



WHAKATĀNE DISTRICT COUNCIL

» Pre-Election Report «

Pūrongo Kōwhiriā

2016

IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

12 August 2016

Candidate nominations close (12 noon)
Electoral roll closes

17 August 2016

Public notice of elections and candidates

16-21 September 2016

Voting documents delivered

8 October 2016 - Election Day

Voting closes (12 noon)
Preliminary results announced (2pm)

13-19 October 2016

Final results declared

26 October 2016

Elected members sworn in

BASIS OF PREPARATION

Preparation of the Pre-Election Report and its timing are requirements of the Local Government Act 2002. The information contained in the report is not required to be independently audited. However, much of the information has been drawn from sources which have already been audited. Forecast financial information contained within this report has been adjusted for inflation.

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Welcome to the Whakatāne District Council's Pre-Election Report 2016. The purpose of this report is to provide information to voters and election candidates prior to the 2016 local body elections.

Nau mai, haere mai, ki te 2016 Pūrongo Kōwhiriā a te Kaunihera a Rohe o Whakatāne. Ko te pūtake o tēnei Pūrongo he whakaaturanga i mua tonu o ngā 2016 pōti-a-takiwā ki te hunga tuku pōti me rātau e whai tūnga ana.

The report includes a high-level overview of the Council's recent performance, priorities, financial situation and direction. It also aims to promote public discussion about the opportunities, challenges and issues that the coming three years will present.

Information has been sourced from the Council's Long Term Plan 2015-25, Annual Plan 2016/17 and Annual Reports for the 2013/14 and 2014/15 years. Financial information for the 2015/16 year is based on the best available estimates at the time of publication.

The Pre-Election Report should not be seen as a standalone document. Greater detail about many of the matters discussed is available in our strategy, planning and reporting documents. These can be obtained from our website or Council offices. Readers should also feel free to contact Council staff if further information is required.

Marty Grenfell
CHIEF EXECUTIVE
27 July 2016

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WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE DO

Ko wai mātau me ta mātau mahi

Our Role

The Whakatāne District Council delivers 37 internal and external activities under 11 activity groups and manages approximately \$644 million worth of community assets. The total annual cost of delivering those activities is typically around \$60 million in operating costs and \$20 million in capital costs.

Council activities make an important contribution to our community, providing essential services and recreational opportunities that are used every day.

Many Council functions are guided by legislation, including the Local Government Act 2002, the Resource Management Act 1991 and the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002. Within this framework, there is a considerable degree of flexibility in deciding what activities are undertaken and how they are carried out.

The elected Council representatives are responsible for making key policy decisions that guide our activities and provide the direction for our District's future.

Our Purpose

The purpose of a local authority is defined under section 10 (1) of the Local Government Act 2002. This states that the purpose of local government is:

- (a) To enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities; and
- (b) To meet the current and future needs of the communities for good-quality local infrastructure, local public services and performance of regulatory functions in a way that is most cost-effective for households and businesses.

On 30 March 2016 the Local Government Commission released its decision regarding a review of the Council's Community Board make-up. The decision determines that the Ōhope and Whakatāne Community Boards will be combined into one Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board following the 2016 elections.

Mayor and Councillors

The Whakatāne District Council consists of the Mayor, elected by the District at large, and 10 Councillors, elected from four wards. The wards and number of councillors elected from each are: Galatea-Murupara (1), Rangitaiki (3), Tāneatua-Waimana (1) and Whakatāne-Ōhope (5). The Mayor and Councillors are elected to govern, make decisions and manage the interests of our District on behalf of everyone who lives here.

Community Boards

Following the elections, there will be four Community Boards supporting the Council. Each Board will have six members elected by its community, with the exception of the new Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board, which will have 8 members. In addition, each board has one appointed District Councillor member from the same area, except for the Whakatāne-Ōhope Board, which

will have two appointed Councillors. Community Boards provide a link between the Council and the community. Our Community Boards are Murupara, Rangitaiki, Tāneatua and Whakatāne-Ōhope.

Chief Executive and Staff

The role of the Chief Executive is to lead the Council's administration and service delivery operations to fulfil the direction set by the elected members. The Chief Executive is responsible for all of the staff employed by the Whakatāne District Council.

