



AGENDA

Ordinary Council Meeting Tuesday, 27 May 2025

Date Tuesday, 27 May 2025

Time 9:00 am

Location Council Chamber
District Council Building
King George Place
Timaru

File Reference 1761449

Timaru District Council

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Ordinary Council will be held in the Council Chamber, District Council Building, King George Place, Timaru, on Tuesday 27 May 2025, at 9:00 am.

Council Members

Mayor Nigel Bowen (Chairperson), Cllrs Allan Booth, Peter Burt, Gavin Oliver, Sally Parker, Stu Piddington, Stacey Scott, Scott Shannon, Michelle Pye and Owen Jackson

Quorum – no less than 5 members

Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968

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Nigel Trainor

Chief Executive

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7 Reports

7.1 Annual Plan 2025/26 - Receipt of Submissions and Hearing

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Authoriser: Stephen Doran, Group Manager Corporate and Communications

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the submissions on the draft Annual Plan 2025/26 Consultation Document attached to this report;
2. Accepts and notes the material tabled at this meeting under separate cover, being submissions received after the publication deadline for this report but by the submissions deadline, and any associated officer commenting and analysis;
3. Acknowledges any submitters who have spoken to their submission, and;
4. Notes that all submissions will be considered as part of the deliberations on the Annual Plan 2025/26.

Purpose of Report

- 1 The purpose of this report is for Council to receive all submissions and feedback on the Annual Plan 2025/26 and to hear any individuals or organisations who wish to speak to their submissions.

Assessment of Significance and Engagement

- 2 Council's receipt of and deliberations on submissions received on the Annual Plan Consultation Document (CD) is of medium to high significance in accordance with the Significance and Engagement Policy.
- 3 Section 95 of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) states:
(2) Subject to subsection (2A), a local authority must consult in a manner that gives effect to the requirements of section 82 before adopting an annual plan under this section.
- 4 Council determined that the options being considered for the Annual Plan 2025/26 do not constitute a significant or material difference to what was proposed for Year 2 of the 2024/34 Long Term Plan, and, therefore, that utilising a Special Consultative Procedure (SCP) was not appropriate. Accordingly Council has utilised the provisions of s 82 of the Local Government Act 2002 to engage with the community prior to decisions being made.

Consultation and Engagement

- 5 The Annual Plan 2025/26 consultation was carried out from 1 May to 23 May 2025. The CD and supporting information were available online from 5pm 1 May. Paper copies of the CD were circulated to households in the District with the *Timaru Courier* local newspaper on Thursday 1 May.

- 6 The community was invited to provide feedback in a range of different ways:
- (i) Completing the online submission form;
 - (ii) Posting or delivering a hard copy submission form; and
 - (iii) Emailing their submission to a dedicated submissions inbox.
- 7 The opportunity to make a submission was promoted via:
- (i) Council's website, including a dedicated webpage;
 - (ii) CD published in the *Timaru Courier*;
 - (iii) Media promotion via Council's social media channels; and
 - (iv) Weekly advertising in the *Timaru Courier* via the Council Noticeboard page.

