



NOTICE OF AN EXTRA ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

**Opotiki District Council Chambers, 108 St John Street, Opotiki
Tuesday, 12 June 2018
Commencing at 9.00am**

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Members: Cr Lyn Riesterer (Deputy Mayor)

Cr Shona Browne

Cr Barry Howe

Cr Haki McRoberts

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Quorum: 4

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (MEMBERS' INTERESTS) ACT 1968

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Aileen Lawrie

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

REPORT

Date : 31 May 2018
To : Extra Ordinary Council Meeting, 12 June 2018
From : Finance and Corporate Services Group Manager, Bevan Gray
Subject : **STAFF REPORT ON SUBMISSIONS TO THE DRAFT 2018-2028 LONG TERM PLAN**
File ID : A129577

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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BACKGROUND

Council adopted the Draft 2018-2028 Long Term Plan Consultation Document 'Your assets, your community, your future' at an Ordinary Council Meeting on Monday 24 April 2018. Opening of the consultation period was advertised in the Opotiki News, on the Council's website and Facebook page and on Radio 1XX.

Submissions closed on Friday 25 May 2018 with 112 submissions received including late submissions from Bay of Plenty Regional Council and Doug Wheeler. Council will need to decide whether to accept the late submissions and a recommendation is made accordingly.

DISCUSSION AND OPTIONS

Submissions to the Draft Long Term Plan

Included with this agenda is a copy of each submission made and attached to this report is preliminary staff advice by submission point. The intention of this advice is to provide a starting point for Councils discussion during deliberations. It is noted that it is only preliminary advice that may well change following the hearing of the submissions. Staff will outline minor capital projects amendments at the deliberations meeting.

The Consultation Document provided information and invited submissions on the following items:

- Wastewater – Consideration for Hikutaia / Woodlands extension
- Waste Management – Consider changes to how the urban collection service is delivered
- Stormwater – Which infrastructure upgrade proposals to reduce flooding should we undertake
- Tourism Facilities – Proposal to allocate budget to access co-funding to enable upgrade/replacement of facilities
- Mōtū Trails – Proposal to allocate budget to access co-funding for trails extensions
- Feedback sought items including:
 - Wharf – What can we do at the public wharf to accommodate users/public?
 - Wider harbour opportunities – What else should Council do or facilitate?
 - Animal Control – Should Council fund a dangerous dog neutering programme
 - Council services to coast communities – What services does the community want us to provide?
 - Road Seal Extension – Who is seeking their road being sealed?
 - Earthquake Prone Buildings – What types of assistance, if any, should Council provide to owners?
 - Earthquake Prone Buildings – Should Council upgrade its EPB's or demolish them?

We also received a number of submissions regarding other areas of Council business, and a few that related to areas outside of Council business or control. For the most part though, the items listed above were what Council received submissions on, and that this report will summarise.

Wastewater – Consideration for Hikutaia / Woodlands extension

The majority of the submissions from the public were in support of Council's preferred option (1) to reticulate when growth is apparent, ideally alongside water pipe renewal. 35 submissions supported

Option 1, 15 supported Option 2 to maintain the status quo and 13 supported Option 3 to reticulate now.

Two submitters requested further detailed technical information on the proposal and one asked Council to include archaeological assessments for all works.

Waste Management – Consider changes to how the urban collection service is delivered

Recycling

Council had not specified a preferred option in the consultation document.

The majority of submitters (47) supported Option 2 to increase recycling capacity using additional 40L bins. 7 submitters supported Option 3 to increase recycling capacity using 40L bags and 13 supported Option 1 of keeping the status quo.

As predicted, the waste management issue received a large number of submissions and many of them included other suggestions for recycling in Ōpōtiki which included:

- Twice yearly in-organic collections
- Minimise use of plastic bags
- Food waste drop off points
- Free scrap metal and green waste dumping
- Composting facility for food waste
- Soft plastic recycling
- Recycling pick up service for schools and marae
- More education

Waste Management – Consider changes to how the urban collection service is delivered

Refuse

Council had not specified a preferred option in the consultation document.

The majority of submitters (40) supported Option 2 of a 40L bin for refuse collection along with a subsidy. 16 submitters supported Option 1 of maintaining the status quo and 15 supported Option 3 of an 80L bin for refuse collection with no subsidy.

Many submissions also included other suggestions for refuse in Ōpōtiki which included:

- Providing a refuse collection for the coast, Kutarere and Roimata
- That Council be more responsive to fly-tipping

- Complimentary use of Resource Recovery Centres for rural residents
- Peak season collect of rubbish from tourist hot-spots
- Schemes for the disposal of hazardous waste
- 80L bins for green waste
- Use thick brown paper bags for weekly urban refuse collection
- Reduced rate for using RRC's for Gold Card holders

Stormwater – Infrastructure upgrade proposals to reduce flooding

The majority of submitters (35) supported Council's preferred option (3) of doing projects to keep pace with climate change. There were also a large number (25) who supported Option 1 to complete projects only when critical. Only 4 supported Option 2 to do nothing.

One submitter wanted the height of the stopbanks increased, one asked that the rivers around town be dredged to prevent flooding, two more requested Council do more street sweeping and rain clearance to prevent blockages.

Tourism Facilities – Proposal to allocate budget to access co-funding to enable upgrade/replacement of facilities.

The overwhelming majority of submitters (60 in total) supported Council's preferred option (2) to budget to access co-funding. 11 submitters supported Option 1 to do nothing.

This issue also garnered a large number of extra comments from submitters which included:

- The importance of increasing facilities for future generations
- The importance of increasing facilities to drive tourism in Opotiki
- Requesting Council put bins in tourist hot-spots
- Increase the number of public toilets
- Putting more restrictions on freedom camping
- Limit access to vehicles on beaches
- Focus on our critical infrastructure and do not improve reserves
- Make the most of accessing subsidies as they become available
- Do essential maintenance first before capital projects.

Mōtū Trails – Proposal to allocate budget to access co-funding for trails extensions.

The majority of submitters (59) supported Council's preferred option (2) to budget to access co-funding. 14 submitters supported Option 1 to do nothing.

Two submitters suggest Council get extension funding from local businesses, another asks Council to action critical infrastructure projects before considering cycle extensions, one submission requests facilities to accompany any extensions such as refuse bins, seating and playgrounds, one would like to see a stopbank cycle trail around town and another asked for consideration of sealed cycle lanes along footpaths and roads in town. A number of submitters asked that Council make sure the cost of ongoing maintenance is taken into account.

SIGNIFICANCE ASSESSMENT

Assessment of significance

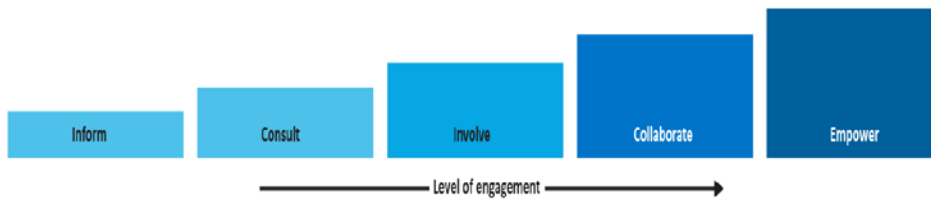
Under Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, on every issue requiring a decision, Council considers the degree of significance and the corresponding level of engagement required. The level of Significance for receiving the Staff Report on Submissions to the Draft 2018-2028 Long Term Plan is considered to be low as determined by the criteria set out in section 12 of the Significance and Engagement Policy.

The decisions or matters of this report are however the culmination of the process to arrive at a decision that is significant in accordance with Section 2 of the Significance and Engagement Policy. This states that a matter shall be determined to be significant when Council is developing or adopting a Long Term Plan. As a significant decision or matter, the Council must apply greater diligence in regards to the decision making requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 section 76-82. This includes, but is not limited to, the degree to which different options are identified and assessed and the extent to which community views are considered, including whether consultation is required.

This report is the culmination of the submissions received from the public regarding the 2018-2028 Long Term Plan consultation process, which was significant and involved consultation with public. Council is receiving this report as information only. Any decisions will be made in deliberation after all of the submissions have been heard.

Assessment of engagement requirements

As the level of significance for receiving the Staff Report on Submissions to the Draft 2018-2028 Long Term Plan is considered to be low the level of engagement required is determined to be at the level of inform according to Schedule 2 of the Significance and Engagement Policy.



COMMUNITY INPUT AND PUBLICITY

The consultation process with the public involved a 4 week period from 25 April 2018 to 25 May 2018 where the Consultation Document and the underlying information to the Draft 2018-2028 Long Term Plan was made available to the public for review and submission.

The Consultation Document is a high level document outlining the key issues and proposals for the next ten years, and is aimed at engaging with the public.

Submissions were received via return of the submission page included in the Consultation Document, the majority via an online submission form provided on the Council website or by email.

CONSIDERATIONS

Financial/budget considerations

This report outlines the submissions received from the public regarding our proposed 2018-2028 Long Term Plan. Because these are submissions on proposed budgets there will be financial and budget considerations involved with each submission. These need to be considered through the deliberation process that will occur after the hearing of all submissions.

Policy and planning implications

This report outlines the submissions received from the public regarding our proposed 2018-2028 Long Term Plan. Because these are submissions on the proposed policies and plans there will be implications that need to be considered with each submission. These will be considered through the deliberation process that will occur after the hearing of all submissions.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. That the report titled "Staff Report on Submissions to the Draft 2018-2028 Long Term Plan" be received.**
- 2. That Council accept late submissions from Bay of Plenty Regional Council and Doug Wheeler.**

3. That the submissions to the Draft 2018-2028 Long Term Plan be received.
4. That the draft preliminary advice from staff be received and used (as amended) for the basis of letters of response to the submitters.
5. That the Council direct staff to make minor adjustments to the budgets to take into account suggested amendments between now and adopting the 2018-2028 Long Term Plan on the proviso that this will not impact the total rates required for the 2018-2028 Long Term Plan.