The organisation is structured to facilitate the delivery of core services including:

- » Planning, regulatory and corporate services;
- » Infrastructure services; and
- » Strategy and community functions.

As at 30 June 2016, the Council employed a total of 179.62 full-time equivalent staff.



KEY STRATEGIC DOCUMENTS

Rauemi Rautaki Matua

The Long Term Plan

The Long Term Plan, (LTP) provides an overview of Council's strategic direction, priorities and work programme for the ten years ahead. It outlines the services we will provide, the projects we will undertake, the cost of doing this work, how it will be paid for and how we will measure our performance. The LTP includes a number of key documents that guide the delivery of Council services including;

- » Financial Strategy
- » Infrastructure Strategy
- » Revenue and Financing Policy

The issues we face and the context within which we work are continuously evolving. For this reason, an LTP is produced every three years. The current LTP covers the period 2015-25.

During the 2017/18 year, the Council will provide direction on the development of the next Long Term Plan covering 2018-28. This includes making decisions on priorities, levels of service and key projects and budget

Annual Plan

In each of the years between LTPs, we produce an Annual Plan. Through the Annual Plan, we review the budgets and work programme that we planned for the year, according to the LTP.

Annual Report

At the end of each financial year, the Council produces an Annual Report. This sets out how we performed for the year compared to what we said we would do. It lets the community know what we delivered and analyses whether we met our budgets and performance targets. The Annual Report also provides the results from our Annual Residents Perception Survey.

District Plan

The District Plan sets out the rules that Council will apply to manage the way land is used, subdivided and developed in the District. It identifies where activities can take place (e.g. zones), how land can be developed and what features (such as landscapes) should be protected.

Over the last few years, the Council has been reviewing the District Plan. A Proposed District Plan has been notified and the appeal period has closed. Currently the Council is participating in Environment Court mediation to resolve appeals to the plan. Those sections of the plan that are not subject to an appeal can be treated as operative.

Other important documents

A number of other strategies, plans and policies outline the Council's position, direction and priorities in relation to specific matters. Some examples are:

- » Asset Management Plans
- » Community Strategy
- » Significance and Engagement Policy
- » Whakatāne Urban Growth Strategy
- » Sustainability Strategy
- » Walking and Cycling Strategy
- » Waste Management and Minimisation Plan
- » Whakatāne Town Vision Plan

Information about these, and other strategies, plans and policies, is available from Council offices and on our website.

CURRENT PRIORITIES

Ngā mea tuatahi o nāianei

2015–2018

*UNDER THE 2015-25 LONG TERM PLAN
(CURRENT)*



The affordability of rates continues to be a major focus of the current Long Term Plan. However, this is balanced with a need to build towards a sustainable future. As a result, the Council has retained conservative limits for rates increases and debt. This means that the Council has had to become more creative about how we can deliver the projects and services that our community needs to continue to thrive. This has seen a focus on collaboration, partnerships and alternative methods of delivery.

Priorities of the current Long Term Plan include delivering affordable core infrastructure and reliable services, whilst also progressing projects to promote economic development and investing in activities to enhance the vibrancy and vitality of the District.

THE FOUR OVERARCHING PRIORITIES THAT WE HAVE BALANCED THROUGH OUR LTP ARE:

» *Delivering quality core services*

HIKAWEKAWE I NGĀ KOUNGA WHAKARATO

» *Working together to meet the needs of our communities*

MAHI TAHI KI TE WHAKATUTUKI I NGĀ UARATANGA MO O
TĀTOU HAPORI

» *Encouraging communities and businesses to thrive*

AKIAKI I NGĀ HAPORI ME NGĀ PĀKIHI E PUAWAI ANA

» *Keeping rates affordable*

KA TĀEA TE UTU O NGĀ REITI



PAST PRIORITIES

Ngā mea tuatahi kua pahure

The following commentary provides an overview of the Council's priorities, as set out in the previous three Long Term Plans.

2006-2009

*UNDER THE 2006-16 LONG
TERM PLAN (SUPERSEDED)*

The priorities of this era were dominated by the response to the major flood events of 2004 and 2005. This included planning and starting construction of flood mitigation works predominantly in Matatā, but also in Edgcumbe, Whakatāne and Ōhope. Economic development was also a key feature, resulting in a number of growth and development plans and strategies being commissioned.

