

LTP 2024-34

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



WHAT'S A LONG TERM PLAN?

Our Long Term Plan (we call it a LTP for short) is our blueprint for the coming 10 years that provides us with a long-term focus for our decision making. It sets out the projects and initiatives we will be investing in, when we're planning to do the work, and how much it will cost.

It helps answer some of the big questions like: "What facilities and services will we be providing to you? What can we afford? How do we prioritise and pay for projects?"

The LTP includes our Infrastructure Strategy - a 30-year view of key capital projects and issues, such as climate change and weather caused disruption, that we'll be considering in the longer term.

The Plan also sets our strategic direction, forecasts what your rates increases are likely to be over the next 10 years, and keeps Council accountable by mapping out the level of performance our communities can expect from us.

You can read the last LTP 2021-31 on our website at tcdc.govt.nz/LTP-2021-31 and check on the progress of our next LTP at tcdc.govt.nz/LTP-2024-2034.

WHY DO WE NEED A LTP?

The Local Government Act 2002 requires all councils to always have an LTP that covers at least a 10 year period. Councils need to develop the plan in consultation with their communities, and they need to review it every three years. The Plan provides you with transparency as to what you can expect us to deliver over the next 10 to 30 years - and how we'll prioritise and fund it. Things can change pretty fast, so in between each LTP we prepare an Annual Plan to update you on any major changes that are different to what we forecast for that year in our last LTP.

WHAT'S OUR LTP VISION AND KEY PRIORITIES?

At our Council meeting on 8 August, we endorsed our new LTP vision statement and key priorities, which are central to the LTP process. These determine the community outcomes we want for our district and provide a long-term focus for how we allocate our resources.

MOEMOEĀ-A-KAUNIHERA | COUNCIL'S VISION

The Coromandel – live, work and play.

WHAKAAROTAU Ā-KAUNIHERA | COUNCIL PRIORITIES

- A collaborative district
- A vibrant and safe district
- A connected and resilient district
- A district with sustainable services and infrastructure.

WHAT'S IN THE LTP?

The LTP includes:

- The big issues our Council will be facing over the next 10 years.
- Information about activities, facilities and services we are planning to deliver, and how.
- Key capital works and operational projects we are prioritising over the next 10 years.
- How our projects and services will be funded.
- What your rates are likely to be for the next 10 years.
- Details of our financial performance.
- A formal auditor's opinion.

IS IT TRUSTWORTHY?

Yes, the LTP is independently audited to ensure that it meets its statutory purpose and is based on quality information and assumptions.

WHAT KEY ISSUES ARE WE FACING?

We know that this coming LTP will be focused on recovery from the extreme weather earlier this year and building resilience into the infrastructure and facilities our Council provides, as well as enabling that same recovery and resilience in our communities.

Some of the things we're considering are:

- How we'll help to shape resilient and connected communities.
- Implementing some of the actions identified by our Shoreline Management Pathways project, which will help us manage our response to coastal hazards.
- Rebuilding and improving our roading and infrastructure so it is better placed to withstand future weather events.
- Supporting economic recovery and resilience through funding, projects and partnerships.

WHAT WILL MY RATES BE NEXT YEAR?

We're still working on our LTP budgets and priorities, and will be consulting our community in March/April next year about what we're proposing, and what the cost will mean for rates increases.

What we do know is that events have moved on globally, economically and politically since our 2021-31 LTP, and we'll need to factor in these changes as part of the process. Keep an eye on our LTP website page for updates: tcdc.govt.nz/LTP-2024-2034

HOW CAN YOU HAVE A SAY?

There are many ways that our communities can have a say, right through to when we adopt our new LTP.

- Informal community drop-in events throughout the district.
- Stakeholder meetings with partners and groups including iwi, agencies, businesses, youth, and community and ratepayer groups.
- Online and in-person Q&A sessions.
- Formal public consultation is scheduled for March/April 2024 so you can provide feedback. If you opt to provide feedback, you'll also have the option to speak about your submission in person at the LTP hearings planned for late April/early May.

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