannot increase our income by just asking for more like HDC does, we adjust our expenditure to match. We own a modest house in Havelock North and HDC rates along with Regional Council rates are building to a place where for many like us it is unaffordable to stay in a modest house. My vote last year was for a Council that made hard decisions to reduce rate increases. Yes some progress has been made but now is the time to cut the cloth harder as the saying goes. If this does not happen under the current Council, I suggest the current administration may be a three year term. A considerable sum could be found to place poles in the Civic Square but not to fix the Frimley Pool. Very strange logics to myself and many others.

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What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?

Rates

Please tell us your views below

Times are very tough at the moment with the cost of living escalating all the time .
As a retired person in own home rates take a huge amount out of pension every week .

If they go up 9% people will really be asking themselves if they want to keep their home . What will the effect of that be ? The housing market is under stress not enough homes for people who don't have one .
Council debts are out of our control it is the council making decisions on expenditure. Maybe that could be done more carefully?

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No

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What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?

(No response)

Please tell us your views below

With the current cost of living crisis that is now being exacerbated by the increased fuel costs, the last thing we need is yet ANOTHER huge rates increase!!

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What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?

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No

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What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?

I don't support either option and this form does not give me an option to choose that, so I have chosen the option with no more debt. I would support a rates rise in line with inflation. The council needs to get back to basics. Get rid of Splash Planet, it costs more money than it brings into the region. The council's job is to provide the basics, roads, waste and water.

Please tell us your views below

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What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?

Rates

Please tell us your views below

Things are super difficult at this point in time any where we can get relieve I'd take it.

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No

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What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?

The road works

Please tell us your views below

These companies take the absolute piss and im sure money would be saved if they were monitored and quotes were followed up every time the amount of times they dig up and fix roads is absurd behavior and it's literally because they can. Keep them timely and see if everyone of those crew members is actually necessary.

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What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?

Cut your out goings

Please tell us your views below

Close down art gallery and etc use the saved money instead of borrowing. Stop spending rates on stupid stuff like the apple core in the middle of the road

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Yes

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What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?

The bird aviary's in Cornwall Park

Please tell us your views below

The staff are obviously doing a wonderful job and maintaining the Avairys. The birds are healthy and the cages are clean and creative however almost all the birds are Hook beaked. It is sad to note that there is an absence of songbirds on display The hooked beaks are not an attractive sounding bird and I believe if some space could be provided for song birds people would spend more time enjoying the display. They are cheerful and lively and relatively easy to keep please consider adding some canaries and finches to the collection thank you for your consideration Jan Raison

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What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?

Residential parking

Please tell us your views below

Residential parking needs to be tidied up as overseas visitors I've had have commented on how disgraceful our streets look even saying we are looking like a third world city. The council needs to stop footpath, kerb, grass verge, across driveways and facing against traffic parking this could be reported back by council staff driving around in staff vehicles that rate payers pay for followed by further action taken by council and police. Parking as above puts pressure on the infrastructure causing unnecessary repairs and maintenance again paid for by ratepayers and every dollar saved can be put to better use and make the streets of Hastings tidier.

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What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?

Better to balance the budget sooner. Debt leads to more interest and you end up paying more and are worse off.

Please tell us your views below

We are all conscious times are tough.

But bitter pills are best swallowed quickly and then we can move on. I make this statement in trusting that the following rate hike will not be above 5%. In other words council sticks to the basics of infrastructure and the need to have quality basics.

I am putting a lot of trust in council members to stick to a plan and not deviate on to some "hare brained" ideas that look nice.

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What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?

Could there be more safe pedestrian crossing on the busier streets like willow park, park road, grove road etc. currently can be dangerous to cross especially with a bike or pram.

Please tell us your views below

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What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?

Wasteful spending on the middle of Hastings.

Please tell us your views below

So much spending trying to make our city look like another Rotorua. Look at that paving on the right side of the library. Its not appropriate for Hastings. It was up to 30 a day working there when it could have been done so much cheaperWe should have our own identity. Fruit art wine cool beer bars. Tourists are important and if they want that they,ll go to Rotorua. Look at Napier art deco.Look at Oamaru steam punk.

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What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?

Increase on the rates

Please tell us your views below

My view is, stick to a budget. You should not have to borrow money. I can't afford to borrow money and i have to budget my money but only just surviving. I now have to use my savings to cover the rates because my job after all my out goings I would be lucky to have between \$26- \$30 left in my hand and your rate increase amongst every other increase in this country is not helping. STICK TO A BUDGET!!!! STOP OVER SPENDING ON THINGS YOU CANT AFFORD!!! I can't say that enough. Maybe you should not use rate payer money on morning teas etc and amongst other money you waste.