2009-2012

*UNDER THE 2009-19 LONG TERM
PLAN (SUPERSEDED)*

A substantial update of asset management plans identified the need for significant investment in the District's infrastructure. A large catch-up programme was initiated, in particular for water, wastewater and stormwater assets.

Other major projects included repairs to the District Aquatic Centre; the development of the Library and Exhibition Centre; changes in solid waste activities following the closure of the Whakatāne Landfill; investigating a solution for the management of sewerage disposal in Matatā; and continuing disaster mitigation projects from the previous term.

Localised flood events in 2010, 2011 and 2012 resulted in unbudgeted response and recovery costs.



2012–2015

UNDER THE 2012-22 LONG TERM PLAN (SUPERSEDED)

Priorities under this plan included maintaining our core infrastructure and renewals, with new projects limited to undertaking projects to improve the level of protection from flood events, and a stronger stance to support business growth and development. This focus on core infrastructure, coupled with affordability, meant that new projects were limited to those where substantial funding was available from sources other than rates. In an effort to ensure affordability for the community, the Council adopted conservative limits for rates increases and debt.



FUTURE MAJOR PROJECTS

Ngā mahi matua ki mua nei

The next two pages provide an overview of the major projects which are planned for the 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20 years, running from 1 July 2017 through to 30 June 2020.

During this three-year period, the Council has budgeted for a total capital expenditure programme of \$66.43 million. About half of this programme involves renewals and replacement of existing infrastructure and assets (either in whole or part) to maintain the quality of the services delivered. The remaining portion provides largely for projects that will improve our services. Only a very small portion of the budget caters for growth in demand.

An overview of the major renewal and improvement programmes is outlined in Figure 1 below. This indicates the total budget over three years for the groups of activities where substantial capital expenditure is planned.

Figure 1: Major renewals and improvements programmes 2017/18 – 2019/20

MAJOR RENEWALS PROGRAMMES	BUDGET ¹
Roads and Footpaths group	\$16.75 million
Recreation and Community Facilities group	\$9.68 million
Corporate Activities group	\$3.53 million
Water Supply group	\$2.58 million
Sewage Treatment and Disposal group	\$2.07 million
Corporate Property group	\$6.33 million
MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAMMES	
Roads and Footpaths group	\$5.71 million
Sewage Treatment and Disposal group	\$4.48 million
Stormwater group	\$5.36 million
Water Supply group	\$3.51 million
Corporate Property group	\$5.30 million

¹ Total budget over three financial years 2017/18 - 2019/20

Major capital projects planned to be undertaken or started during 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20 are outlined in Figure 2 below. A more detailed list of capital projects can be found in the LTP 2015-25.

Figure 2: Major capital projects planned for 2017/18– 2019/20

PROJECT	TIMEFRAME	BUDGET ²
Flood mitigation improvements Whakatāne		
- Hinemoa Street pump station & pipes	2017-21	\$3.60 million
- Henderson Street stormwater improvements	2018-20	\$800,000
- St Joseph pump station and drainage upgrades	2018-21	\$1.05 million
Stormwater upgrades Ōhope	2015-18	\$1.05 million
Whakatāne water storage	2017-20	\$3.06 million
Upgrade Whakatāne, Murupara, Tāneatua, Ōhope & Edgecumbe Sewerage Treatment Plants	2015-25	\$15.21 million
Museum redevelopment*	2016-18	\$4.24 million
Multi Sports Event Centre*	2017-20	\$10.60 million
Whakatāne main wharf replacement	2015-20	\$5.71 million
Port Ōhope wharf repairs and site upgrade	2016-21	\$2.24 million
Civic Centre earthquake strengthening	2016-19	\$2.10 million

² This is the total project budget over the timeframe specified.

* Major subsidy funding expected towards the costs of this project.