Submission Analysis

Basis of analysis

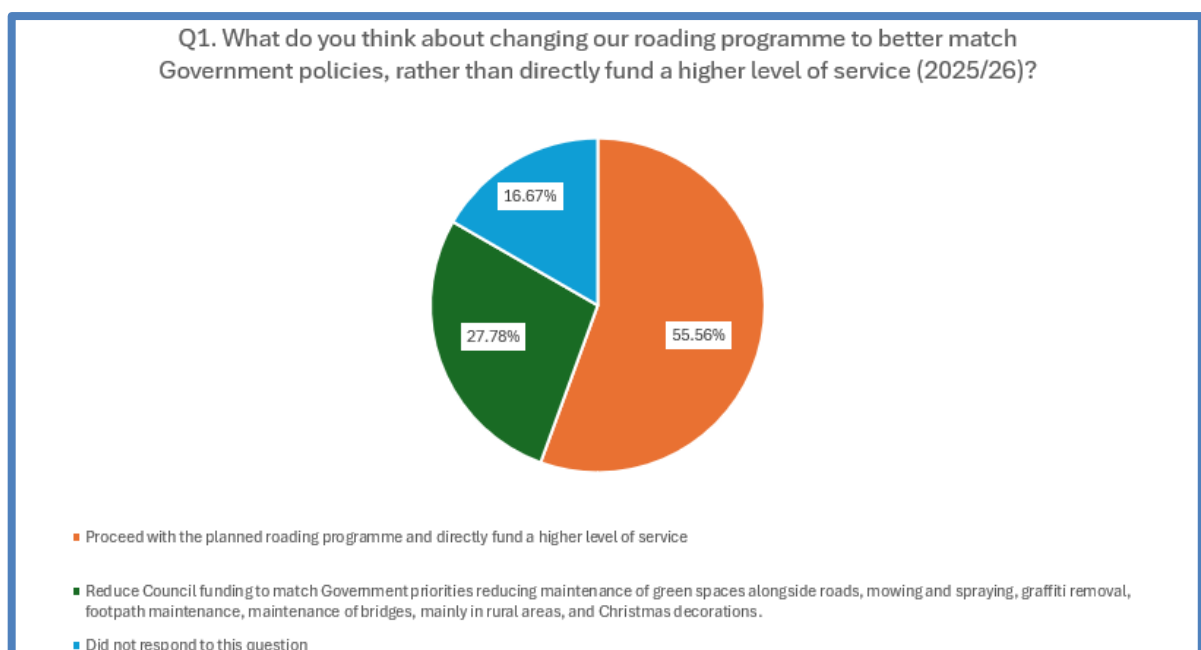
- 8 This analysis is based on submissions received as of 9am Wednesday 21 May, in order for this report to be published in time to meet legislative requirements.
- 9 Officers will table the following items at the Council meeting:
- 9.1 Any additional submissions received between 9am Wednesday 21 May and 5pm Friday 23 May (the latter date being the deadline for making submissions).
 - 9.2 Any officer commenting (beyond that included in the Deliberations report in this agenda) on any additional submissions received.
 - 9.3 An updated statistical breakdown of submissions responses, incorporating any additional submissions received.
 - 9.4 A Hearing timetable, if any additional submissions received indicate a wish to speak.