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What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?

I am a teacher and see the direct effect rates increase have on vulnerable tamariki and whānau. We support as much as we can at school but the less rates are increased the less impact. We want our tamariki at school learning an thriving.

Please tell us your views below

Smallest rate increase as possible. Rate increases means rent increases. Having stable homes for whānau is so very important.

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What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?

(No response)

Please tell us your views below

I think increasing rates again is going to cripple most people that live in the Hawkes Bay especially with businesses like Cotton On, Watties, McCains all closing. Any of those increases 5.9% or 9.1% is way over the top.

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What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?

New Rate on Civil Defence/Emergency Management - Iwi Maori Relationship Management?

Please tell us your views below

The expenditure relating to Iwi Maori Engagement, is unfortunately, divisive by-nature. You are basing this public expenditure on a race, and not based purely on the need. These public funds should be used for the entire community, to benefit the entire community, based on the needs, and then carefully improving our infrastructure.

This does highlight a deeper concern. This Iwi Maori engagement is an entirely un-democratic process. The concern here, is that public money, is being spent on on a racial group, based on the advise or 'requests', of 'un-elected' persons. Why is these funds divided to Maori expenditure, and not spread for the safety of the entire community?... I fear if this divisive nature of governance continues, we will see a more uprising within the country - particularly highlighted, when you (Hastings Council) try to increase our Cost of Living (rates)

Thank you

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No

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What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?

4 emails sent to Customer Service received 07/04/2026

Please tell us your views below

1.I am very unhappy with the misleading ,only 2 options 5.9% and 9.1%. Rates increase .The missing option should read make cuts cancel nice to have projects. Close unprofitable underused assets and yes redundancy in your overstuffed offices. We are going without due to council complacency. Do the right thing give ratepayer a choice!

2.No rate increase - Steve Gibson for mayor

3.We don't want either rate rise. Cut more bullshit that's not needed such as Mr Gibson has suggested.

4.I am not happy with the increased rates. I have read Steve Gibson's alternative plan and feel that it makes perfect sense. This new council needs to be looking at cost cutting measures not spend spend spend and borrowing to cover costs.

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No

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What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?

Proposed Rates Increase

Please tell us your views below

Neither rates increases are acceptable, especially with household budgets already stretched to limits. The answer isn't to increase rates but to reduce spending. This can be achieved by only focusing on the core functions of a council. That being water, sewerage, roading, rubbish collection, etc. The social engineering projects involving cultural, gender, DEI, and so called climate change matters should be totally off limits. The purpose of councils is not to force upon ratepayers the woke ideology of councilors and staff. The performance of the HDC is frankly disgraceful.

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What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?

Rate increase

Please tell us your views below

I don't support any rate increase above the rate of inflation.
 The council needs a reset in its mindset (from being resistant to change and supporting a limit few) and focus on supporting long term growth and development for the benefit of the WHOLE the community rather than being a continual roadblock and protectionist.
 Productive growth would support a higher rating base for the overall benefit of the community and pay for the ridiculous level of debt that has been accumulated.
 The withdrawal of Watties and McKains shows how out of touch the council is to issues facing businesses.

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What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?

WAM (WestSide Association of Members) submits on behalf of the businesses and property owners of Heretaunga Street West in support of a \$140,000 dedicated WestSide line item in the Annual Plan 2026/27.

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Please tell us your views below

HDC invests approximately \$2 million per year in the Hastings CBD through targeted rates, HCBA grants, events, and City Assist which has grown by 25% in four years. Businesses on Heretaunga Street West receive 1 HCBA Instagram mention for every 5.6 received by East businesses, pay into the same CBD rated system... and appear once, as a photo caption, in a 238-page Long Term Plan.

WestSide Association Membership (WAM) has built, without any council support, the marketing platform, community events, and heritage documentation that the LTP says council wants to fund. This submission asks HDC to recognise and resource what already works, and to direct the new Hastings Partners Programme toward the precinct that needs it most.

The Ask
\$140,000 per year as a dedicated WestSide line item, delivered through WAM against agreed outcomes. Split: \$80,000 co-funds 50% of membership fees for WestSide businesses (businesses match the other 50%), \$60,000 funds 1.5 FTE WAM operations.