Bevan Gray

FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES GROUP MANAGER

STAFF REPORT ON SUBMISSIONS TO THE 2018-2028 LONG TERM PLAN

Topic No:	Topic:	Question / Decision Requested	Suggested response:	Suggested Council Decision:	Applies to Submission No/s:
T189	Development	Suggests Council consider how it could use some of the funds ear-marked for the harbour to assist in achieving wider strategic objectives to grow a sustainable and strong aquaculture based economy.	Council is, and has been, reliant on grant funding to advance the harbour project. \$5.4M of capital cost has been budgeted since 2012, with an assumption that it would be repaid overtime from users fees. The Opotiki community has the least ability of all ratepayers in NZ to pay rates, hence the assumption of cost neutrality over time.	Decline.	110
T125	Harbour Development	Would like Council to continue with proposed development.	Council considers it has an opportunity to pursue a less cost harbour, particularly if it can be owned by a Crown agency. This will mean more risk can be taken and a lower costs option may be appropriate.	Accept.	70, 80, 104
T133	Harbour Development	Would like the resolution for the 5.4million loan for this project cancelled and have the loan removed from the LTP.	While Council will do its best to negotiate its best position, it is important that it is able to contribute to the capital costs of the harbour. It is noted that the current LTP assumption is for the \$5.4M to be repaid over time by the users.	Decline.	76

Topic No:	Topic:	Question / Decision Requested	Suggested response:	Suggested Council Decision:	Applies to Submission No/s:
T142	Harbour Development	Would like Council to take a supporting role only and not lead any development.	Council has led the harbour project in the absence of any other agency willing to lead. We have had encouraging signals from government that they are now open to other options that we will investigate. Ultimately Council seeks the best outcome for the community.	Accept in part.	79
T193	Harbour Development	Requests assurance that rates will not increase through any further costs occurred by continued exploration of the harbour project.	Council work on the harbour has been mostly grant funded - over the last two and a half years this has been by way of grant from MBIE. At the time of writing the next steps are being formulated and we will seek any further steps be grant funded.	Accept in part.	94
T194	Harbour Development	Submits that the harbour project has been consuming funds for 20 years and would like to see the focus returned to the people.	Work on the harbour has been largely grant funded over the course of the project. There have been many spin offs as a result of the work done, including the \$1.5M He Poutama Ranagatahi funding recently obtained and the current driver licensing programme. Other outcomes are likely around education, science and innovation. These are very much focused on people.	Response only.	94
T197	Harbour Development	Believes the material offered to the public lacks the detail of individual steps and processes and a break down of finer costs would give a greater understanding of the project.	Council agree but have been subject to a MOU with government, which provided us with \$3.75M to run the Validation project, but on the other hand limited how much we could make publicly available. We were also balancing many interests including public, commercial and iwi.	Response only.	73

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T181	Revenue and Financing Policy	Submits that the crossover benefits of the harbour development should be explicitly recognised in the policy.	Council will address this matter in the next Long Term Plan. While preliminary discussions were undertaken with the Aquaculture Companies, Council was unable to advance any public consultation on this item due to constraints in the MOU with government.	Decline.	104
T182	Revenue and Financing Policy	Strongly supports the recognition that benefits of the harbour development are often greater to benefit groups other than users.	Council will address this matter in the next Long Term Plan. While preliminary discussions were undertaken with the Aquaculture Companies, Council was unable to advance any public consultation on this item due to constraints in the MOU with government.	Decline.	104
T183	Revenue and Financing Policy	Supports the costs of the harbour development being shown as benefiting a wide range of groups.	Council will address this matter in the next Long Term Plan. While preliminary discussions were undertaken with the Aquaculture Companies, Council was unable to advance any public consultation on this item due to constraints in the MOU with government.	Decline.	104
T184	Revenue and Financing Policy	Supports the principle that users benefiting from a facility should pay a proportion of the cost of providing that facility - however fees paid must be reasonable.	Council will address this matter in the next Long Term Plan. While preliminary discussions were undertaken with the Aquaculture Companies, Council was unable to advance any public consultation on this item due to constraints in the MOU with government.	Decline.	104

Topic No:	Topic:	Question / Decision Requested	Suggested response:	Suggested Council Decision:	Applies to Submission No/s:
T71	Staffing	Would like Council to reduce staffing levels.	To reduce staff levels Council would need to reduce its services to the community, and government would need to reduce the number of functions that council is required to carry out. There is little prospect of government reducing the obligations on council. The functions we do have are having ever increasing standards to deliver to. Our annual survey also shows that only a very small percentage of the population seek reduced services.	Decline.	38
T157	Staffing	Believes it would be prudent for Council to undertake a review of why staff leave Council and as part of this a living wage should be established and staff salaries reviewed to be competitive and in line with industry standards.	Council actively seeks information when staff leave and the reasons are varied. Salaries are set in accordance with a national benchmarking system, with periodic relativity reviews.	Accept in part.	86
T27	Wider harbour opportunities	Requests Council keeps this process public and communicates any developments to the public.	Council has been making as much information public as possible, and there is a considerable amount of information on the website www.ODC.govt.nz . There are some constraints in the information we can share as a result of the funding agreement with MBIE, and as a result of commercial information shared with us for the development of the business case. The business case was submitted in November 2017 and we are currently awaiting a funding decision. We acknowledge that this LTP process has been unable to be informed by a government decision.	Accept.	09

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T41	Wider harbour opportunities	Provides suggestions and feedback for uses of the harbour.	Thank you for your excellent ideas for the wharf area. Council will consider these as part of its day to day operations and as the harbour project progresses.	Accept.	10, 33, 34, 37, 42, 64
T73	Wider harbour opportunities	Does not support Council doing or facilitating anything for wider harbour opportunities.	Council will await further certainty before advancing any significant wider harbour opportunities that incur significant expenditure.	Accept in part.	40, 66
T82	Wider harbour opportunities	Believes Council needs to set aside areas that can be dredged or developed to provide safe anchorage and adjacent land based activities to accommodate a successful Harbour Development.	Council has zoned two areas for this purpose in its district plan review that has just been released. There is scope for any private land owner adjacent to the harbour to submit consent applications for these sorts of activities under existing zoning, and scope for extending enabling zoning changes in subsequent plan reviews. Likewise there are reserve areas that can be used for these purposes, provided the uses are consistent with the land status.	Accept in principle.	45
T180	Wider harbour opportunities	Submits that it will be important for Council to work with private enterprise to enable development of opportunities.	Council welcomes any opportunities to work with private enterprises for the benefit of the wider community.	Accept.	104
T94	Community Facilities	Would like Council to invest in improvements to the skate park.	Improved maintenance and potential improvements to the skate park facility will be developed in a district wide reserves management plan.	Accept in principle	55, 67, 69, 76, 84, 100
T160	Cycle Path	Submitter is opposed to any planned cycle path along Bryans Beach and provides reasons for opposition in submission.	Locations for proposed cycle tracks will take storm surge and other environmental factors into consideration.	Accept in principle	89

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T105	Footpaths	Promotes the building/upgrade and availability of footpaths on both sides of urban streets in Opotiki.	The latest government policy statement puts an emphasis on alternative travel modes including cycling and walking. Council already has a programme of urban street upgrades in place including new footpaths which will be supported by increased financial assistance rates from the NZ transport agency. Council has also recently completed a footpath condition survey and is implementing a maintenance and renewal programme	Accept.	62, 70
T106	Graffiti	Would like Council to remove graffiti as soon as possible.	Council will continue to remove graffiti as soon as practicable. Please report graffiti to Council customer services so that it can be addressed promptly.	Accept.	63
T116	Infrastructure Strategy	Supports the strategy.	Thanks you for your submission. Council does recognise the potential for hotter drier weather and other effects resulting from climate change, however rainfall has a very large effect on Council infrastructure in comparison to drought. With regard to water supply, two of the three Council water sources are from bores and the third is via infiltration wells. Council is currently working with Regional Council to get a better understanding of the district aquifers and will be monitoring the effects of drier weather on streams and rivers which recharge aquifers and ground water.	Response only.	64

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T117	Infrastructure Strategy	Recommends Council review existing water and sanitary services across the district including those not currently owned or provided by Council.	Council is currently in the process of updating its sanitary services assessment reports. Council owned services have been thoroughly considered within the infrastructure strategy which will continue to be improved with each iteration.	Accept.	64
T148	Mapping	Would like Council to develop a GIS system that is available to the public.	Council has already developed a web based GIS system which it intends to make available for public use. The system is presently being beta tested and will be rolled out in the 2019 year.	Accept.	86
T15	Motu Trails	Does not agree with budgeting to access co-funding and requests Council does not do cycle trail extensions.	The latest government policy statement puts an emphasis on developing alternative modes of transport in particular walking and cycling. Since 2009 the government has sought to develop urban cycling networks and off road trails or 'great rides' linked by touring routes or 'heartland rides' which connect urban centres and tourist attractions. Cycling trails and networks seek to develop regional economies and contribute to addressing climate change.	Decline.	07, 08, 17, 23, 27, 30, 38, 48, 55, 66, 72, 78, 82, 100

Topic No:	Topic:	Question / Decision Requested	Suggested response:	Suggested Council Decision:	Applies to Submission No/s:
T16	Motu Trails	Supports Council's preferred option (2) to budget to access co-funding and look to develop the cycle trails from Ōpōtiki through to Whakatāne, and then on to Tarawera via the joint Eastern Bay project.	Thank you for your submission.	Response only.	06, 09, 10, 14, 15, 16, 18, 20, 21, 22, 24, 26, 28, 33, 34, 36, 37, 41, 42, 43, 45, 44, 49, 50, 51, 53, 56, 58, 59, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 67, 68, 70, 74, 75, 79, 80, 81, 83, 85, 86, 88, 90, 91, 92, 93, 95, 96, 97, 101, 106, 107, 108, 110, 111
T64	Motu Trails	Seeks that the proposed Cycleway funding is retained and funds allocated toward heritage preservation, interpretation, and archaeological assessments as required.	Heritage buildings are a key part of the character of the Opotiki Township. Council will consider the development of a fund to support heritage buildings.	Accept in principle	39
T67	Motu Trails	Would like Council to continue its support of the Motu Trails and Motu Trails Charitable Trust with Council working with the trust to ensure both proactive and highly-responsive maintenance.	Thank you for your submission. Council plans to develop a district wide Reserves and Facilities Management Plan that will inform the maintenance and renewal of assets such as the Motu Trails.	Accept.	36

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T77	Motu Trails	Thanks Council for its continued support of Motu Trails and Motu Trails Charitable Trust.	Thank you for your submission.	Response only.	41
T158	Motu Trails	Acknowledges Council's support of and collaboration with WDC and other key stakeholders on a business case to extend Motu Trails to Whakatane and looks forward to continuing to work with Council on this project.	Thank you for your submission.	Response only.	88
T161	Motu Trails	Provides suggestions for new trails, extensions to trails, upgrades and/or additional facilities for cycle trails.	Council is, and will continue, to consider cycle trail extensions around the district including around the Opotiki Township stop banks and Waiōtahe.	Accept in principle	90, 91
T171	Parks and Recreation	Asks Council to add sealed cycle lanes along the roads or footpaths in town and along the stop banks surrounding the town which can be used at walking, biking, running, scootering or skateboarding paths.	In line with the latest government policy statement Council is seeking to fund and attain funding from the Ministry of Business and Innovation and the NZ Transport agency to develop urban cycling networks and off road trails or 'great rides' linked by touring routes or 'heartland rides' which connect urban centres and tourist attractions. Council will consider the feasibility of sealing cycle trails.	Accept in principle	99
T172	Parks and Recreation	Would like to work with Council and seek their expertise and guidance to assist in planning for a bike hub and sealed asphalt pump track at the site of the current pump track located at Pakowhai ki Otutaopuku Bridge at Memorial Park.	Council will investigate a proposed bike hub in Memorial Park.	Accept in principle	99