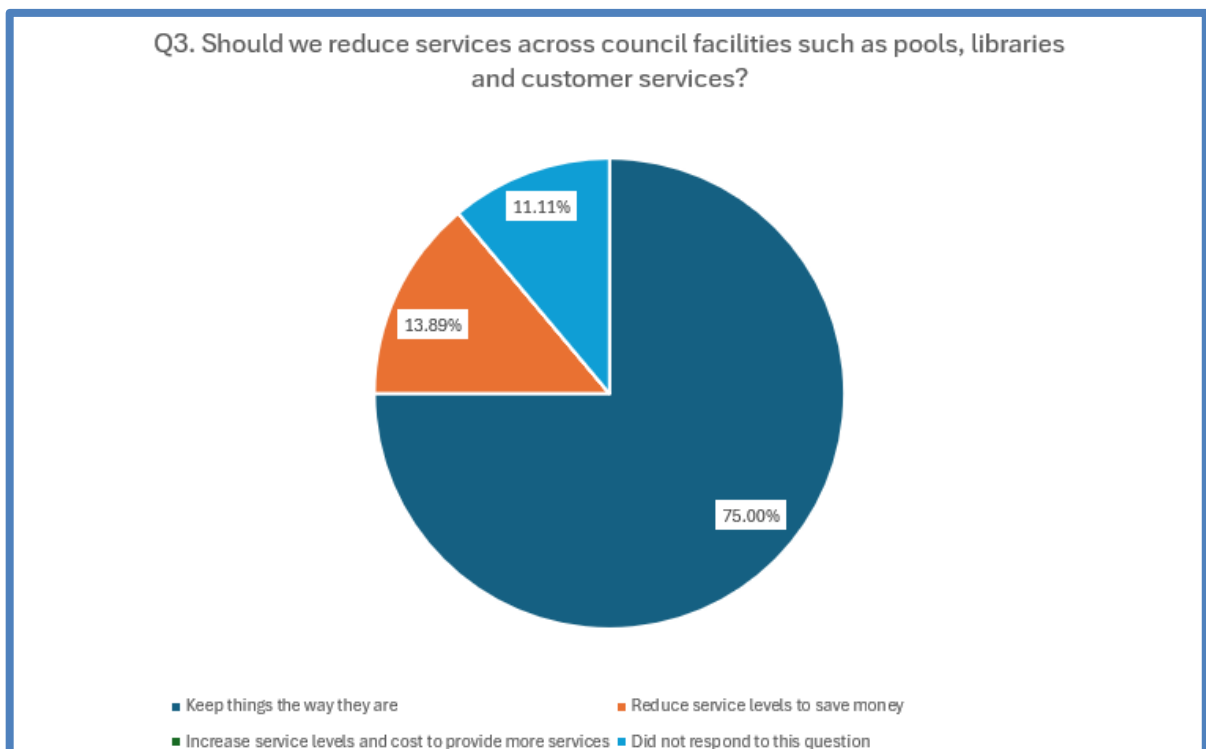
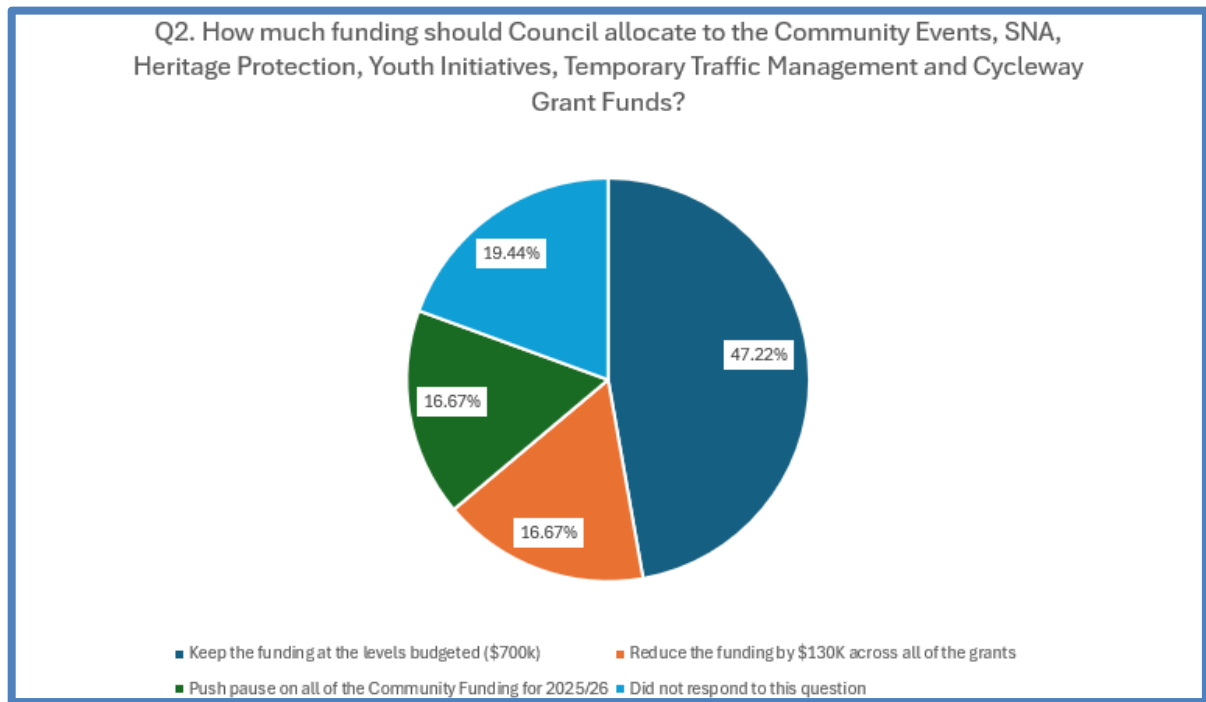
Community Feedback

- 10 As of 9am Wednesday 21 May, 36 submissions had been received. Six submissions included attachments or additional files.
- 11 All written submissions (including attachments) are attached to this report as Attachment 1.
- 12 A statistical breakdown of submission responses is outlined in the table and graphs below. It factors in all submissions, including those who did not respond to particular questions.

<i>Question</i>	<i># of respondents = percentage of submitters</i>
Q1. What do you think about changing our roading programme to better match Government policies, rather than directly fund a higher level of service (2025/26)?	
Proceed with the planned roading programme and directly fund a higher level of service	20 = 55.56%
Reduce Council funding to match Government priorities reducing maintenance of green spaces alongside roads, mowing and spraying, graffiti removal, footpath maintenance, maintenance of bridges, mainly in rural areas, and Christmas decorations.	10 = 27.78%