The Evidence:
200 Instagram posts from @hastingscitynz (Dec 2024–Feb 2026) show a 6:1 mention ratio East vs West. Full dataset: hastingscbd-production-4634.up.railway.app

The Platform:
hastingscity.nz is a live directory, 82+ listed businesses, already operating without council funding.

Full Submission including financial tables, outcomes framework, and Instagram data is attached as PDF.

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HASTINGS DISTRICT COUNCIL — ANNUAL PLAN 2026/27 — FORMAL SUBMISSION

WestSide Needs a Seat at the Table

A submission on geographic equity in HDC's CBD investment

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HDC invests approximately \$2 million per year in the Hastings CBD. WestSide's dedicated share of that investment, across four consecutive Annual Reports, is exactly zero. This submission asks HDC to fix that — with a \$140,000 annual line item delivered through WAM.

01

The Funding Picture

HDC invests approximately **\$2 million per year** in Hastings CBD through targeted rates, grants to HCBA, and events spend. That investment has grown 25% over four years. WestSide's dedicated share is unchanged.

| MECHANISM | 2021/22 | 2024/25 | CHANGE |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Hastings City Marketing (HCBA targeted rate) | \$293k | \$317k | +8% |
| CBD Hastings targeted rate | \$320k | \$317k | — |
| Security Patrols / City Assist | \$399k | \$452k | +13% |
| Events spend | \$652k | \$985k | +51% |
| Combined annual CBD spend | ~\$1.66m | ~\$2.07m | +25% |
| WestSide dedicated spend | \$0 | \$0 | 0% |

All figures confirmed from HDC Annual Reports 2021/22–2024/25 and LTP 2024–2034. This is not a new pattern — it is four consecutive years of the same result.

HDC's total transfer to HCBA — including night market grants and community grants on top of the targeted rate — is approximately **\$590,000–\$660,000 per year**. The targeted rate line is only half the story.

02

What WestSide Pays In

Approximately **36 commercial building properties** on Heretaunga Street West pay into HDC's CBD targeted rates annually. At an estimated \$5,000/ building, that is **~\$180,000/year** into the CBD rated system.

WestSide does receive Security Patrol / City Assist — we acknowledge this and state it clearly. A proportional geographic share of the \$452k patrol budget is estimated at ~\$45k.

~\$135k

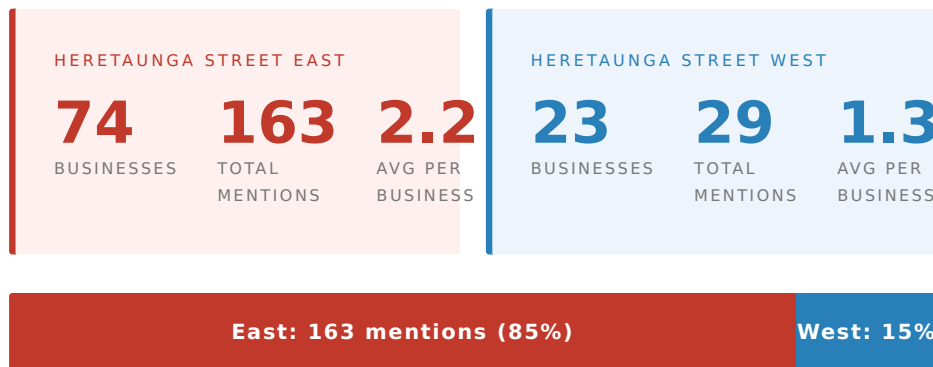
NET ANNUAL DEFICIT — RATES PAID IN, NO WESTSIDE BENEFIT RETURNED

This is the gap between what WestSide pays into the CBD rated system and what it receives back in marketing, events, place-based investment, or business association support. The \$140,000 ask is just 3.7% above the net deficit — effectively a break-even investment.

03

The Promotional Disparity — Documented

WAM commissioned a data analysis of all 200 posts published by @hastingscitynz between December 2024 and February 2026. Every business mentioned by @handle in captions was recorded, geocoded, and assigned to zone (East or West, split at Railway Rd / Hastings St intersection).