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T33	Parks and Reserves	Recommends Council reduces use of Glyphosate based herbicides.	Glyphosate is a nationally accepted and practical means of weed control. Council has an existing register of no spray areas and will include consideration for Glyphosate controlled or reduced spraying in the development of its district wide Reserves and Facilities Management Plan.	Accept in principle	01
T163	Reserves	Would like Council to improve parks and beaches and provides suggestions.	Council will include consideration for the development of facilities at beach's in its district wide Reserves and Facilities Management Plan.	Accept in principle	91
T114	Road Seal Extensions	Suggests Council seek appropriate financial contributions from industries that use the road.	Council will consider the management of dust particulates via either contribution to seal extension or regulation of industry in further iterations of its Land Transport Asset Management Plan.	Accept in principle	64
T115	Road Seal Extensions	Recommends Council consider more fully funding some seal extensions from the general rate.	The NZ Transport Agency no longer funds seal extensions. Council has made a commitment to seal roads that are as yet unsealed based on a 60% contribution from users. 60% contribution does not apply to the maintenance of roads that are already sealed, this is covered by existing budgets and NZTA funding.	Accept in principle	64, 78
T44	Rose Garden	Supports Council's concept plan and would like to see the Rose Garden upgraded and well maintained.	Council is considering a number of options in its plan to revamp the Rose Gardens. Ongoing maintenance of all parks, reserves and facilities will be covered in the development of a district wide Reserves and Facilities Management Plan.	Accept in principle	10, 28, 31, 32, 33, 42, 47, 49, 55, 56, 63, 64, 68, 69, 70, 74, 79, 80, 83, 96

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T80	Rose Garden	Provides feedback and suggestions for Rose Garden reserve improvements.	Thank you for your submission. Council is considering a number of options in its plan to revamp the Rose Gardens.	Accept in principle	44, 67, 68, 90
T102	Rose Garden	Supports the upgrade of the Rose Garden and recommends a range of inclusions and things they would like to see reconsidered to the draft plan to increase the accessibility of this community facility. See submission for full list.	Thank you for your submission. Council is considering a number of options in its plan to revamp the Rose Gardens.	Accept in principle	60
T173	Rose Garden	Opposes the Rose Garden concept plan.	Thank you for your submission. Council is considering a number of options in its plan to revamp the Rose Gardens.	Accept in principle	100
T174	Rose Garden	Opposes removal of playground.	Thank you for your submission. Council is considering a number of options in its plan to revamp the Rose Gardens.	Accept in principle	101
T10	Stormwater	Supports the option for stormwater projects to be done only when critical.	Thank you for your submission.	Response only.	07, 08, 15, 17, 20, 21, 22, 25, 27, 38, 42, 45, 46, 48, 53, 66, 70, 80, 81, 82, 84, 91, 95, 101, 107

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T11	Stormwater	Does not agree with completing stormwater projects and would like Council to do nothing.	If Council does not complete critical stormwater projects dwellings around the township will remain at risk of their floor levels being flooded. With the onset of climate change more houses will be susceptible to this risk and the likelihood of flooding will increase. Flooding of streets, the CBD and properties will also be unaddressed and will get worse with climate change.	Response only.	26, 58, 59, 78
T12	Stormwater	Supports Council's preferred option (3) to complete stormwater projects to keep pace with climate change.	Thank you for your submission.	Response only.	06, 10, 14, 23, 28, 30, 33, 34, 37, 43, 44, 49, 50, 51, 55, 56, 61, 62, 63, 64, 67, 68, 72, 75, 79, 83, 86, 90, 92, 97, 103, 104, 106, 108, 111
T61	Stormwater	Seeks that the funding for this proposal includes an archaeological assessment to ensure that these works avoid archaeology, and that applications are made for archaeological authorities as appropriate.	All stormwater projects undergo an investigation stage in advance of construction. This can include core sampling, test pits and electromagnetic identification of subterranean features and buried objects. Though investigations cannot identify everything that may be buried, if an object of archaeological significance is discovered in the course of construction, consultation is undertaken with archaeological authorities before construction continues.	Response only.	39

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T122	Stormwater	Would like the height of the stopbanks increased.	Stop banks are owned and maintained by the Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BOPRC). Recommend a submission be made to BOPRC. BOPRC is considering further development of stop banks.	Response only.	70
T126	Stormwater	Would like the rivers dredged between both town bridges to prevent damming.	Rivers are administered by Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BOPRC). Recommend a submission to BOPRC. If a Harbour project of some nature proceeds in future this may be considered in the development.	Response only.	70
T134	Stormwater	Would like to see additional funding and effort go into works aimed at mitigating the risk of flooding and inundation.	Council is considering spending between \$5-8 million on upgrading and installing new stormwater infrastructure to mitigate stormwater flooding. A key piece of this infrastructure includes development of the Volkners Island area into a stormwater basin. Council is currently investigating methods to effectively contain the old land fill on site and prevent contaminant from leaching. The stormwater basin will increase capacity to store stormwater runoff and simultaneously provide areas of flora that will treat runoff before it enters the receiving environment.	Response only.	76
T28	Toilets	Would like Council to have an attendant at the Church Street toilet to keep the toilets clean and to cater for tourists.	The maintenance and management of public toilets and other community facilities will be reviewed in the development of a district wide Reserves and Facilities Management Plan.	Response only.	09
T92	Toilets	Would like Council to repaint and get rid of the bad smell at the Church Street toilets.	The maintenance and management of public toilets and other community facilities will be reviewed in the development of a district wide Reserves and Facilities Management Plan.	Response only.	54

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T104	Toilets	Would like Council to consider the upgrade of at least one bathroom facility to include facilities that are more accessible for those who have high disability needs.	The maintenance and management of public toilets and other community facilities will be reviewed in the development of a district wide Reserves and Facilities Management Plan.	Response only.	60
T166	Tourism	Tourism Industry Aotearoa wishes to have the opportunity to participate in any follow up processes and formal meetings relating to tourism infrastructure development and funding requests to ensure potential impacts on tourism are adequately represented.	Council will endeavour to inform and include TIA in the development of Tourism based infrastructure and provide TIA with opportunities to provide input.	Accept in principle	93
T13	Tourism Facilities	Does not agree with budgeting to access co-funding and requests Council do nothing.	Council reserves and facilities have a lot of aging assets that are due for renewal. If Council does not budget for co-funding these assets will either, be replaced at the sole cost of Council or will degrade into disrepair and become unusable.	Response only.	08, 30, 38, 48, 65, 66, 72, 78, 101

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T14	Tourism Facilities	Supports Council's preferred option (2) to budget to access grant funding to upgrade reserves to increase tourism in our district and provide additional facilities for the community.	Thank you for your submission.	Response only.	06, 07, 09, 10, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, 37, 42, 43, 44, 45, 49, 50, 51, 53, 55, 56, 58, 59, 61, 62, 63, 64, 67, 68, 70, 75, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 90, 91, 92, 93, 95, 96, 97, 103, 104, 107, 108, 110, 111
T62	Tourism Facilities	Seeks that funding for tourism facilities are retained and a portion of the funding is allocated to retaining archaeological expertise to guide the location and the nature of the works for all projects.	Consideration of archaeology in the development of facilities is a practical component in project programmes.	Accept in principle	39

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T103	Tourism Facilities	Urges Council to consider the mobility, hearing or vision impaired tourist when upgrading reserves and camping facilities and would like Council to pay particular attention when upgrading toilets to ensure accessibility and provides a list of recommendations. See submission for full list.	Accessibility across the township has been recognised by Council as an important component of future development. Accessibility considerations will be included in a district wide Reserves and Facilities Management Plan and Land Transport Plan to better provide suitable footpaths, ramps, access and other features for mobility impaired and hearing and vision impaired.	Response only.	60
T120	Town Centre	Would like Council to more regularly clean and maintain the town centre.	Cleaning off the CBD area will be reviewed through the development of a district wide Reserves and Facilities Management Plan.	Response only.	68, 69
T51	Transport	Would like Council to get funding from NZTA to install 'speed reducers' at Te Kaha	Council is currently working with Regional work groups and NZTA to fund and address numerous issues along SH35 including speed reduction.	Response only.	34
T87	Transport	Would like Council to add more street lighting and curb and channel and install a footpath on Brabant Street. Submitter believes open drains are a danger to children.	Council already has a programme of urban street upgrades in place including new footpaths and drainage components which will be supported by increased financial assistance rates from the NZ transport agency. Council is also in the process of upgrading its street lights to LED's controlled by a central management system which enables brightening and dimming. If street lights are not adequately spaced the installation of new street lights will be considered through the ongoing development of Council Land Transport Asset Management Plan.	Response only.	47

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T89	Transport	Would like Council to install more street lights.	Council is in the process of upgrading its street lights to LED's controlled by a central management system which enables brightening and dimming. If street lights are not adequately spaced the installation of new street lights will be considered through the ongoing development of Council Land Transport Asset Management Plan.	Response only.	51
T154	Transport	Would like all street lights in the district to be LED and would like the locations of lights to be reviewed.	Council is in the process of upgrading its street lights to LED's controlled by a central management system which enables brightening and dimming. If street lights are not adequately spaced the installation of new street lights will be considered through the ongoing development of Council Land Transport Asset Management Plan.	Response only.	86
T162	Transport	Requests that Sedgewick Road and the rest of Grant Road be curb and channelled.	Council already has a programme of urban street upgrades in place including new footpaths and drainage components which will be supported by increased financial assistance rates from the NZ transport agency.	Response only.	91
T75	Waste Management	Would like Council to continue using the large bins at the Resource Recovery Centres which people put their recyclables in.	Thank you for your submission.	Response only.	41