Did not respond to this question	6 = 16.67%
23 submitters elaborated on their choice with additional information.	
Q2. How much funding should Council allocate to the Community Events, SNA, Heritage Protection, Youth Initiatives, Temporary Traffic Management and Cycleway Grant Funds?	
Keep the funding at the levels budgeted (\$700k)	17 = 47.22%
Reduce the funding by \$130K across all of the grants	6 = 16.67%
Push pause on all of the Community Funding for 2025/26	6 = 16.67%
Did not respond to this question	7 = 19.44%
22 submitters elaborated on their choice with additional information.	
Q3. Should we reduce services across council facilities such as pools, libraries and customer services?	
Keep things the way they are	27 = 75.00%
Reduce service levels to save money	5 = 13.89%
Increase service levels and cost to provide more services	0 = 0.00%
Did not respond to this question	4 = 11.11%
Q4. Are there any options you think Council should not consider at all?	17 responses
Q5. Do you have any thoughts on the proposed changes to the Revenue and Financing Policy?	9 responses
Q6. Any other comments or feedback?	21 responses





Main themes

- 13 This section outlines the broad submission themes identified by officers. This section should be read in conjunction with the officer commenting in the Deliberations Report (included in the meeting agenda) and any tabled items to provide additional information and context.
- 14 The percentages quoted below are based on submitters who responded to particular questions; it excludes submitters who did not respond to particular questions. They are rounded, so do not necessarily sum to 100%.
- 15 Question 1: What do you think about changing our roading programme to better match Government policies, rather than directly fund a higher level of service (2025/26)?

- 15.1 Two-thirds of respondents (67%) supported proceeding with the planned roading programme. One-third (33%) supported reducing the roading programme to match Government priorities.
- 15.2 There was a strong theme to retain bridge maintenance and graffiti removal services.
- 15.3 Several submitters identified spraying and Christmas decorations as areas that they would be comfortable to see reductions in, however some other submitters identified spraying as a priority to retain.
- 15.4 A petition submission indicating support from 19 residents requested sealing and widening a portion of Oakwood Road, primarily for reasons of safety and accessibility.
- 16 Question 2: How much funding should Council allocate to the Community Events, SNA, Heritage Protection, Youth Initiatives, Temporary Traffic Management and Cycleway Grant Funds?
 - 16.1 A majority of respondents (59%) supported retaining the currently budgeted level of funding for community events, Significant Natural Areas (SNA), heritage protection and similar. The remaining respondents were evenly split (21% each) between reducing funding or not funding such activities for the 2025/26 financial year.
 - 16.2 Submitters disagreed about the role of Council in relation to this funding. A majority indicated that they felt there was a place for Council's involvement, whilst a significant minority felt that Council should either never contribute or at least not in the current economic environment.
 - 16.3 Some submitters stated their view that the funding makes a disproportionately positive benefit to recipients and the wider community.
 - 16.4 A plurality of submitters appeared to support SNA funding, viewing it as a key factor in preventing greater loss of a biodiversity (which some considered either taonga or an inheritance to future generations) and potentially an economic benefit to the district.
 - 16.5 Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga submitted in favour of heritage funding, and encouraging Council to consider further steps it could take to support positive heritage outcomes.
- 17 Question 3: Should we reduce services across council facilities such as pools, libraries and customer services?
 - 17.1 A significant majority (84%) supporting retaining the current level of service for council facilities such as pools, libraries and customer services. A significant minority (16%) supported reducing service levels at these facilities to reduce costs. No submitters supported increasing levels of service and costs at these facilities.
- 18 Question 4: Are there any options you think Council should not consider at all?
 - 18.1 There were a relatively small number of responses to this question (17). A majority of submitters did not express an opinion.
 - 18.2 There was a strong theme of retaining existing levels of service for community-facing council facilities (perhaps because the previous question had sought views on this subject), mainly for reasons of equity and accessibility. Some submitters noted that these facilities were, in their view, well-used and should cater for the needs of residents by having relatively long opening hours.