SHARE OF TOTAL @HASTINGSCITYNZ INSTAGRAM MENTIONS — 200 POSTS, DEC 2024-FEB 2026

Key findings from the analysis:

- The mention ratio East:West is **5.6:1** on total mentions
- Removing national chain stores (Farmers, Whitcoulls, EB Games, Michael Hill, Number One Shoes) from the West count, the ratio widens to **6.8:1**
- The top single East business (Toitoti Venues) received **18 mentions** — more than the entire West independent business community combined
- **19 of 23 West businesses mentioned received exactly one mention** across 14 months of posting
- The 200-post sample represents 24% of the full 831-post archive — the full dataset would further strengthen these findings

The HCBA is collecting a targeted rate from West businesses and returning demonstrably unequal promotional value. This is not an accusation — it is a measurement. The full dataset is publicly available at hastingscbd-production-4634.up.railway.app

04

The Long Term Plan Problem

Heretaunga Street West appears **once** in the 238-page 2024–2034 Long Term Plan — as a photograph caption on page 89.

It does not appear in:

- Any strategy, objective, or community outcome
- Any budget line or funding impact statement
- Any key action or performance measure
- Any targeted rate description or boundary definition
- Any capital works programme

This has persisted across **two consecutive Long Term Plans** (2021–2031 and 2024–2034). This submission is the first formal attempt to place WestSide into HDC's planning framework.

05

Where This Submission Aligns With the Annual Plan

The Draft Annual Plan 2026/27 contains several initiatives that WAM's ask directly supports or extends. We draw council's attention to three in particular.

The Hastings Partners Programme (\$95,000 new line item). The Annual Plan introduces a dedicated budget to "attract external revenue" through partnership. WAM is a ready-made partner: an active membership base, an existing digital platform, an events programme with measurable outcomes, and a heritage documentation project already underway. We are available to discuss how the Hastings Partners Programme could formally extend to the WestSide precinct.

The central city rail safety and streetscape project. Construction began February 2026 on the KiwiRail fencing, water feature replacement, and paving upgrade — physically on and adjacent to Heretaunga Street West. HDC is investing in the physical fabric of this precinct right now. Infrastructure investment without corresponding promotional and activation support means the western businesses least able to self-promote bear the disruption without benefit. WAM is the activation partner for this precinct during and after construction. We ask to be resourced as one.

The "Vibrant Place to Live, Play and Visit" community outcome. The Annual Plan's Economic and Community Development group explicitly lists "Planning urban centres and neighbourhoods (Place Based Plans)" and "Empowering communities to do things for themselves" as core activities. WAM is a community that has already done exactly this — built the Place Based Plan infrastructure, the marketing platform, the events programme, and the heritage record that HDC says it wants to fund. The community outcome is already being delivered. This submission asks HDC to recognise and resource it.

HDC's Sponsorships and Grants expenditure for 2026/27 is budgeted at **\$6.9 million** – \$1.6 million above the LTP forecast and \$1.56 million above last year's actual. The WAM ask of \$140,000 represents 2% of that allocation, directed at a precinct that has received none of it for at least four consecutive years.

06

What WAM Has Built — Without Council Support

WAM has developed, without any HDC funding, the infrastructure the LTP says council wants to support:

- **hastingscity.nz** — a live business directory and marketing platform featuring 152 businesses across 36 heritage buildings on Heretaunga Street West
- **WAMJam** — a community activation event series with documented youth cultural development outcomes
- **Heritage documentation** — business histories, building records, and a living wiki covering the 1920s-1930s heritage precinct
- **Instagram data analysis** — the first systematic measurement of HCBA's geographic coverage bias, methodology publicly available and replicable

The LTP says HDC wants to fund marketing platforms, community events, and heritage documentation. WAM has built all three. This submission asks HDC to resource what already works.

07

The Proposal

Ask: \$140,000 per year as a dedicated WestSide line item in the Annual Plan, delivered through WAM against agreed outcomes.

This is not a reallocation of HCBA funding. We are not asking HDC to reduce HCBA's budget. We are asking for a new precinct budget that reflects the geographic reality of a CBD that extends west of the railway line. HCBA continues its work in the east; WAM delivers in the west — where it demonstrably already operates.

Suggested outcome framework for accountability:

- Quarterly business sentiment reporting (WAM member survey, results shared with HDC)
- Annual marketing reach metrics (web traffic, social engagement, directory activity)
- Event attendance and participation data
- Heritage documentation milestones

WAM has existing infrastructure, membership base, and capability to receive and report against contestable funding. We are not asking HDC to build anything new.

Mayor Schollum has signalled that the 2027–2037 Long Term Plan will examine "smarter ways of delivering services." WAM is a working example of that model: community-built, community-governed, outcome-accountable, and operating at a fraction of the cost of equivalent council-delivered programmes. Funding WAM now allows HDC to pilot and evidence this delivery model ahead of the next LTP cycle.