In addition to these projects, the Council is also progressing a number of projects in the current 2016/17 year including;

- » Investigating alternative water supply source for Whakatāne and Ōhope.
- » Installing infrastructure to cater for future development at Coastlands, Shaw/ Huna Road and Mill Road.
- » Improvements to water supply for Edgecumbe and Te Teko.
- » Continuation of stormwater system improvements for the Wainui Te Whara Stream and McAlister Street pump station.
- » Upgrade of Wairaka Centennial Park
- » Continuing investigations into an appropriate option for Matatā wastewater

EXPENDITURE & REVENUE

Ngā utu me Ngā pūtea toiora

Operating Expenditure

Operating expenditure pays for the day-to-day cost of delivering Council services, maintaining existing assets, or other spending which does not buy or build a new asset. It also covers interest repayments on loans (see next page for capital costs and borrowing), depreciation and losses on revaluation.

The graph below shows Council’s operating expenditure over the three years prior to the 2016 local body elections and what is currently planned for the three years following the elections, based on LTP forecasts.

The largest activities in terms of operating expenditure include the four core network infrastructure activities of; Roads and Footpaths, Water Supply, Stormwater Drainage and Sewerage Treatment and Disposal. Together, these account for 43.8% of our operating expenditure for the ten years of the LTP 2015-25.

Sources of income

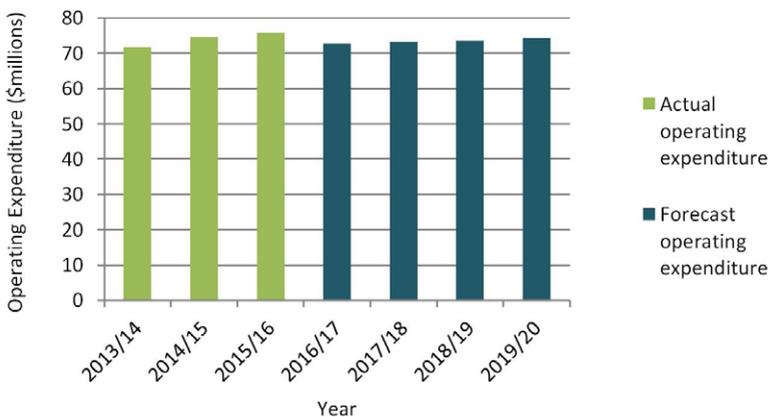
Rates income has been, and will continue to be, the main source of funding for the Council for the years between 2013/14 and 2019/20. Other major sources are fees and charges and external subsidies and grants.

Wherever possible, the Council seeks funding from external sources like the Ministry of Health, New Zealand Transport Agency, the Lotteries Commission and other funding agencies to help make our services and facilities more affordable.

The Council has set a limit on rates to a maximum of 80% of total operating revenue.

YEAR	RATES AS A PROPORTION OF OPERATING REVENUE
2013/14	63%
2014/15	63%
2015/16	68%

Figure 3: Operating Expenditure 2013/14 – 2019/20



Limit on Rates Increases

The Council has set a limit for rates increases, which states that the increase in any year will be no more than the Local Government Cost Index (LGCI), plus two percent.

It is important to remember that the limit applies to the average rates increase across the District and that some individual properties are likely to see higher or lower changes in any given year.

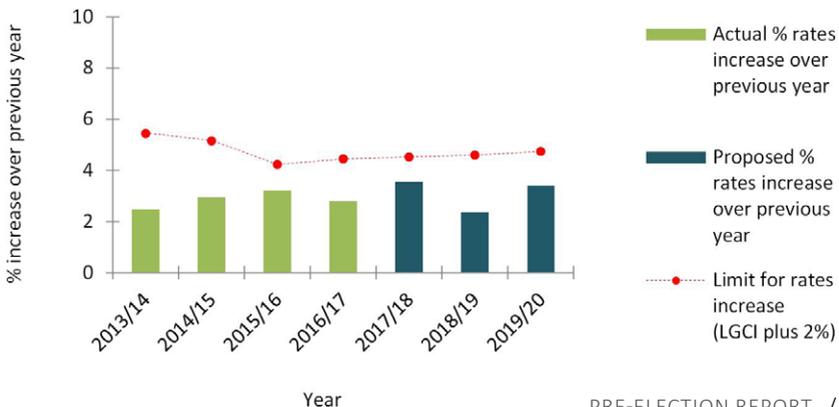
The graph below shows the limits that apply for the five years until 30 June 2020. It also shows the actual average rates increases over the three years prior to the 2016 local body elections and the estimated increases for the three years following the elections, based on LTP forecasts.