- 18.3 A minor theme of these responses was the importance of Council being efficient with its finances (inferring that existing levels of service may be able to be supplied at lower costs than present if this occurred), and for the community to be realistic about the level of service received given the quantum of rates paid.
- 19 Question 5: Do you have any thoughts on the proposed changes to the Revenue and Financing Policy?
- 19.1 Nine responses were received on this question. The majority of submitters did not express a view on the proposed changes to the policy.
- 19.2 A majority of responses stated themes expressed in response to other questions and were not directly relevant to the proposed changes to the policy.
- 19.3 Where submissions were relevant to the changes to the policy, respondents were mixed. One felt that it was appropriate for Council to redirect proceeds of asset sales to support its priorities. Another was concerned that Council may redirect proceeds of asset sales without due consultation or transparency.
- 20 Question 6: Any other comments or feedback?
- 20.1 A wide range of feedback was received on a variety of topics, as intended. There were several key themes and requests.
- 20.2 Submitters had mixed views about Council's wider economic approach; whether Council should "cut its cloth" in difficult economic times or retain the planned programme on the basis that cuts may be disproportionately detrimental. Some submitters were concerned about Council's level of debt, and how it might impact options for future councils and residents. One submitter stated that Council should always ensure sufficient contingency for climate related emergencies.
- 20.3 A small number of submitters suggested options to improve vibrancy in the Timaru CBD, relating to changing parking fees to freezing or remitting rates for businesses.
- 20.4 One submitter stated disapproval with changes to landing and lease fees at the Timaru Airport.
- 20.5 One submitter felt that the Aorangi Park upgrade was un-necessary.

Annual Plan Hearing

- 21 No submitters have requested to speak to Council on their submission, as of 9am Wednesday 21 May. This may change between the publication of this report and the Council meeting on Tuesday 27 May.

Attachments

1. Submissions received on Annual Plan 2025-26 [!\[\]\(79de0df6c6ddd2d4eb74f1cc5f48ec50_img.jpg\)](#) 

Index of submitters

Name	Organisation	Page # (refer top right of page)	Attachment?	Speaking at Hearing?
Kay Beange		001	No	No
Mitzie Bisnar	Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga	003	Yes – 005-007	No
Rebecca Campbell		008	No	No
Terry Clarke		010	No	No
Rosemary Clucas		012	No	No
Rosemary Clucas	Te Ana Māori Rock Art	014	Yes – 016-017	No
Roy Crosbie	Community Patrol Timaru	018	No	No
Benjamin Dalloway		020	No	No
Denise Diehl	Timaru Community Patrol, Secretary	022	Yes – 025-026	No
Martin Diehl		027	No	No
Lindsay Evans		029	No	No
Betty Foster		031	No	No
Hermann Frank		033	Yes – 035	No
Linda and David Gaskin		036	No	No
Leslie (Steve) Geddes		038	No	No
William Gilkinson		040	No	No
Quinten James Green		042	No	No
Jessica Hurst		044	No	No

Bevin Joyce	South Canterbury Highland Pipe Band	046	No	No
Chris Konings		048	No	No
Averil Marshall		050	No	No
Ernest Peter McAuley		052	Yes – 054-055	No
David Moore		056	No	No
Ross Munro		058	No	No
John Palmer		060	No	No
Karalyn Reud		062	No	No
Kathleen Ryan		064	No	No
Magdalena Sakowska		066	Yes – 069-072	No
Naomi Scott		073	No	No
Tim Shaw		075	No	No
Ashley Shewan		077	No	No
Rachael Stott		079	No	No
Karen Tilley		081	No	No
Karen Wiles		083	No	No
Benjamin Williams		085	No	No
Maurice Young		087	No	No

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Organisation (if applicable)

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Roading I feel Heavy Vechiles with containers etc should be on rail. Example is the new cross road at Humphries Corner which is a disgrace.

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Q4. Are there any options you think Council should not consider at all?

CBay Pool hours should stay the same as a lot of swimmers work or go straight to school. Reducing hours and staff would not save money. This is a great asset. The Library also should remain as it is.

Q5. Do you have any thoughts on the proposed changes to the Revenue and Financing Policy?

Any other comments or feedback?

Would like to [attend the Hearing] but that date is unsuitable

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Other attached files: HNZPT submission on Timaru Annual Plan.pdf

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HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND
POUHERE TAONGA

20 May 2025

Annual Plan Submission
Timaru District Council
PO Box 522
Timaru 7940

Tēnā koe,

**SUBMISSION OF HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND POUHERE TAONGA TO THE TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL
DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2025/26**

To: Timaru District Council
Name of submitter: Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga

1. Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the Timaru District Council's Draft Annual Plan 2025/26 (the Plan).
2. Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga (HNZPT) is an autonomous Crown Entity with statutory responsibility under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 (HNZPTA) for the identification, protection, preservation, and conservation of New Zealand's historic and cultural heritage.