08

What \$140,000 Delivers — Year by Year

The \$140,000 annual investment operates as a two-part budget with a deliberate declining-subsidy model. HDC's contribution is not a grant to be spent and forgotten — it is seed capital that activates matched private investment from the businesses themselves, with HDC's share reducing as businesses build capability and ownership of their own digital presence.

\$280k

TOTAL YEAR 1 INVESTMENT UNLOCKED — \$140K HDC + \$140K FROM BUSINESSES

HDC's \$140,000 triggers a matching \$140,000 from WestSide businesses paying their share of membership fees. Every dollar of public money is matched by private sector commitment — businesses with skin in the game.

The Budget Split

| ALLOCATION | AMOUNT | WHAT IT FUNDS |
|---------------------------------|------------------|--|
| Membership co-investment | \$80,000 | Covers 50% of annual membership fees for paid-tier businesses. Businesses pay the matching 50% — approximately \$80,000 in private sector co-investment. |
| WAM operations | \$60,000 | 1.5 FTE — the people who deliver the platform, run the onboarding programme, manage digital assets, and upskill business owners. |
| Total HDC investment | \$140,000 | Matched by \$80,000+ from businesses. Total programme value: \$220,000+ |

The Membership Model — 152 Businesses, Four Tiers

WAM's membership platform operates four tiers across the 152 businesses on Heretaunga Street West. Tier access is earned — businesses fulfil prerequisite criteria before upgrading, ensuring the platform stays quality-controlled and the outcomes are real, not nominal.

| TIER | FEE | BUSINESSES (EST.) | WHAT THEY RECEIVE |
|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------|---|
| Listed — free | \$0 | ~76 (50%) | Directory listing, map position, W.O.R.K. brand kit, member badge. The on-ramp — every WestSide business gets found. |
| West | \$98/ mo | ~45 (30%) | Full listing, priority placement, editorial mention, monthly reach report, window sticker. The business is visible and represented. |
| Prime | \$298/ mo | ~23 (15%) | 12 managed Instagram posts/month, Reels and Stories, editorial interview, newsletter feature, weekly analytics. The business has a functioning digital presence, managed. |
| Elite | \$698/ mo | ~8 (5%) | Daily managed posts, Reels production, full DM management, paid boost strategy, influencer outreach, live analytics dashboard, monthly strategy call. Full-service digital agency delivery. |

HDC's \$80,000 co-investment covers 50% of the annual membership fees for the ~74 paid-tier businesses. Businesses pay the matching 50% — approximately \$80,000 in private sector contribution. Businesses who contribute financially have skin in the game; they show up, they engage, and they use what they are given.

The Three-Phase Delivery Model

WAM delivers this not as a passive directory but as an active agency-style programme. The model moves every business through three phases:

- **Phase 1 — Show what's possible.** Every participating business gets a demonstration of what a fully activated digital presence looks like — using their own business, their own product, their own story. Most WestSide business owners have never seen their business promoted at this level. Seeing it lands differently than being told about it.
- **Phase 2 — Build their digital assets.** WAM's team sets up the tools the business owner will eventually run themselves: optimised directory profile, Instagram account configured, Google Business listing verified, basic paid ad account structured, brand kit downloaded and applied. The scaffolding is built professionally before the keys are handed over.
- **Phase 3 — Upskill and hand over.** Business owners are trained to use the tools themselves — how to post, how to respond to DMs, how to read their reach report, how to brief content. By the end of Year 1, businesses at West tier and above are running their own digital presence with WAM as backstop, not crutch. This is the transition that makes the model sustainable without ongoing subsidy.

This is how a media agency that respects its clients operates — you show them what world-class looks like for their business, you build the infrastructure, and then you hand them the keys. The goal is capability transfer, not dependency. By Year 2, these businesses own their digital presence. HDC's investment has compounded into something that does not require ongoing public funding to sustain.

The Declining Subsidy — HDC's Share Reduces Over Time

| YEAR | HDC CO- INVESTMENT % | HDC MEMBERSHIP \$ | BUSINESS \$ | WHY |
|---------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|--|
| Year 1 | 50% | \$80,000 | \$80,000 | Onboarding year — remove the financial |

| YEAR | HDC CO-INVESTMENT % | HDC MEMBERSHIP \$ | BUSINESS \$ | WHY |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------|--|
| | | | | barrier, get businesses on the platform, show results. |
| Year 2 | 30% | ~\$57,000 | ~\$133,000 | Businesses are seeing results and owning their brand. They increase their share as confidence grows. |
| Year 3+ | 0-15% | TBD | Majority | Self-sustaining — WAM operational costs covered by membership revenue. HDC contribution drops to advocacy and activation only. |

The model is explicitly designed to reduce HDC's financial exposure over time. Year 1 is the highest-subsidy year because it is the hardest — getting 74 businesses onto a new platform requires lowering the barrier to entry. By Year 2, results are visible, businesses are engaged, and the private sector contribution increases. By Year 3, WAM's operational costs are substantially covered by membership revenue and HDC's role shifts from funder to strategic partner.