About the LGCI

Just as the costs of running your household increase every year with inflation, the cost of providing Council services also increases over time. This is because the costs of energy, labour and construction generally increase, which affects how much it costs to deliver services to you. How changes in the price of goods and services affect local government is measured by the Local Government Cost Index (LGCI).

An increase in the LGCI means that even if Council continues to provide exactly the same services every year, the cost of those services is likely to increase.

Figure 4: Rates Increases 2013/14 – 2019/20



CAPITAL COSTS & BORROWING

Ngā utunga rawa nui me ngā tonoātanga

Capital Expenditure

Capital Expenditure pays for the purchase of or building new assets, renewing an existing asset or improving an existing asset to deliver a better service.

The graph below shows Council’s capital expenditure over the three years prior to the 2016 local body elections and what is currently planned for the three years following the elections, based on LTP forecasts.

The largest activities in terms of capital expenditure include the four key network infrastructure activities of; Roads and Footpaths, Sewage Treatment and Disposal, Stormwater Drainage, and Water Supply.

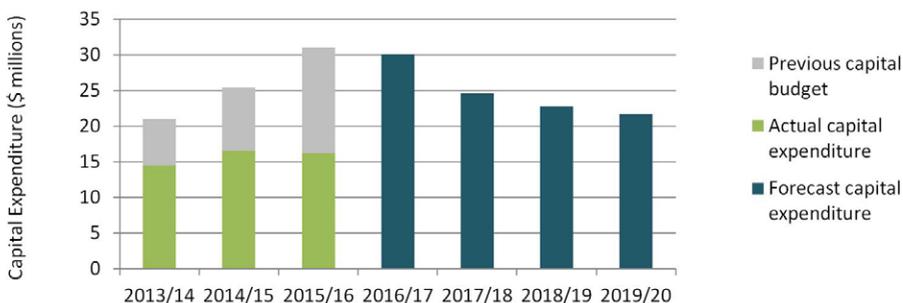
Information about specific projects is available on pages 12-13 of this report.

Funding of capital expenditure

Most of Council’s capital expenditure is funded by loans and depreciation reserves.

Generally speaking, new assets are funded by loans, which spreads the cost over time so that future ratepayers are also contributing to the assets they are benefitting from. Depreciation reserves are funds that are built up during the life of existing assets, so the assets can be renewed when necessary.

Figure 5: Capital Expenditure 2013/14 – 2019/20



Current debt level

The Council’s current total debt, as at 30 June 2016, is \$63.9 million. This includes external debt from lending institutions, such as banks, and internal debt borrowed from our own reserves, such as the Harbour Fund.

An analysis undertaken in the Long Term Plan 2015-25 shows that debt levels are relatively low compared to other similar local government or commercial organisations.

The Council has set limits for the total amount of debt, and for the amount of rates income that can be used for interest repayments.

Limits on debt

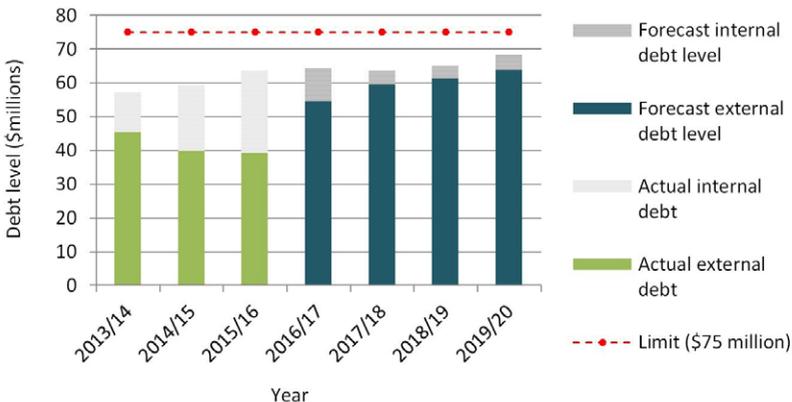
The Council has set a limit on total debt at \$75 million. This includes both internal and external debt.

The graph below shows Council’s debt profile over the three years prior to the 2016 local body elections and what is currently planned for the three years following the elections, based on LTP forecasts.