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T76	Waste Management	Asks that Council be more responsive about fly tipping in the district and provides feedback and suggestions on combating the problem.	Zero waste is a vision of Council and it receives funding on the basis that it reduces waste on an ongoing basis. To date Council has been successful in reducing waste. Council also receives funding for waste minimisation education. Council will consider using this funding for more education around fly tipping.	Response only.	41
T99	Waste Management	Would like Council to promote recycling and do more on the coast including providing a refuse collection.	Council will consider coastal collections in future iterations of its Waste Minimisation Management Plan. Council receives funding for waste minimisation education. Council will consider using this funding for more education around recycling.	Response only.	58, 59
T121	Waste Management	Would like Council to have bi-annual inorganic collections.	Council will consider inorganic collection in future iterations of its Waste Minimisation Management Plan.	Response only.	70, 68
T127	Waste Management	Provides suggestions for changes and improvements to Waste Management in Opotiki.	Council has considered a number of improvements and changes to the ways it collects and processes waste in its Waste Management and Minimisation Plan. Options not yet considered will be included in future iterations of this plan.	Response only.	71, 86, 91, 105
T128	Waste Management	Supports and congratulates everyone involved in waste management in Opotiki.	Thanks you for your submission.	Response only.	71
T139	Waste Management	Would like the use of the Resource Recovery Centres to be complimentary to rural residents.	Council has a zero waste policy that promotes reduction of waste at source. The charge for waste both covers costs and reduces ratepayer subsidisation but also is intended to make people think about the waste they are generating and create an incentive to minimise that waste.	Decline.	78

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T143	Waste Management	Would support investigation into a peak season collection as described on page 21 of the WMMP.	Peak season collection will be further investigated and findings will be included in future iterations of the Waste Minimisation Management Plan.	Response only.	85
T144	Waste Management	Would like Council to investigate a community collection service for Kutarere and Roimata.	Extended collection will be further investigated and findings will be included in future iterations of the Waste Minimisation Management Plan.	Response only.	85
T175	Waste Management	Would like Council and Opotiki College to negotiate with supermarkets such as New World regarding 'about to throw away' food that could be used by the college to make school lunches which will reduce the cost of solid waste.	This is good thinking and council will consider it as part of its waste education initiatives. The school, however, has its policies set by the Ministry of Education and our local supermarket is governed by the practices of the national company Foodstuffs.	Accept in part.	102
T4	Waste Management - Recycling	Does not support making changes to the urban kerbside recycling collection and would like to maintain the status quo.	Thank you for your submission.	Response only.	24, 26, 38, 44, 48, 61, 62, 71, 72, 78, 95, 96, 111

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T5	Waste Management - Recycling	Supports the option for increased recycling capacity using 40L bins.	Thank you for your submission.	Response only.	06, 07, 08, 09, 12, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 27, 28, 31, 32, 33, 34, 37, 42, 43, 47, 51, 52, 53, 55, 58, 59, 63, 64, 66, 67, 70, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 90, 91, 92, 97, 101, 105, 107
T6	Waste Management - Recycling	Supports the option for increased recycling capacity using 40L bags for the urban kerbside collection.	Thank you for your submission.	Response only.	13, 16, 30, 56, 67, 75, 79
T30	Waste Management - Recycling	Supports a different option than those presented by Council in the consultation document.	Recycling at the RRC versus home recycling costs was considered un-affordable. This does not however discount it from further consideration and a possible change to it in future. Other alternatives will also be considered in future iterations of the WMMP. The practical approach to how recycling and refuse will be managed between homes and kerbside will be addressed through information pamphlets provided upon determination of the option adopted.	Response only.	10, 24, 43, 49, 50, 78
T7	Waste Management - Refuse	Does not support making changes to the urban kerbside refuse collection and would like to maintain the status quo.	Thank you for your submission.	Response only.	07, 30, 38, 44, 47, 48, 56, 61, 66, 71, 72, 90, 95, 96, 111

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T8	Waste Management - Refuse	Supports the option for a 40L wheelie bin for the urban kerbside refuse collection and subsidy.	Thank you for your submission.	Response only.	05, 08, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 32, 34, 37, 42, 50, 51, 53, 55, 58, 59, 62, 63, 64, 67, 68, 70, 75, 80, 81, 82, 83, 91, 92, 101, 105, 106, 107
T9	Waste Management - Refuse	Supports the option for an 80L wheelie bin for the urban kerbside refuse collection with no subsidy.	Thank you for your submission.	Response only.	06, 09, 17, 20, 21, 22, 24, 26, 28, 33, 43, 49, 52, 79, 84
T40	Waste Management - Refuse	Supports a different option than those presented by Council in the consultation document.	Thank you for your submission.	Response only.	10, 47, 49
T123	Waste Management	Would like rubbish bins or skips at our main reserves and/or wharf.	Alternative collection will be further investigated and findings will be included in future iterations of the Waste Minimisation Management Plan.	Response only.	70

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T1	Wastewater	Supports Council's preferred option (1) to reticulate wastewater network when growth is apparent, ideally alongside water pipe renewal in the Hikutaia and Woodlands area.	Thank you for your submission.	Response only.	09, 10, 15, 21, 22, 30, 33, 42, 43, 44, 45, 48, 49, 51, 55, 56, 62, 63, 64, 66, 67, 68, 70, 71, 75, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 86, 92, 101, 112
T2	Wastewater	Does not support reticulation of the Hikutaia and Woodlands area.	Thank you for your submission.	Response only.	06, 07, 08, 14, 20, 27, 37, 38, 53, 58, 59, 78, 95, 96, 111
T3	Wastewater	Supports the option to reticulate the Hikutaia and Woodlands area now.	Thank you for your submission.	Response only.	17, 23, 26, 28, 34, 61, 72, 90, 91, 96, 97, 107, 109
T60	Wastewater	Seeks that the funding for this proposal includes an archaeological assessment to ensure that these works avoid archaeology, and that applications are made for archaeological authorities as appropriate.	All wastewater projects undergo an investigation stage in advance of construction, this can include core sampling, test pits and electromagnetic identification of subterranean features and buried objects. Though investigations cannot identify everything that may be buried, if an object of archaeological significance is discovered in the course of construction, consultation is undertaken with archaeological authorities before construction continues.	Response only.	39

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T112	Wastewater	Suggests Council consider working with BOPRC to monitor and ensure the safe functioning of existing on-site systems in Woodlands/Hikutaia.	BOPRC do monitor on-site effluent disposal systems and carry out wider state of the environment monitoring. The "permitted" standards have risen over time and the cost of new onsite effluent system has risen significantly. New policies being promoted by the previous and new government will see standards and costs rise further into the future. BOPRC advocate strongly for Council to provide reticulation where possible to minimise potential environmental effects.	Accept in principle	64
T185	Wastewater	Supports the decision to bring forward the extension of wastewater reticulation to Waioeka Road to service Eastpac and OPAC.	Thank you for your submission.	Response only.	104
T187	Wastewater	Submitter asks a range of questions on the consideration of extending the network to Hikutaia and will require detailed and expert answers from Council engineering staff before being able to state their preference.	Council's Engineering & Services Group Manager is happy to answer questions listed.	Response only.	108

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T195	Wastewater	Believes common trenching work (wastewater pipes going in with water pipes) would only go for a short distance and therefore costs savings would be minimal.	The proposed technology for the wastewater extension is low pressure grinder pump and small diameter pressure mains. This technology is required because of the hilly contours of the Hikutaia area. The technology also suits sharing trenches with water supply mains because they are both pressurised and therefore are buried at the same nominal depth. In locations where gravity mains could be used, the contours are at gradients greater than those required for pipelines so the decline in elevation would necessitate pipe to be treated as under pressure, though operating via gravity, due to the risk of overflow from manholes if a blockage was to occur. In all, this means the majority of pipelines will be able to share a trench. In addition cost savings are not limited to trench sharing but also extend to establishment, traffic management, quality assurance and other economy of scale factors applicable to running simultaneous projects in close vicinity.	Response only.	73

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T196	Wastewater	Would like language of this main issue as presented in the consultation document to be rewritten to identify the finer aspects of the scheme and the costs required and then be resubmitted to Council for approval.	The consultation document is intended to provide a short summary of proposed options. The topical points surrounding the wastewater extension are a) its purpose i.e. growth in area unaffected by climate change, b) its area of service c) its cost and d) the potential timing. The estimated cost for the potential extension was completed via a desk top plan and quantity survey, verified by external professional estimates and audit. Due to the timeframes of the proposed project, the preferred option of which is in 8 years' time, it is not prudent to carry out an in depth technical design and estimate. If however Council should decide through its deliberations before finalisation of the LTP the project should be brought forward into the 2018-2028 LTP 3 year period, a technical design and estimate will be completed and further consultation will be undertaken.	Response only.	73
T31	Water Supply	Recommends Council does not put fluoride in the drinking water supply.	Fluoridation of water supply schemes is expected to be transferred from local authorities to district health boards. The Health (Fluoridation of Drinking Water) Amendment Bill is due for its second reading at parliament.	Response only.	01

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T192	Water Supply	Would like Council to retain proposed funding as outlined within the Infrastructure Strategy and the provision of any additional funding required to address the findings of the Havelock North Stage 2 report.	Provision has been made, and will be kept, for potential changes in water safety regulation required to address the findings of the Havelock North Stages 2 report.	Response only.	112
T47	Wharf	Provides suggestions for accommodating users/public at the wharf.	Council is committed to installing several facilities at the Wharf within the Wharf demolition budget. Council will consider further facilities in the development of its district wide Reserves and Facilities Management Plan.	Response only.	23, 42, 64, 107, 111
T63	Wharf	Seeks that funding for wharf developments are retained and a portion of the funding is allocated to retaining archaeological expertise to guide the location and the nature of the works for all projects.	During the Wharf demolition project Council consulted with archaeology experts on the value and preservation of various features of the Wharf and remnants of previous Wharf's.	Response only.	39
T72	Wharf	Does not support Council doing anything at the Wharf to accommodate users/public.	A few facilities including tables and chairs and footpaths will be completed shortly within the Wharf demolition budget. Further facilities will be considered in the development of its district wide Reserves and Facilities Management Plan. Consideration will include whole of life cost feasibility.	Response only.	40, 66
T179	Wharf	Strongly supports the redevelopment of the town wharf for use by the aquaculture industry.	Thanks you for your submission.	Response only.	104
T22	Wharf feedback	Supports Council waiting until harbour and wharf are further developed before deciding on other uses.	Thanks you for your submission.	Response only.	07, 68, 78
T26	Wharf feedback	Would like Council to provide more facilities/services at the wharf.	Council is committed to installing several facilities at the Wharf within the Wharf demolition budget. Council will consider further facilities in the development of its district wide Reserves and Facilities Management Plan.	Response only.	08, 09, 10, 17, 27, 33, 34, 37, 64, 67, 70, 79, 83, 84, 111