Measurable Outcomes HDC Can Hold WAM To

| OUTCOME | YEAR 1 TARGET | HOW MEASURED |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| Paid tier businesses onboarded | 50+ businesses (West, Prime, Elite) | WAM membership register, reported quarterly |

| OUTCOME | YEAR 1 TARGET | HOW MEASURED |
|-----------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| Digital assets built per business | Directory profile + at least 1 active channel per paid member | Platform audit at 6 and 12 months |
| Instagram reach — @hastingscbd | +40% follower growth, 10k+ monthly reach | Monthly analytics report to HDC |
| Business owners trained | 30+ business owners through Phase 3 handover | Training completion records |
| Private co-investment unlocked | \$80,000+ from businesses | WAM financial accounts at year end |
| Business sentiment | Quarterly WAM member survey — results shared with HDC | Survey data, trend over 4 quarters |
| Directory traffic | hastingscity.nz — 20,000+ sessions/year | Google Analytics, shared with HDC |

WAM will provide HDC with a quarterly report covering each of these metrics, plus a full year-end review with financials. If targets are not met, the declining subsidy model provides a natural accountability mechanism — Year 2 funding is contingent on Year 1 results.

SUMMARY

The Argument in Three Sentences

1 HDC invests approximately \$2 million/year in the Hastings CBD through targeted rates, HCBA grants, events, and City Assist – grown by 25% in four years – and the Draft Annual Plan 2026/27 adds a new Hastings Partners Programme, \$6.9m in grants, and a central city streetscape investment, all on or adjacent to Heretaunga Street West.

2 Businesses on Heretaunga Street West receive 1 HCBA Instagram mention for every 5.6 received by East businesses, pay into the same CBD rated system, and appear once – as a photo caption – in a 238-page Long Term Plan.

3 WAM has built – without any council support – the marketing platform, community events, and heritage documentation that the LTP says council wants to fund; this submission asks HDC to recognise and resource what already works, and to direct the new Hastings Partners Programme toward the precinct that needs it most.

ATTACHMENTS

Supporting Evidence

- Instagram coverage analysis — full interactive dataset [hastingscbd-production-4634.up.railway.app](#) →
- WestSide business directory [hastingscity.nz](#) →
- HDC Funding Intelligence Brief (April 2026) — confirmed figures from Annual Reports 2021/22–2024/25 and LTP 2024–2034 Attached
- WAMJam outcomes data Available on request

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Please tell us your views below

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What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?

Rates26/27

Please tell us your views below

I have been advised by the HDC customer service team that if I don't agree with either of the two options above, then to leave them blank.

Where is the option that keeps the rate increase at the rate of inflation, including no extra borrowing.

Balance the books by firing nonessential staff and shutting the art gallery.

Wage freeze for all council staff.

Get a backbone and tell the CEO what to do, not the other way around.

You were all elected to follow the wishes of the ratepayers, not to cosy up to the council staff.

Cheers Martyn

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Bring back Nanaia Mahuta she had it right with Three Waters. You guys are already having in house fights. I was hoping for some rate decreases. Why are we paying for a road or bridge that most of us will probably never use? What about resealing Mayfair Ave? We have been waiting 10 years since the leaflet came in the letterbox showing plans to beautify our Avenue. Then we were told the work had been put on hold for more important work. Its like a gpat track now. Why did you do Warrick Street (Twice) ?

Please tell us your views below

You probably will not read my feedback return, won't you? You have already decided.
I have around 50% increase in rates over the last 4 years so give us a break. Stop using Cyclone Gabrielle as a Cash Cow. Make the people who benefit the most pay the most.
Do you think our CEO needs to be reined in as I think the Councillors are listening to him too much and not the ratepayers. He just wants to tax us more and more to pay for the nice to haves.
Is the Council a copy and paste of the old Council ?

Thanks

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What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?