The Council has also limited the amount of rates that can be used for interest repayments to no more than 12% of total rates income. Given that interest rates vary from year to year, this provides ratepayers with certainty about the impact that debt will have on their rates.

YEAR	INTEREST REPAYMENTS AS A PROPORTION OF RATES INCOME
2013/14	11.00%
2014/15	9.37%
2015/16	8.53%

Figure 6: Debt profile 2013/14 – 2019/20



INDICATIVE FUNDING IMPACT STATEMENT

Pūrongo Tūtohutanga
Āria-a-Pūtea

AS AT 30 JUNE

OPERATIONAL

Sources of operating funding

General rates, uniform annual general charges, rates penalties
Targeted rates (other than a targeted rate for water supply)
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes
Fees, charges, and targeted rates for water supply
Interest and dividends from investments
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees, and other receipts

Total operating funding (A)

Applications of operating funding

Payments to staff and suppliers
Finance costs
Other operating funding applications

Total applications of operating funding (B)

Surplus (deficit) of operating funding (A-B)

CAPITAL

Sources of capital funding

Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure
Development and financial contributions
Increase (decrease) in debt
Gross proceeds from sale of assets
Lump sum contributions

Total sources of capital funding (C)

Applications of capital funding

Capital expenditure
- to meet additional demand
- to improve level of service
- to replace existing assets
Increase (decrease) in reserves
Increase (decrease) of investments

Total applications of capital funding (D)

Surplus (deficit) of capital funding (C-D)

Funding Balance ((A-B) + (C-D))

	ACTUAL		ESTIMATED	LTP		
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
\$000						
	16,125	16,214	17,495	18,407	18,897	19,629
	19,689	20,173	19,219	22,031	22,517	23,229
	3,242	3,385	3,198	3,558	3,474	3,530
	10,306	9,974	10,844	10,683	11,026	11,383
	263	50	38	40	40	40
	3,744	2,658	2,309	2,404	2,488	2,255
	53,369	52,454	53,102	57,123	58,442	60,066
	35,524	40,047	40,178	41,670	42,513	44,001
	2,853	2,268	2,081	3,413	3,492	3,510
	776	669	706			
	39,153	42,984	42,965	45,083	46,005	47,511
	14,216	9,470	10,137	12,040	12,437	12,555
	4,162	3,950	4,037	7,282	8,770	7,033
	221	492	(169)	100	583	106
	(901)	(5,501)	(700)	4,715	1,768	2,515
	3,937	21	2,500	625	625	1,000
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	7,419	(1,038)	5,668	12,722	11,746	10,654
	752	728	915	252	235	231
	6,101	6,601	7,014	7,811	9,882	10,158
	7,626	9,184	8,262	17,135	13,412	12,698
	7,156	(8,081)	(386)	(436)	654	122
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	21,635	8,432	15,805	24,762	24,183	23,209
	(14,216)	(9,470)	(10,137)	(12,040)	(12,437)	(12,555)
	-	-	-	-	-	-

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Pūrongo Arotake Tātainga Pūtea

AS AT 30 JUNE

Equity
Retained Earnings
Restricted Equity
Asset Revaluation Reserves
TOTAL EQUITY
Assets
Current Assets
Cash and Cash Equivalents
Other Current Assets
Trade and other Receivables
Total Current Assets
Non-Current Assets
Property, Plant and Equipment
Investment Property
Derivative Financial Instruments
Investments in CCOs and other similar entities
Total Non-Current Assets
Total Assets
Liabilities
Current Liabilities
Trade and Other Payables
Derivative Financial Instruments
Provisions
Employee Entitlements
Borrowings
Total Current Liabilities
Non-Current Liabilities
Provisions
Borrowings
Other Non-current Liabilities
Derivative Financial Instruments
Total Non-Current Liabilities
Total Liabilities
Net Assets

ACTUAL		ESTIMATED	ANNUAL PLAN	LTP FORECAST		
2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
\$000						

420,769	417,831	414,392	429,632	442,119	445,524	446,826
17,468	17,211	17,153	13,445	13,009	13,663	13,785
177,310	155,489	155,765	164,661	195,985	203,848	212,119
615,547	590,531	587,310	607,738	651,113	663,035	672,730

