

Community Representation

Waimate 2020

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What Do We Do Now?

The District council provides services to enable effective District management by the Mayor and Councillors. The Council has a duty to recognise and respond to special local issues as they arise and is sometimes required to lobby central government on matters concerning the District. It must publish strategic plans on future directions for the District, and publish annual reports on the progress and performance of the Council. Every three years it must provide facilities for the election of the Mayor and Councillors.

Tasks

Tasks are the routine matters that Council will attend to every year, in order to maintain service levels set in agreement with our community.

- Lobby for the interests of Waimate District Residents with other Councils, Agencies and Central Government.
- Conduct and manage the three year Electoral Process for local authorities.
- Ensure the Councils Public Consultation framework is operative and effective.
- Maintain a broadly representative Community Panel for regular consultation between the Council and Community.
- Participate in Local Government NZ and Canterbury regional forums.
- Manage and apply the elected member remuneration process.
- Respond to enquiries from ratepayers with respect to rating.
- Respond to public enquiries with respect to the responsibilities and activities of the Council.
- Provide transparency and accountability through the LTCCP process, budgets, annual report, audits and the Council's consultation processes.

- Deliver a public education program covering Local Body Elections for electors and prospective candidates.
- Maintain a Communications Strategy that optimises clear and timely communications between the Council and the public.
- Review the suitability and impacts of any Central Government requirement or regulation that affects Waimate District Council citizens.
- The Mayor regularly provides time to citizens to discuss issues.

Why Do We Do It?

To allow residents of the Waimate District to participate in decision making for the good of their community.

To enable Council to understand what the desired outcomes of the community are.

Our Service Levels

All Council public meetings are advertised in accordance with statutory requirements.

Minutes of all public meetings are web available within one week.

Long term Council Community Plan is available for public submissions on a three year cycle.

A special consultative procedure as set out in the Local Government Act, 2002 is used for any significant proposal additional to LTCCP.

Council elections are held every three years.

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Outcomes Supported By This Activity

This activity supports the following Community Outcomes as described in the second volume of this plan.

- The governance provided by the Waimate District Council meets the needs of its citizens.
- The community is positive about its continued well-being.
- Citizens feel that their needs for community are satisfied.
- Increases in quality of life, well-being and prosperity are shared and accessed by all citizens.



How Do We Get There?

The Council will play its part in achieving the above outcomes by continuing to conduct the relevant tasks that we do now and by extending into new projects as agreed with the community.

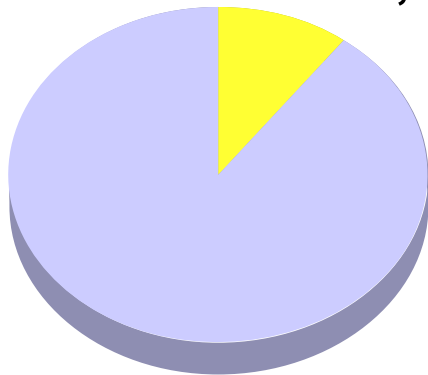
Projects

Projects are special works that are initiated by Council which by their development and ongoing maintenance will enhance community outcomes.

- Create and maintain focus groups to represent the community in each of the social, cultural, environmental and economic aspects of community planning. Consultation required - Project is in progress.
- Conduct a training and development program for new and returned Councillors. No Consultation needed - Project is in progress.
- Encourage much greater public attendance at Council meetings. For example, encourage school groups to attend. No Consultation needed - Project has not started.
- Enhance website to provide word searchable reports of Council meetings and other commonly required Council documents. No Consultation needed - Project is in progress.
- Conduct Council meetings at various locations throughout the District. No Consultation needed - Project has not started.
- Create, maintain and operate an effective community consultation policy. No Consultation needed - Statutory requirement.

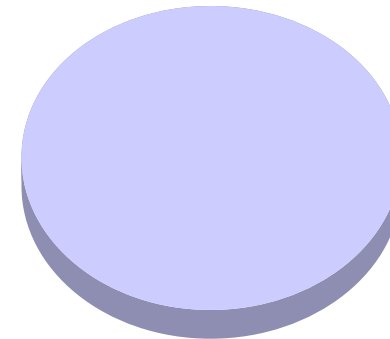
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**Share of Operating
Expenditure = \$952,000**



\$8,589,000

**Share of Capital
Expenditure = \$0**



\$3,291,000

Expected Levels of Expenditure for 2005/2006

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PROSPECTIVE FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2006												
GROUP - ORGANISATION	ACTIVITY :	Estimate	Budget	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	
	COMMUNITY	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	
	REPRESENTATION	\$000s	\$000s	\$000s	\$000s	\$000s	\$000s	\$000s	\$000s	\$000s	\$000s	
	Revenue											
	Targeted Rate											
	Land Transport NZ Subsidy											
	Revenue from Activities	(12)			(12)			(12)			(12)	
	Other Revenue											
	Total Revenue	(12)	0	0	(12)	0	0	(12)	0	0	(12)	0
	Expenditure											
Expenditure on Activities	970	937	1,021	1,010	945	1,023	1,008	947	1,021	1,010	945	
Interest	32	10	12	12	9	13	13	10	12	12	9	
Depreciation	13	6	4	3	2	8	6	5	4	4	3	
Taxation												
Total Expenditure	1,015	953	1,036	1,024	956	1,044	1,027	962	1,037	1,025	957	
NET COST OF SERVICE	1,003	953	1,036	1,012	956	1,044	1,015	962	1,037	1,013	957	
Funded by:												
General Rates	(955)	(991)	(1,000)	(1,009)	(995)	(1,008)	(1,012)	(1,001)	(1,001)	(1,010)	(996)	
Shortfall (surplus) to balance	47	(39)	36	3	(39)	36	3	(39)	36	3	(39)	