(No response)

Please tell us your views below

Council needs to set the rates increase to the lowest possible.
 There are a lot of people out there hurting because of these reasons: -

1. High inflation.
2. High fuel prices because of Iran war.
3. Closure of Heinz Watties and McCains processing plants in Hastings resulting in job losses.
4. Predicted increase in OCR and home loan rates later this year placing more burden on homeowners.
5. Increased electricity and energy prices.
6. Increased insurance premiums.

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What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?

Rates Increase, Traffic Management.

Please tell us your views below

Good afternoon, I am strongly opposed to any form of rates increase whatsoever, we need to better balance where we spend money, there is a significant amount of wasteful spending by Council. Additionally, we need to return to a more practical approach to traffic management, the amount of road cones used for minor jobs is staggering, this is a considerable amount of wasteful spending. Thanks for this, have a good day.....

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What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?

Further Havelock north domains park infrastructure.

Please tell us your views below

There's been say and planning towards Havelock Norths main park and it's skate park building regarding more development. Of a bowl area and small quarters + a basketball hoop.

It feels like wheel sports locally and with tourism could benefit from the building , extra space to skate and a centre build for public basketball aswell.

Building the bowl would create diversity for those sports and make the skate park much better , as well as bright lighting , cameras and hedging. The attention to detail can make this park look very attractive. And locale base , for the people.

There's creative skaters that would have ideas toward that development one throw strait. (In regards to obstacles) water pump and shade!

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Havelock North Extension promises to deliver an unforgettable journey through its meticulously crafted features and inviting atmosphere.



3D Modelling Gallery

Map



Havelock North Skatepark Extension RENDER 1



richlandscapes.co.nz — Private

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What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?

(No response)

Please tell us your views below

Having a balanced financial sheet should be the aim for a sustainable future (except dealing with catastrophic events such as Gabrielle). Being able to balance the financial sheet with the Gabrielle recovery is a great achievement. Maintaining this without incurring further debt should be the longterm focus. The current cost pressure due to the oil crisis is only short term and should not be used to incur further debt.

Long term resilience against energy shortages and natural disasters is an important factor for future generations.

Regards

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What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?

rates increase

Please tell us your views below

I dont think we should have to have an increase in rates for the debt made by the council, manage your money better like everyone else has to . money is tight enough for people . alot of the project proposed aren't desperately needed.

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What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?

Given household cost pressures, the lower 5.9% rise seems best for the wider community.

Please tell us your views below

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Council needs to stop wasting money on things we dont need sometimes its best to go without extras if its going to save the community money.

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What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?

Rates are hard to financially budget for as present

Please tell us your views below

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Rates increase

Please tell us your views below

We have had too many huge rates increases over the last few years. We would hope that by opting for a smaller rates increase of 5.9% will give the ratepayers a bit of a breather from extreme rates bills in the next budget. Then if HDC can look deeper into their expenditure, it could be possible that further cuts of "Nice to Have" & Vanity projects could be scrapped, and the need to borrow such large amounts could be reduced

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What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?

Please consider lower rates NZ life expenses are hard for all just need some relief somewhere and if Council can do this for rates until the economy picks up home owners would appreciate this

Please tell us your views below

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What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?

Balance budget

Please tell us your views below

The balanced budget is the pragmatic solution and the only solution that makes sense in the current economic conditions, especially after families have already been significantly impacted by rate rises in general and other big increases like house insuranc, petrol, food etc etc. The good thing is that it still provides for a return to balanced budgets in the very near future.

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What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?

Council financial management

Please tell us your views below

While I acknowledge that Option 2 comes with a higher rates increase, I strongly favour the Council working hard to minimise unnecessary costs and bringing debt under control sooner rather than later. Any borrowing should only be applied to provide assets that support H&S and developing infrastructure that enables improved productivity.

By way of a couple of small examples, recently we have observed on a number of occasions Council/contractor staff working on gardens around Havelock North (HN) where the numbers seem to be too high to be an efficient use of resources i.e. more staff than needed and not being particularly active and productive. Also, on quite a few occasions we have seen full-size buses travelling through HN with no passengers on board. Surely there are better size buses that suit a community of our size and are more efficient.

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9.1% rate increase is not affordable for many people. If the budget can be balanced next year, it is worth borrowing for 1 year to keep rates down.

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What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?

Animal control
Hard rubbish
Managements of council trees on berms

Please tell us your views below

Flexi hours for animal control to work so that they can go out and about when people are walking their dogs, e.g. before and after work. This could be used for education and law enforcement. Fines could be given to people who do not pick up their dogs droppings which would help fund this. (I often hand out poo bags to owners who just walk on leaving their dogs droppings on the ground)

Enclosed areas for dogs to be exercised off lead, Napier city council provide one at the end of Murphy Road. There are areas both in Windsor and Frimley Parks that would work.