4,737	1,003	1,651	1,646	339	300	93
1,657	4,614	223	90	95	97	100
7,941	8,864	7,028	9,073	9,640	8,473	13,139
14,335	14,481	8,902	10,809	10,074	8,870	13,332

614,498	588,721	590,371	612,520	669,014	683,431	690,927
42,898	43,134	44,159	43,782	44,653	45,134	45,634
212	-	-	-	-	-	-
607	607	607	607	638	656	675
658,215	632,462	635,137	656,909	714,305	729,221	737,236
672,550	646,943	644,039	667,718	724,379	738,091	750,568

8,122	10,333	7,344	9,653	9,995	9,918	10,073
6	21	-	-	-	-	-
25	25	25	-	-	-	-
1,723	2,293	1,795	16,000	1,788	1,836	1,889
10,000	7,000	3,000	2,300	14,000	5,000	26,000
19,876	19,672	12,164	27,953	25,783	16,754	37,962

480	615	3,129	620	526	540	556
35,500	33,000	36,300	28,251	45,540	56,307	37,823
1,147	554	587	3,156	1,417	1,455	1,497
-	2,571	4,549	-	-	-	-
37,127	36,740	44,565	32,027	47,483	58,302	39,876
57,003	56,412	56,729	59,980	73,266	75,056	77,838
615,547	590,531	587,310	607,738	651,113	663,035	672,730

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Pūrongo Toiora Pūtea

AS AT 30 JUNE

ACTUAL		ESTIMATED
2014	2015	2016
\$000		

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from Rates	43,119	43,844	46,438
Government Grants	9,076	6,042	7,235
GST (net)	(2,360)	2,478	(676)
Receipts from Customers	12,276	13,573	10,822
Interest	40	50	38
Payments to Suppliers & Employees	(36,040)	(38,775)	(38,847)
Movement in Agency Accounts	(7,915)	(7,998)	(7,765)
Interest paid	(2,352)	(2,245)	(2,081)
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	15,844	16,969	15,164
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment	3,940	19	2,500
Purchase of Property, Plant and Equipment	(13,775)	(15,222)	(16,316)
Purchase of Investments	(264)	-	-
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities	(10,099)	(15,203)	(13,816)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Term Loans Raised	23,500	7,000	28,400
Term Loan Repayments	(24,402)	(12,500)	(29,100)
Net Cash Flows from Financing Activities	(902)	(5,500)	(700)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash Held	4,843	(3,734)	648
Cash, Cash Equivalents and Bank Overdrafts at the Beginning of the Year	(106)	4,737	1,003
Cash, Cash Equivalents and Bank Overdrafts at the End of the Year	4,737	1,003	1,651
Represented by:			
Cash at Bank	4,737	1,003	1,651

OUR DISTRICT

Tā Tātau Kohe Pōtae Pūrongo Toiora Pūtea

RANGITAIKI WARD

Rangitaiki Community Board

- 3 Elected Councillors
- 6 Elected Community Board Members
- Population - 9,366
- Size – 851km²

WHAKATĀNE-ŌHOPE WARD

Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board

- 5 Elected Councillors
- 8 Elected Community Board Members
- Population – 16,782
- Size – 57km²

TĀNEATUA-WAIMANA WARD

Tāneatua Community Board

- 1 Elected Councillor
- 6 Elected Community Board Members
- Population – 3,486
- Size – 1,498km²

GALATEA-MURUPARA WARD

Murupara Community Board

- 1 Elected Councillor
- 6 Elected Community Board Members
- Population – 3,009
- Size – 4,497km²



FURTHER USEFUL RESOURCES

The following resources are available from the Whakatāne District Council.

Making a stand made easy, A candidates guide to local government: This booklet (produced by Local Government New Zealand) provides a general overview of local government in New Zealand and the roles and responsibilities of elected members.

Candidate Information Booklet: This booklet (produced by Independent Election Services on behalf of Whakatāne District Council) provides information to election candidates specifically about the 2016 local election process, such as key dates, ward maps and electioneering terms and conditions.

Local Governance Statement: This booklet (produced by the Whakatāne District Council) provides a collection of information about the structures and processes through which the Whakatāne District Council engages with the community, how it makes decisions, and how the public can influence those processes.



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