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T150	Budget	Would like Council to allocate additional regulatory budget.	Thank you for your submission, in this LTP we have allocated more budget into regulation. We expect significant growth in demand for these activities and have budgeted accordingly. Thank you for your support in doing so.	Accept.	86
T152	Budget	Would like Council to allocate budget to research areas of potential development that are at an acceptable risk level.	Thank you for your submission, we agree that this is an important consideration for the future development within the district.	Response only.	86
T107	CCTV	Would like Council to provide more security in the town.	Council are proposing to expand the CCTV cameras in the town CBD, these have proven hugely beneficial over the last two years in reducing the amount of crime in town. We will continue to support the community in this regard.	Accept.	63
T101	Coast communities	Submits that 95 percent of the LTP makes no reference to the needs of the coast and communities.	Thank you for the submission. Council is very conscious that there are limited services that are provided directly to those that live on the coast. This LTP asks the question, what services do those that live there want Council to provide? Once we get a clear understanding of what is needed then we can work out how it can be provided.	Response only.	58, 59

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T100	Coast services	Submits that Council should provide road infrastructure, water irrigation infrastructure and high speed broadband infrastructure to the coast.	<p>Thank you for your submission. Council appreciates the need for suitable infrastructure to help drive economic development up the coast. Affordability is extremely important for our communities, so we need to balance all of the required infrastructure replacements to ensure that we minimise the financial impact upon ratepayers as much as possible.</p> <p>Changes in the levels of funding Council receives from NZTA will help enable Council to provide greater levels of service in relation to roading in the near future. If there are specific roading projects that you would like to see happening up the Coast we would welcome your submission. Where we are made aware of the need for these we can lobby NZTA for funding alongside the community to help make these things happen. You will be aware that Council has an investment in Evolution Networks Limited, a wireless internet provider to the district. Whilst internet and connectivity is not a core function of Council or Local Government we understand the importance of it, hence the investment. We are working with Evolution Networks in the bid to government for expansion of the network. This will cover providing connectivity to the Coast communities.</p>	Response only.	58, 59
T129	Communications	Suggests Council deliver the Panui Newsletter to all households in the district not just to ratepayers with their rates notices.	<p>Thank you for your submission, we are pleased to hear that you consider the Panui and important communication document for our community. We will look to see how we can distribute this more widely in the most affordable manner.</p>	Response only.	71

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T156	Council buildings	Would like Council to make a plan for a new or refurbished Council building/s to meeting EOC and future staffing requirements.	Thank you for your submission, we do have development plans in progress to refurbish Council buildings to cater for earthquake regulations and to allow for growth. We also have allocated budget for mobile civil defence requirements.	Response only.	86
T23	Council services to coast communities	Would like Council to provide more services/facilities to coast communities.	Thank you for your submission, Council is aware of the limited services provided to the Coast communities. This was a consultation item in this LTP. Council would like to know what services/facilities are required so that we ensure we provide what the community wants and will use.	Response only.	08, 23, 64, 78, 86, 111
T42	Council services to coast communities	Supports Council providing more services to coast communities.	Thank you for your submission. Council would like to provide more services to the Coast, but needs to understand what is needed or wanted from the Council before we can allocate funding towards the services. We want to make sure we provide the right services that are going to be used.	Response only.	10
T49	Council services to coast communities	Would like Council to korero with coast people to find out what if any council services they would like.	Thank you for your submission, we were hoping to collect some ideas through this Consultation process on what it is that the coast communities would like Council to provide. We will look to hold further hui through Coast Community Board meetings over this year to gain an understanding of what is desired.	Response only.	33
T153	Development	Would like Council to consider Paerata Ridge as an area for future development and the possibility of linking it to the Waiotahi Drifts Wastewater scheme.	Thank you for your submission, Council will look at all possibilities for future development areas to cater for growth, and appreciate your submission and support for Council to continue to provide the important infrastructure required.	Response only.	86, 90

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T159	Development	WDC looks forward to collaborating with Council and other key partners as part of the Regional Growth Leadership Group.	Thank you for your submission, we are equally excited about the opportunities ahead and further collaboration.	Response only.	88
T165	Development	Would like Council to lobby for better cell phone coverage especially for areas of remote bike trails.	Thank you for your submission. Council considers communication and connectivity extremely important, and through its shareholding in Evolution Networks is continuing to lobby to address areas of poor coverage.	Response only.	92
T190	Development	Suggest Council consider extending the offer of rates relief for Omaio landowners for kiwifruit development on the same condition of years 1-5 of actual development.	Thank you for your submission. Council would be happy to receive remissions applications for investment and development. Remissions are reviewed on a case by case basis. Please submit your request through our Council website.	Response only.	110
T53	Economic Development	Provides suggestions for investing in Opotiki's infrastructure and facilities to grow our district.	Thank you for your considered submission. We are very pleased to receive this submission and agree that there are a number of tourism opportunities worth pursuing, we are working with neighbouring councils to put in joint submissions for funding from government to build and provide these great facilities wherever there is an opportunity. We are also investing in wifi and expanding the CCTV cameras in the town CBD, these have proven hugely beneficial over the last two years in reducing the amount of crime in town. We will continue to support the community in this regard.	Accept.	34

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T177	Financial Strategy	Encourage Council to achieve efficiencies and central government contributions to turn back Council's growing debt which is of concern to farmers.	Thank you for your submission. Affordability is a key objective of our financial strategy, and we will seek any opportunity to obtain external funding so we don't need to borrow funds where we possibly can. We agree that growing debt levels are a concern and infrastructure replacement across the country needs some consideration for government funding.	Response only.	103
T140	Funding	Would like Council to seek more business funding for its projects.	Thank you for your submission. We strive to seek external funding where we can, we would be very pleased to hear of opportunities for businesses to fund projects where there is some rationale to do so.	Response only.	78
T35	Governance	Recommends Council considers formally supporting the 23 principles offered by Alfred de Zayas in his paper to the UNHRC (A/HRC/37/63).	Thank you for your submission, we will review the 23 principles that were recommended, and potentially where any of our services impact upon human rights consider their application.	Response only.	03
T36	Governance	Recommends Council endorse the model trade and investment treaty process offered in the www.dontdoit.nz petition.	Thank you for your submission, we will review the petition and consider our stance on the issues.	Response only.	03
T37	Governance	Recommends Council support the Local Government (Four Well-beings) Amendment Bill.	Thank you for the submission, Council does support the four well beings in principle, and never really removed them fully from planning documents when the Government took them out of legislation, as we thought they still held value.	Response only.	03
T38	Governance	Recommends Council reads and considers Kate Raworth's 'Doughnut Economics'	Thank you for your submission.	Response only.	03

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T45	Governance	Suggests improvements to Council governance and administration.	<p>Thank you for your response.</p> <p>We think that our Council is diverse and fairly reflects the make up of our community. If additional diversity is desired, then this needs to be addressed through the election process.</p> <p>The Council is required by legislation to be very strategic, and are required to prepare a number of strategic documents, this LTP being one of them. If there are strategic issues that you think should be addressed that are not contained within our plans and documents, we would be happy to hear about these so that we can formulate a response to address them.</p> <p>We are also seeking opportunities to collaborate with the community wherever these arise. The harbour development is probably one of the largest collaborative projects that a Council is doing with their community in the country. We've also had a number of very useful submissions to Council through this LTP process seeking collaboration on projects with the community, these have been considered very favourably by Council.</p> <p>Council can only consider collaborative opportunities if they are presented to them. If there are other opportunities for collaboration that we are missing we would be glad to hear about them.</p> <p>A recent article in the paper highlights that</p>	Response only.	10

			<p>Council is taking innovation and technology very seriously, we have implemented a great number of innovative new systems and services over the last 3 years to try to improve the levels of service to our community, and also in response to health & safety legislation changes, to ensure our staff and community are safe.</p> <p>We agree that there needs to be better engagement with the youth in the community, and we seek opportunities to engage with youth in a constructive manner.</p> <p>Our library runs a number of after school and holiday reading programs, our ability to run further activities as you suggest is very limited, and cuts across into the areas of responsibility of other government funded agencies. This can get very difficult to manage, and is not a core activity of Council.</p> <p>Through this LTP we are looking to invest significant money into our reserves to upgrade the equipment and facilities on them, this may help address some of the concerns you have raised.</p> <p>In relation to your comments around Council not taking responsibility or ownership, having poor business and management capability, being self-indulgent, and not listening to the community, we do apologise that you have this impression of us. These are all things that we think are very important key attributes that we need to present. If you could provide some details around what you would like us to improve on specifically instead of generally, then we should be able to make progress to address your concerns.</p>		
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T146	Governance	Thanks Council for their long standing commitment and contribution to the OHIF and looks forward to further support.	Thank you for your submission and support.	Response only.	85
T176	Governance	Would like Council to take a strong position during the Local government funding inquiry process to ensure the rural perspective and the challenges faced by smaller councils is represented.	Thank you for your submission, you can be assured that through your Mayor John Forbes and the Rural Provincial Sector there is significant representation of the challenges that small Councils and districts face.	Response only.	103
T137	Grant Funding	Surf Life Saving would like to establish a 3 year service delivery contract. Details as per submission.	Thank you for your submission. We have a Memorandum of Understanding for funding that is due for renewal now. This will be for a term of 3 years to match the LTP process.	Response only.	77
T78	i-SITE	Would like to see increased signage for the i-SITE and provides suggested locations for signs.	Thank you for your submission, Council is in the process of installing greater signage for the I-Site at the moment. We would be happy to receive any suggestions you have.	Accept in principle.	41
T79	i-SITE	Suggests Council consider a more central location for the i-SITE.	Thank you for your submission. The I-site at the moment is in the most appropriate place to capture tourism traffic that heads both ways, State Highway 2 and 35. We would be open to receiving suggestions of other locations if there are any.	Response only.	41
T136	Long Term Plan	Believes the plan is flawed and needs to be re-written.	Thank you for your submission. Council would be interested to understand what issues in particular you have with the current plan, and potentially what you think Council should be concerned about. This is the reason for consultation, so we can include or remove items of specific interest or demand. Without any specific detail it is very difficult to give effect to your request.	Response only.	76