Hard rubbish: some councils do a hard rubbish collection once a year this enables people who are unable to take bigger items to the dump to have them collected. Outside the yearly pick up rate payers can arrange for councils to pick up items for a cost. This would help prevent people leaving stuff on the berms etc.

Trees have been planted on berms that have not been maintained, A good example of this is the Cherry trees that line Willowpark Road. They are all over grown and too big for suburban streets. Their roots cause damage to footpaths which have to be repaired, in Autumn they drop many leaves and in Spring blossoms, Funding needed to have these better maintained or removed

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What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?

Paradigm shift needed in thinking from Asset Reconstruction/Development to Proactive and effective Asset Maintenance

Cost spikes due to Fuel Adjustment Factors and Material costs

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Since Cyclone Gabrielle, Council and Council's Suppliers (Consultants and Contractors) have been consumed (quite rightly) with transportation asset reconstruction, amongst other things. These reconstruction works have I observed often involved improvement (e.g. Puketapu Bridge from one lane to effectively three).

However this reconstruction effort has come at a cost. The costs are financial, social, environmental, logistical, and last, but not least, in mindset. When Contractors are presented with tender work options that involve either reconstruction/construction or routine maintenance, they usually prioritise the former, for short term profit.

Moving forward, Council needs in my opinion to refocus efforts into proactive and effective maintenance of roads, drainage and three waters assets, streams etc.

In the road asset maintenance portfolio, the historic and I believe ongoing lack of proactive and effective maintenance strategies and applications can be seen in declining pavement and roadside drainage conditions, in both rural and urban areas.

Sealed pavements decline progressively, usually starting with shallow, hard to see wheel track rutting, then surface water retention under traffic load, and then shear failure. Chip seals, notably ageing ones, are not waterproof. Along much of Napier Road and Havelock Roads, for example (high traffic arterials) this progression is all too obvious.

Contractors appear slow to react with effective maintenance (e.g. targeted wheel track sealing to infill shallow rutting) and surface water control, leaving the works too late until area wide reconstruction is needed. Then unfortunately, lack of skill seems to mean that pavement reconstruction works are poorly planned and delivered, meaning costly rework (both in time and money).

Lack of effective maintenance of road sumps is another example of where inaction puts at risk both Council and private assets. I have raised this issue before and been told sumps are on a renewal list. From what I can observe many don't need renewal, they simply need clearing out regularly.

At a time when Council is focussing on cost saving, Council should be working with its suppliers to ensure road asset maintenance works are proactive and effective. It is hard to see if this issue is reflected in the published annual plan, as much of this plan remains focused on reconstruction or is development focussed. The latter should in my view all be loan funded.

As a community we cannot continue with near double digit increases in rates. The current draft annual plan will also be out of date I suggest with the need now to factor in significant increases in fuel and material costs.

With our road asset maintenance works, we need to work smarter, and not just carry on the same old way.

I am now retired. When working previously on pavement asset maintenance strategy across the Pacific Rim for the Asian Development Bank, the phrase the Build/Neglect/Rebuild paradigm was used to describe how often new roads were then neglected, meaning future rebuild needed to be brought forward.

Unless we collectively change our thinking on road asset maintenance in the Hastings District, I fear the Build/Neglect/Rebuild will continue to apply here as well.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to submit feedback on the Draft Annual Plan.

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Rate increase
Transport

Please tell us your views below

Rates - opt for the lower rate because if we have further natural disasters in the next 12 months our rates are going to go up even higher. Has the Council discussed a city hotel tax that visitors and/or o/seas guests could pay.
2. Transport - we need to get a commuter train up and running between Napier and Hastings. We keep on spending money on road upkeep and more lanes but the future is all about getting cars off the road, cutting emissions and being more green. Also a commuter train would provide transport for the passengers on the cruise ships to get to Hastings in a timely fashion and get people back into the heart of Hastings.

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Rising rates

Please tell us your views below

The rates have risen to much leave it alone with Covid and cyclone now you want to add this On top of us ontop of rising fuel and living costs

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After back to back years of double figure increases it's disgusting you'd seek to increase rates by nearly 10% again, whilst at the same time getting lay increases. In the real world of our business is broke, we don't get pay increases. People can no longer afford your extravagant spending. Cut it now

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What are the main topics you wish to feedback on?

The rate increases are not affordable
Council need to be more prudent spending other people's money

Please tell us your views below

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