

Our Long Term Plan

The Long Term Plan, or LTP, sets the strategic direction for the District Council over the next decade.

It is the Council's response to the goals and priorities, or 'Community Outcomes', for the District.

The LTP is adopted every three years as required by the Local Government Act 2002.

It details the services planned for the first three years and outlines others proposed for the following seven years.

It is reviewed every three years.

The LTP highlights

- The issues facing each of the Council's activities.
- How the Council plans to resolve those issues.
- How much the Council will spend, and on what, and how that spending will be funded.

It also indicates what role other organisations will play in helping achieve the community's outcomes.

This is communicated to the community in a Consultation Document which signals where the detailed information can be found in the LTP.

It includes...

- A statement of the community's long-term goals and priorities (community outcomes).
- Information about the activities provided by the Council, including the level of service the community can expect and the contribution activities make toward each of the Community Outcomes.

NOTE: You are welcome to view the Long Term Plan (LTP) on our website or ask for a copy at any of our service centres or libraries.



- A long-term financial strategy explaining what the programme will cost over the next decade and how it will be paid for.
- A 30 year Infrastructure Strategy which outlines the condition, expected life and likely replacement of the Council's key infrastructure.
- Performance measures so the community will know what was planned has been achieved.

In the two years between each review of the LTP, the Council produces an Annual Plan.

The Annual Plan highlights any variations from the adopted LTP for the coming year.

Where the Council plans a major change from what has already been signalled, it may also need to formally amend the original LTP document before a review is due.

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Have your say

The Council **MUST** consult widely and listen to community views when preparing its LTP.

This way the public participates in the decision-making process and influences the future of their community.

The Council produces a Consultation Document to stimulate discussion and encourage feedback, prior to the adoption of the LTP.

This is an important opportunity to have a say about the future direction and priorities the Council is proposing for the District over the coming years.

Details on how and when to make submissions are also published. Forms are provided, or you can write a letter, or make your submission online through the Council website.

(While submissions are public documents, you can ask for your contact details to be withheld.)

For more information on making submissions, see the Fact Sheet '**Having Your Say**' on our website or ask for a copy at any of our service centres or libraries.

Voicing your view

The Council will hold a hearing so that, if you wish, Councillors can hear what you have to say and ask questions to clarify any points you raised in your written submission.

The Councillors will **NOT** debate the merits of your case with you. You will receive updates from the Council on the progress of the LTP and information will be made available on the Council website of the Council's decisions and reasons for it.

The final LTP is adopted only after the Council has considered all the submissions. This must happen before the start of the new financial year (1 July).

Find out more at waimakariri.govt.nz, or contact Customer Services on 0800 965 468.