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T147	Planning	Would like Council to budget and develop an overarching District Vision document.	Thank you for your submission. The Long Term Plan process does set a future direction and priorities, it identifies some of the potential opportunities, and some of the current constraints that we have. The District Plan is also a key document that identifies opportunities to utilise land.	Response only.	86
T151	Property Files	Would like Council to make all property files available in digital format and be free for the public to access.	Thank you for your submission. We do have a project in the near future to capture all of our property files digitally. A lot of Councils are also undertaking this currently or have recently done it. We do hope to be able to deliver on this over the next few years. This is not a small or cheap project, so we need to prioritise the delivery of this accordingly.	Response only.	86
T74	Rates	Would like Council to do less rather than more and reduce the rates burden.	Thank you for your submission. Council would be interested in what you would like them to do less of for you in particular.	Response only.	40
T88	Rates	Encourages Council to use targeted rate increases as opposed to general rate increases as believes most of our main consultation issues have no impact on the value for rates paid for those not living in the town area.	Thank you for your submission. Your submission is in line with our financial strategy to separate out general rates increases from targeted rates increases so that those that request services pay for them. We have set a higher limit on targeted rates increases to allow flexibility for growth and increasing levels of demand, whilst keeping the general rates limits low to promote affordability.	Accept in principle.	48, 78
T118	Rates	Commends Council on the proposal to reduce the Uniform Annual General Charge.	Thank you for your submission we appreciate the support.	Accept.	64

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T130	Rates	Submitter feels they do not get value for the rates they pay.	Thank you for your submission. Council is aware of the value for money perception that those in the community have. In reality the services are greater and more affordable than some of the other services people pay for. For example people will pay for power, Sky TV, Telephone, Internet before they pay rates, yet will often use or get more benefit from Council services than those listed.	Response only.	72
T138	Rates	Would like Council to support a proposed targeted rate levy through Bay of Plenty Regional Council for Regional Lifeguard services in the BOP area.	Thank you for your submission. We will pass this on to Regional Council for their consideration.	Response only.	77
T186	Rates	Submitter is concerned by the indicative rates increases of up to 8% for high value commercial and industrial properties.	Thank you for your submission. Setting rates is a bit of a balancing act and we appreciate that whatever we do there will be some that are affected more than others. A key element of our financial strategy is affordability. Rates affects those that are on low incomes and in low value properties much more significantly than others. We are trying to address this imbalance, bearing in mind that if rates become unaffordable for some and they don't pay, the cost ultimately gets levied on others through remissions and statute barred write-off's. Council has to carry that cost for 6 years, so it is more affordable and equitable to deal with affordability at the rates setting process, rather than 6 years down the track.	Response only.	104

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T95	Rates Remissions	Submits that Council should continue to support landowners who have protected their properties with QEII covenants through rates remission, with minor adjustments to the remission policy being. Suggestions for changes are listed in the submission.	Thank you for your submission, we support landowners placing QEII covenants over areas of their land that they want to protect, and would consider remissions accordingly. Ratepayers can make remissions requests through our website.	Accept in principle.	57
T178	Revenue and Financing Policy	Does not support the reduction in the UAGC this year and submits it should be left at the same level, and the rates rebate scheme promoted to residents instead.	Thank you for your submission. Council will take your thoughts into consideration when balancing affordability to the community alongside the significant proposed increases to the Regional Council rates that will affect a large number of our Opotiki ratepayers. We see the reduction as some way of alleviating this increase, but by no means offsetting it.	Response only.	103
T191	Revenue and Financing Policy	Asks Council to review allocation of funding and seek independent review.	Thank you for your submission. Council's revenue and financing policy is reviewed by Audit NZ, and will seek legal review of all rating documentation.	Response only.	111
T131	Sport and Recreation	Values the strategic partnership between Sport Bay of Plenty and Opotiki District Council and would like this to continue.	Thank you for your submission and support.	Response only.	74
T132	Sport and Recreation	Thanks Council for on-going support for the Bay of Plenty Spaces and Places Strategy.	Thank you for your submission and support.	Response only.	74
T141	Tourism	Would like Council to allocate funds to promote Opotiki and its natural values to attract tourists.	Thank you for your submission. Council sees some of the projects that we are proposing to undertake and attract government funding for through the Tourism Infrastructure Fund as doing exactly that, we appreciate your support.	Response only.	78
T188	Tourism	Fully supports Council's emphasis on the Tourism sector as a key driver of visitation and income to the district and region.	Thank you for your submission and support.	Response only.	110

Topic No:	Topic:	Question / Decision Requested	Suggested response:	Suggested Council Decision:	Applies to Submission No/s:
T91	Town Centre	Would like Council to put time, effort and money into improving the town centre	Thank you for your submission, Council has a number of capital projects identified in this LTP to update and improve the town centre. We will do these in consultation with the community.	Accept in principle.	54, 68, 69, 70
T83	Wastewater	Suggests the Hikutaia / Woodlands area is a good choice for housing development and asks if easy-care apartment/row housing would be a lower cost option and meet the needs of young skilled workers in Opotiki.	Thank you for your submission. Council has not taken a view on what should or shouldn't be built, but do agree that there is a growing need for low cost accommodation and housing for seasonal and young workers.	Response only.	45
T108	Wastewater	Is concerned the proposed increase in rates will be too excessive for low and fixed incomes and ask if Council will provide a concession or increased rates rebate.	Thank you for your submission, Council is very aware of the financial impact on low income ratepayers, and has made some concessions already in the proposed LTP by reducing the Uniform Annual General Charge, this has resulted in a rates decrease to those in lower value homes. We hope this is of benefit and will assess the impact of it over the term of the LTP. Unfortunately we cannot control the rates that are set by Regional Council, so would suggest a submission to them in relation to their rating, as the largest impact of their rates is felt on those that live between the two rivers.	Response only.	63

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T55	Water Safety	Requests water safety be deemed an important priority for Opotiki District Council in both its planning and implementation – a priority they would request feature in Council's long-term plan documentation	<p>Thank you for your submission, water safety is important to Council, and we fund the lifeguard services over busy summer periods at our beaches.</p> <p>However it is not a core function of Council and would require specific consultation with the community should Water Safety New Zealand wish Councils to take this under their wing.</p> <p>Unfortunately we cannot include any amendments to the consultation document given it is already out for consultation.</p>	Response only.	35
T56	Water Safety	Requests Opotiki District Council publicly support the development and implementation of a Bay of Plenty regional water safety strategy that reduces the numbers of preventable drownings occurring within the district.	Thank you for your response, we consider water safety very important, and will do what we can within reason to help prevent drownings. We currently fund the provision of lifeguard services over busy summer periods at our busy local beaches.	Accept in principle.	35
T57	Water Safety	Requests Opotiki District Council supports staff and other relevant stakeholders to be actively engaged in the development and subsequent implementation of the Bay of Plenty regional water safety strategy, and are familiar with the elements that are pertinent to the Opotiki District Council catchment	Thank you for your response, Council will take your request into consideration when allocating the limited resources and budgets we have.	Accept in principle.	35
T58	Water Safety	Requests Opotiki District Council be willing to consider any variations to the current model of funding water-based activity undertaken in and around the Opotiki District, if available funds are better directed to more effective interventions, mechanisms of service delivery or opportunities to educate and upskill.	Thank you for your submission, we are very open to considering different funding mechanisms around every activity we provide.	Accept in principle.	35

Topic No:	Topic:	Question / Decision Requested	Suggested response:	Suggested Council Decision:	Applies to Submission No/s:
T46	Youth	Requests Council invests in facilities and activities for children.	Thank you for your submission. Council is planning significant improvement to parks and reserves over this LTP, and that will entail new facilities and activities for youth.	Response only.	10, 18
T54	Youth	Would like Council to invest in after school activities for youth.	Thank you for your submission. Council is planning significant improvement to parks and reserves over this LTP, and that will entail new facilities and activities for youth.	Response only.	10
T34a		Opotiki College	Thank you for your submission, we will recommend that Council seek financial records to justify claimed increases in maintenance and cost. Then recommend that Council make a decision about the level of funding provided.	Accept in principle.	02
T34b		New Zealand Memorial Museum - Le Quesnoy France	Thank you for your submission, Council will support by providing a one off grant for \$1 per ratepayer/citizen.	Accept in principle.	11
T34c		Motu Trails Charitable Trust	Thank you for your submission, Council will consider your request when renewing the MoU for the next three year term.	Accept in principle.	36
T34d		Surf Life Saving New Zealand - increase to existing agreement - Waiotaha Beach	Thank you for your submission. Council will consider your request with the renewal of the MOU.	Response only.	77
T34e		Surf Life Saving New Zealand - additional funding request for Ohiwa Beach Holiday Park.	Thank you for your submission. Council will consider your request with the renewal of the MOU.	Response only.	77, 87
T34f		Bay of Plenty Regional Council recommends that Council provides a \$5,000 per annum grant towards enviro schools.	Thank you for your submission. Council will consider your funding request and let you know the outcome of the decisions.	Response only.	112

Topic No:	Topic:	Question / Decision Requested	Suggested response:	Suggested Council Decision:	Applies to Submission No/s:
T17	Animal Control	Would support Council funding a dog neutering programme for menacing dogs.	Thank you for your submission. Council is supportive of a neutering programme for menacing dogs and is encouraged by the success of last years neutering programme, particularly in relation to reducing the number of menacing dogs.	Accept.	07, 08, 09, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 22, 23, 26, 31, 32, 33, 34, 37, 42, 44, 50, 51, 55, 56, 65, 66, 67, 68, 70, 79, 80, 81, 83, 84, 86, 89, 91, 92, 107
T18	Animal Control	Does not support Council funding a dog neutering programme for menacing dogs.	Thank you for your submission. Council has noted your feedback but feels a neutering programme for menacing dogs will build upon the positive outcomes of last years neutering programme.	Response only.	30, 58, 59, 78, 90
T70	Animal Control	Would like Council to introduce night patrols and collect wandering dogs.	The Council's out of hours contract allows for the impounded of wandering dogs that have been secured or dogs that are found to be wandering uncontrolled. There would be a significant additional cost in including formal night time patrols into the contract.	Response only.	38
T109	Animal Control	Would like more protection for horses and provides ideas on how this may be achieved.	Thank you for your submission. Council will be reviewing the animal control bylaw within the next 12 months and some of your points will be considered then. Any concerns you have in relation to the welfare of animals should be made directly to the SPCA as they are the body responsible for animal welfare.	Response only.	63

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T110	Animal Control	Would like Council to support free neutering days for dogs and cats at vets.	Thank you for your submission. The cost of neutering all dog and cats would be significant.	Decline.	63
T111	Animal Control	Would like Council's Animal Control Officers to have more powers to deal with non-compliant owners and bad owners of dogs.	Thank you for your submission. The Dog control bylaw is being reviewed over the next 12 months and consideration will be given as to how the powers of animal control officers can be strengthened.	Response only.	63
T164	Animal Control	Would support Council funding a neutering programme for cats.	Thank you for your submission. The cost of a neutering programme for cats would be significant.		92
T69	Bylaws	Would like Council to have stronger enforcement of Bylaws.	The enforcement of bylaws is being carried out in accordance with recently adopted Enforcement Policy. A review of the majority of our Bylaws will be carried out over the next 12 - 18 months.	Response only.	38
T93	Bylaws	Would like to see access to vehicles limited on beaches and dune landscapes.	Thank you for your submission. The beaches bylaw is set to be reviewed over the next 12 months and consideration will be given as to whether or not vehicles should be banned from beaches.	Response only.	55
T145	Bylaws	Would like Council to consider the Ohiwa Harbour Strategy and the Ohiwa Harbour Recreation Plan when conducting upcoming bylaw reviews.	Thank you for your submission. The Ohiwa Harbour Strategy and Ohiwa Harbour Recreation Plan will be considered when bylaws are reviewed relevant to these documents.	Accept.	85
T85	Civil defence and emergency management	Asks that Council identify, connect and therefore reference emergency management responsibilities and opportunities to the related and relevant activity areas with the Long Term Plan.	Thank you for your submission. We would request that BOPRC are more specific on how they would like this to be implemented.	Decline.	46

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T65	Community Outcomes	Supports the District Strategy, Economic Growth component of 'branding and developing the town centre as an historic precinct' and offers to provide information on Heritage NZ listed buildings in the area.	Thank you for your submission your support has been noted.	Response only.	39
T66	Community Outcomes	Urges Council to consider developing heritage design guidelines for the town area, to assist owners in terms of direction regarding any building works, including maintenance and painting.	Thank you for your submission. The Council is currently looking at all options as to how the CBD area, and heritage buildings in particular can be improved. Your suggestion will be considered as part of this process.	Accept.	39
T19	Earthquake Prone Buildings	Would support Council upgrading their Earthquake prone buildings if that makes financial sense.	Thank you for your submission the content of which has been noted.	Response only.	07, 08, 14, 16, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 28, 30, 33, 34, 37, 42, 44, 46, 51, 55, 56, 66, 68, 78, 79, 82, 83, 90
T20	Earthquake Prone Buildings	Would support Council demolishing their Earthquake prone buildings which will create open space.	Thank you for you submission the content of which has been noted.	Response only.	09, 15, 17, 45, 50, 58, 59, 70, 80, 81, 86, 91, 95
T24	Earthquake Prone Buildings	Believes the Colourplus building on Church Street is at risk of collapse in an Earthquake and would like it to be condemned.	Thank you for your submission. The comment has been noted and this will be dealt with outside of the long term plan process.	Response only.	08
T25	Earthquake Prone Buildings	Suggests Council involves EQC in any plans relating to Earthquake Prone Buildings in Opotiki.	Thank you for your submission the contents of which have been noted. Council is always looking for opportunities to work with other organisations to achieve a positive outcome for the community.	Response only.	08, 33

Topic No:	Topic:	Question / Decision Requested	Suggested response:	Suggested Council Decision:	Applies to Submission No/s:
T29	Earthquake Prone Buildings	Supports Council providing information only to owners of earthquake prone buildings.	Thank you for your submission the content of which is noted and will be considered as part of the Council decision making on earthquake prone buildings in the future.	Response only.	09, 42, 44, 66, 111
T43	Earthquake Prone Buildings	Does not support Governments Earthquake Prone Building Policy.	Thank you for your submission the contents of which have been noted. To date no decisions have been made in this respect.	Response only.	10
T48	Earthquake Prone Buildings	Does not support Council providing any assistance to owners of Earthquake Prone Buildings.	Thank you for your submission the contents of which have been noted. To date no decisions have been made in this respect.	Response only.	30, 79, 101
T50	Earthquake Prone Buildings	Would like Council to fully fund the earthquake strengthening of the Opotiki De Luxe Theatre.	Thank you for your submission the contents of which have been noted. To date no decisions have been made in this respect.	Response only.	33
T52	Earthquake Prone Buildings	Would like Council to fully fund the earthquake strengthening of the Opotiki Museum and other heritage buildings to retain the town's uniqueness.	Thank you for your submission the contents of which have been noted. To date no decisions have been made in this respect.	Response only.	34
T59	Earthquake Prone Buildings	Seeks that funds are retained as part of the Long Term Plan process to enable the Council to allocate funding to subsidise upgrades to earthquake prone heritage buildings.	Thank you for your submission the contents of which have been noted. To date no decisions have been made in this respect.	Response only.	39, 50
T68	Earthquake Prone Buildings	Would support Council providing subsidies of some type to owners of earthquake prone buildings.	Thank you for your submission the contents of which have been noted. To date no decisions have been made in this respect.	Response only.	37, 83
T86	Earthquake prone buildings	Supports Council's investment in strengthening community assets such as Council buildings to build resilience.	Thank you for your submission the contents of which have been noted. To date no decisions have been made in this respect.	Response only.	46
T119	Earthquake Prone Buildings	Would like Council to work alongside owners to access necessary resources on a collective basis.	Thank you for your submission. Council will continue to work where it can on a collective basis to assist property owners.	Response only.	68

Topic No:	Topic:	Question / Decision Requested	Suggested response:	Suggested Council Decision:	Applies to Submission No/s:
T32	Environment	Recommends Council protects land and waterways from genetically engineered organisms.	Thank you for your submission. This is an issue which is predominantly dealt with by the regional council given it falls within their jurisdiction. Council follows their advice on these issues.	Accept in part.	01
T81	Fire siren	Would like the use of the siren reduced to civil defence emergencies only to reduce noise levels in town.	The Council have no control over when or how the fire siren is used by the fire service.	Response only.	44
T21	Hazardous Substances	Recommends that Council consider its obligations under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 when reviewing its plans and priorities	Thank you for your submission. Council prepares plans and strategies in accordance where relevant with mandatory acts such as this one.	Response only.	04
T167	Parks and Reserves	Would like Council to implement appropriate signage in all smokefree spaces as per Council's Educational Smokefree Outdoor Spaces Policy 2007.	Thank you for you submission. Council will give consideration to updating and replacing signage within all smoke free areas following a review of the bylaw scheduled within the next 12 months.	Accept.	98, 99
T96	Planning	Submits that Council should promote QEII covenant protection as part of any future Spatial Development Plan, Long Term Plan, or Strategic Plan that the ODC may develop.	Thank you for your submission. Council promotes covenants including QE11 covenants where appropriate.	Response only.	0
T97	Planning	Submits that Council should consider QEII an affected party for any application requiring consent within an area of likely influence on a QEII National Trust covenant.	Thank you for your submission. Council already promotes covenants through the District Planning process. Whether or not QEII are deemed to be an affected party to a resource consent application will be considered in accordance with the Resource Management Act 1991 on a case by case basis.	Response only.	57
T98	Planning	Would like to see the relationship and coordination between QEII and ODC strengthened and solidified, to ensure maximised benefits to indigenous biodiversity in the district.	Thank you for your submission. Council is willing to work with interested parties to promote biodiversity within the District.	Response only.	57

Topic No:	Topic:	Question / Decision Requested	Suggested response:	Suggested Council Decision:	Applies to Submission No/s:
T124	Planning	Would like alcohol, drugs and smoking banned at all reserves.	Thank you for your submission the Councils bylaws will be reviewed over the next 12 months and areas being smoke and alcohol free will be considered then.	Response only.	70
T149	Planning	Would like Council to make budget available for Council initiated plan changes.	The commissioner's decisions were recently notified on a new proposed District Plan. Therefore it is not felt that it would be a good use of public funds to implement a review every couple of years. Any review of the District Plan will be carried out as and when the Council deem it appropriate to do so.	Decline.	86
T169	Planning	Healthy Families East Cape request that Council implements a policy to ban any investment in bottling, selling or exploiting our water resources.	Thank you for your submission. Water take consents are administered by the Regional Council.	Response only.	99
T168	Policy	Requests Council review its Educational Smokefree Outdoor Spaces Policy 2007 and considers extending the smokefree area to include the intercity bus stop, beach and waterfront areas, alfresco dining, all sports grounds and facilities and the main streets with high pedestrian traffic.	Thank you for your submission the Councils bylaws will be reviewed over the next 12 months and areas being smokefree will be considered then.	Response only.	98, 99
T84	Stormwater	Recommends Council does not protect uneconomic earthquake prone buildings as their removal will assist handling excess stormwater.	Thank you for your submission the contents of which have been noted. To date no decisions have been made in this respect.	Response only.	45
T90	Tourism Facilities	Does not support Opotiki rates increasing to support Freedom campers. Would like Council to reduce strain on current facilities by putting heavier restrictions on the numbers allowed and police current restrictions.	Thank you for your submission the Council bylaws will be reviewed over the next 12 months and consideration will be given further restrictions being applied to freedom campers within the district then.	Response only.	30, 65

Topic No:	Topic:	Question / Decision Requested	Suggested response:	Suggested Council Decision:	Applies to Submission No/s:
T155	Transport	Would like all street signs and official signs to have macrons by 2025.	Thank you for your submission. A report is being presented to Council in June recommending that Opotiki name is changed to included macrons. If agreed a consultation process will follow and should this process result in the name change being confirmed then signs a timeframe will be agreed to update signage.	Response only.	86
T135	Waste Management	Would like a license fee charged to any business distributing junk mail.	Thank you for your submission the Council bylaws will be reviewed over the next 12 months and consideration to charging business for distributing junk mail will be considered then.	Response only.	76
T170	Water	Healthy Families East Cape would like Council to work more closely with interested partners in educating our community on how to recognize an unhealthy river, stream or any body of water and what steps need to be taken to ensure the long life of these living organisms.	Thank you for your submission. Council would be happy to continue working with partners to promote better awareness of health issues.	Response only.	99
T113	Wharf	Submits that Council declare the entire precinct a smokefree public space.	Thank you for your submission the Councils bylaws will be reviewed over the next 12 months and areas being made smokefree will be considered then.	Response only.	64

REPORT

Date : 31 May 2018
To : Extra Ordinary Council Meeting, 12 June 2018
From : Engineering and Services Group Manager, Ari Erickson
Subject : **STAFF REPORT ON SUBMISSIONS TO THE OPOTIKI DISTRICT COUNCIL DRAFT
WASTE MANAGEMENT AND MINIMISATION PLAN 2018**
File ID : A138231

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of the report is to brief Council on matters that have come to light since adoption of the Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018 and to provide advice on submissions for Council's consideration.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Report is to brief Council on matters that have come to light since adoption of the Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018 and to provide advice on submissions for Council's consideration. The report includes draft preliminary advice from staff on submissions and any proposed amendments for the development of the final Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018.

BACKGROUND

Council adopted the Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018 (WMMP) for consultation at an Ordinary Council Meeting on Monday 24 April 2018. Opening of the consultation period was advertised in the Opotiki News, on the Council's website and Facebook page.

Submissions closed on Friday 25 May 2018 with 5 submissions received on the WMMP.

DISCUSSION AND OPTIONS

Submissions to the Draft Long Term Plan

Included with this agenda is a copy of each submission made and attached to this report is preliminary staff advice by submission point. The intention of this advice is to provide a starting point for Councils discussion during deliberations. It is noted that it is only preliminary advice that may well change following the hearing of the submissions.

The WMMP provided an overview of Council's vision and goals. It compiled a broad range of information on the nature of waste in the district, the issues and gaps in data. It discussed further plans and actions to deliver ongoing improvement of waste management delivery, principles and stewardship across the district.

The majority of submissions on the WMMP sought services to rate payers and users outside the township including, rural individuals, tourists and coastal and Marae communities. A number of submissions also recommended Council consider further service types, including composting, green waste and food collection. Submissions also supported the plans and actions already discussed within the draft WMMP and requested Council adopts it goals, objectives and timeframes.

SIGNIFICANCE ASSESSMENT

Assessment of significance

Under Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, on every issue requiring a decision, Council considers the degree of significance and the corresponding level of engagement required. The level of Significance for receiving the Staff Report on Submissions to the Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018 is considered to be low as determined by the criteria set out in section 12 of the Significance and Engagement Policy.

The decisions or matters of this report are however the culmination of the process to arrive at a decision that is significant in accordance with Section 2 of the Significance and Engagement Policy. This states that a matter shall be determined to be significant when Council is developing or adopting a Long Term Plan. As a significant decision or matter, the Council must apply greater diligence in regards to the decision making requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 section 76-82. This includes, but is not limited to, the degree to which different options are identified and assessed and the extent to which community views are considered, including whether consultation is required.

This report is the culmination of the submissions received from the public regarding the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018 consultation process, which was significant and involved consultation with public. Council is receiving this report as information only. Any decisions will be made in deliberation after all of the submissions have been heard.

Assessment of engagement requirements

As the level of significance for receiving the Staff Report on Submissions to the Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018 is considered to be low the level of engagement required is determined to be at the level of inform according to Schedule 2 of the Significance and Engagement Policy.



COMMUNITY INPUT AND PUBLICITY

The consultation process with the public involved a 4 week period from 25 April 2018 to 25 May 2018 where the Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018 and Waste Assessment was made available to the public for review and submission.

The Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018 and Waste Assessment are detailed planning documents based around Council’s vision and goals and national legislation. It provides in depth data, assumptions and driving rationale and discusses improvement plans and actions in the delivery of effective waste management for the next six years.

Submissions were received via an online submission form provided on the Council website. Council also received a written submission where further space was required by the submitter for making their submission.

CONSIDERATIONS

Financial/budget considerations

This report outlines the submissions received from the public regarding our Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018. Because these are submissions on proposed budgets there will be financial and budget considerations involved with each submission. These need to be considered through the deliberation process that will occur after the hearing of all submissions.

Policy and planning implications

This report outlines the submissions received from the public regarding our Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018. Because these are submissions on the proposed policies and plans there will be implications that need to be considered with each submission. These will be considered through the deliberation process that will occur after the hearing of all submissions.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. That the report titled "Staff Report on Submissions to the Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018" be received.**
- 2. That the submissions to the Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018 be received.**
- 4. That the draft preliminary advice from staff be received and used (as amended) for the basis of letters of response to the submitters.**
- 5. That the Council direct staff to make minor adjustments to the budgets to take into account suggested amendments between now and adopting Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018 on the proviso that this will not impact the total rates required for the 2018-2028 Long Term Plan.**

Ari Erickson

ENGINEERING AND SERVICES GROUP MANAGER

STAFF REPORT ON SUBMISSIONS TO THE WASTE MINIMISATION MANAGEMENT PLAN

Topic number	Topic heading	Question / Decision requested	Suggested Council decision	Suggested Council Response	Applies to Submission/s
T1	Green garden waste	Would like council to consider a local transfer centre for green garden waste at Ohiwa.	Council will consider green waste options for the district through the ongoing implementation of the WMMP action plan.	Response Only	01
T2	Waste Management and Minimisation Plan	Would like Council to adopt the goals and objectives in the draft WMMP.	Thank you for your submission.	Response Only	02
T3	Waste Management and Minimisation Plan	Seeks that Council implements the proposed action plans within the prescribed timeframes outlined in the action plans.	Thank you for your submission.	Response Only	02
T4	Waste Management and Minimisation Plan	Seeks that Council assesses the contribution that each action plan activity has to improving waste management practices and minimisation targets.	Assessment of activities will be carried out as a part of ongoing development of the Waste Management Assessment.	Response Only	02

Topic number	Topic heading	Question / Decision requested	Suggested Council decision	Suggested Council Response	Applies to Submission/s
T5	Waste Management and Minimisation Plan	Seeks that Council includes an action to explore opportunities to provide waste collection services to rural households and additional areas not currently services by Council.	Extended services and other potential actions or services for rural/other areas will be assessed as a part of the ongoing development of the Waste Management Assessment document.	Response Only	02
T6	Funding	Seeks that Council includes an action to review how waste services are funded.	Funding mechanisms will be reviewed as a part of the ongoing development of the Waste Management Assessment.	Response Only	02
T7	Waste Management and Minimisation Plan	Would like Council to confirm that the data action plan includes information for the waste assessment on the proximity of residents to resource recovery centres and any refuse and diverted material drop-off collection locations.	Assessment of the geography relative to populations will be further considered as a part of ongoing development of the Waste Management Assessment.	Response Only	02
T8	Education	Would like Council to raise awareness of alternative waste management options for the rural community.	Improved education for a number of activities and members of the community will be carried out through implementation of the WMMP action plan.	Response Only	02

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T9	Waste Management and Minimisation Plan	Would like Council to assign timeframes to the medical waste collection action plan.	Medical waste is an important component of waste management. Many actions within the action plan are set to be completed on an 'ongoing' basis. While it is true that actions should be reviewed and implemented continually to achieve ongoing improvement, setting time frames is a practical means of realising results. More definitive time frames will be developed as a first priority in the ongoing development and actioning of the WMMP in the next 6 year implementation period.	Response Only	02
T10	Recycling	Would like Council to supply proper recycling bins for waste, plastics, tins, glass and paper	One of the options proposed in the draft LTP for improved recycling kerb side collection includes additional black recycling bins. Bins have not been colour coded to allow users to utilise bins for additional quantities of any one type of recycling material. From a wider perspective the use of recycling bins, aside from kerb side, is a consideration that will be made through the ongoing development of the Waste Management Assessment. Actions of this nature will require further time to review costs and practical means of implementation.	Response Only	03

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T11	Green Waste	Would like Council to provide free green waste drop-off.	Provision of additional services to various groups and communities will be considered as part of the ongoing development of the WMMP. Assessment of the cost and implementation of such actions will need to be reviewed as they may have changed since they were last in effect. Upon collation of the necessary data Council will be able to make an informed decision on delivery of this particular service. The time frame for developing this data has not been set as yet. The first priority for Council surround the implementation of its WMMP is to determine practical time frames for the implementation of all actions based on available resources.	Response Only	03
T12	Recycling	Would like Council to crush all glass into a blasting medium.	Glass is already sold to third party recycling facilities where they go through this process. Return on sales helps pay for the cost of operating the RRC's.	Response Only	03
T13	Collection	Would like Council to provide rubbish drop-off points for tourists.	Extended services and other potential actions for the tourism industry will be assessed as a part of the ongoing development of the Waste Management Assessment document as well as current available funding for the development of Reserves used for tourism, in particular freedom camping.	Response Only	03

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T14	Other	Would like Council to ban horses in the town centre due to droppings.	Horses are recognised by the NZ Transport Agency as a legitimate form of transport like cars or bicycles. Council already has a bylaw in place to prohibit the riding or leading of horses where they become a nuisance to the public which is exercised for the CBD. Unfortunately some members of the public still ride horses through parts of the CBD on occasion. Consideration of further controls such as signs and potential enforcement will be considered within the Land Transport Management Plan and consideration of dropping collection will be considered through ongoing development of the WMMP.	Response Only	03
T15	Education	Supports Council providing an increased range of waste management and minimisation education.	Thank you for your submission.	Response Only	03
T16	Collection	Would like Council's urban collection contractors to pick up any dropped refuse.	In any event where contractors have dropped refuse or recycling Council requests members of the public call customer services and lodge a service request so that it may be remediated and the issue investigated and reviewed with contractors.	Response Only	03
T17	Planning	Would like Council to remain open minded to new ideas for waste management and minimisation.	Education and feedback has value for waste services and will be carried out as part of the ongoing development of the WMMP.	Response Only	03

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T18	Collection	Would like Council to provide wheelie bins and recycle bins.	Council is currently reviewing the way we provide collection services. Wheelie bins and recycling bins is one of the possible options.	Response Only	04
T19	Waste Management and Minimisation Plan	Recommends that the plan acknowledges tangata whenua as kaitiaki of the land.	The principles of tangata whenua such as kaitiakitanga and mauri are recognised in the current draft WMMP.	Response Only	05
T20	Composting	Encourage the Council to plan for and provide local composting infrastructure.	Development of additional services, provision of assets and education including for the purposes of reusing green waste for compost is a consideration that will be undertaken through ongoing development of the WMMP.	Response Only	05
T21	Resource Recovery Centre	Encourages the further development of resource recovery centres in collaboration with community or iwi.	Further services including specifically in collaboration with Iwi and community group will be considered through the ongoing development of the WMMP>	Response Only	05
T22	Planning	Encourages council to lobby for product stewardship (tyres, ewaste, beverage containers) and increased waste levy.	Council has an obligation of stewardship of all waste in its district. Better understanding of waste in the district is a key action in the WMMP.	Response Only	05
T23	Education	Would like Council to support Para Kore or other community waste education programmes.	While Council has limited funding for education, it is an important component of waste management. Working with Para Kore surrounding education will be included in the development of actions and the allocation time and costs across all community and iwi education programmes.	Response Only	05

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T24	Planning	Would like Council to support circular economy principles for the district and also within council operations.	Circular economies is a awesome principle. It can be difficult to apply in a small community but there are initiative regionally. We will try to apply this principle wherever possible and consider its development locally and regionally through ongoing development of the WMMP.	Response Only	05
T25	Waste Management and Minimisation Plan	Strongly recommends schemes to encourage farmers to recycle, dispose of hazardous waste safely and to stop using farm landfills.	As a part of WMMP action plan the development of data, education and potential service options to encourage and assist rural communities in the reuse and recycling process will be undertaken on an ongoing basis.	Response Only	05