General approach

3. HNZPT acknowledges the challenge of preparing this Plan in a period of change and uncertainty, with legislative reforms and current financial pressures.
4. HNZPT recognises that preparation of the Plan allows the Council to review and adjust detailed budgets contained within the Long-Term Plan, and to set out how the Council plans to work towards its goals for the upcoming financial year. Within that, the Council has a responsibility to acknowledge the various tangible and intangible aspects of life that make up its heritage and ensure that these are appropriately represented within the Plan. Historic heritage that is cared for is essential in creating an engaging and vibrant region that fosters local identity, draws people in and helps to sustain the local economy. It is a fundamental part of the fabric of the community.
5. HNZPT supports the community wellbeing outcomes established within the Plan and the Council's effort to action community feedback.

Theatre Royal / Heritage Facility Redevelopment Project

6. In regard to the Theatre Royal / Heritage Facility Redevelopment which is identified as a key project in the Plan, HNZPT commends the Council's continued effort to consider options for the preservation and conservation of the Theatre Royal.
7. The Theatre Royal is included in the New Zealand Heritage List / Rārangi Kōrero as a Category 2 Historic Place (List no. 5393). Its heritage values are attributed to the building's architectural and

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craftsmanship values for its construction and interior detailing. The building also has social significance as Timaru's first permanent venue for entertainment and was the location of many significant events such as for entertainment, meetings and civic receptions.

8. HNZPT has been collaborating with and supporting the Council on prospective redevelopment plans and proposals for the Theatre Royal over the past few years. HNZPT acknowledges that several options have been considered for the redevelopment of the building but have been met with varying obstacles, such as financial limitations.
9. The Council's Long-Term Plan 2024-34 adopted in July 2024 identified that a budget of \$57 (including \$11m from MBIE Government Infrastructure Fund) was allocated to this project for the first three years.
10. The Annual Plan 2025/26 has now allocated a budget of \$11.2 million for the Theatre Royal / Heritage Facility Redevelopment and details that some of the anticipated budget has been moved to the 2026/27 financial year to better reflect the staging of the project and when costs will be incurred.
11. HNZPT acknowledges the variation in the budget for this project and recognises the Council's ongoing effort to continue its progression. HNZPT welcomes ongoing collaboration with the Council on this project and hopes that the allocated funding is sufficient to see the works progress.

Incentives

12. In respect of the Council's allocated budget of \$700,000 to community groups to support a range of activities, including heritage protection, HNZPT supports the retention of this financial provision given the assistance it provides towards heritage preservation and conservation. As noted in item (2) above, HNZPT advocates for the identification, protection, preservation and conservation of New Zealand's historical and cultural heritage. As such, HNZPT is supportive of keeping the funding at the budgeted level as this significantly contributes to heritage protection within the district.
13. Timaru has a vast range of historic places which are significant due to their heritage values. Many of these are privately owned yet still contribute to the district's sense of belonging and way of life. Financing the maintenance, repairs, strengthening and upgrade of these structures can often be financially challenging for owners. As such, HNZPT supports the ongoing provision of the Heritage Protection Fund of \$20,000 to encourage and assist owners of heritage places.

Recommendations

14. Further to the priorities and proposed initiatives outlined in the Plan, HNZPT requests consideration of the following methods to protect and enhance Timaru's historic heritage.
 - Council recognises adverse effects of climate change on historic heritage and implements measures to prevent further degradation wherever possible.
 - Council considers further heritage incentives to facilitate the retention and seismic strengthening of heritage buildings such as free or subsidised processing of applications, free advice to owners of heritage properties and remission of rates.

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15. HNZPT does not wish to be heard in support of this submission but is available to answer any queries the Council may have.

Thank you for consulting HNZPT on this matter.

Kā mihi,

Arlene Baird
Area Manager Canterbury / West Coast
Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga

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The long term impact on the health, safety and wellbeing of our community along with the increase of spend longer term on roading doesn't make this reduction in spend sensible.

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While it would be great to keep this spend, a reduction short term during the current economic environment makes sense.

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Q4. Are there any options you think Council should not consider at all?

It is critical that when putting significant spend into things like the theatre and stadium that affordability for end users is achievable - otherwise it will be wasted spend.

Q5. Do you have any thoughts on the proposed changes to the Revenue and Financing Policy?

Continuing to focus on areas of improvement/ ways of doing things more cost effectively is key.

Any other comments or feedback?

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Grey Rd roundabout, Raised crossing Selwyn St speed bumps Woodlands Rd & roundabout on Pages Rd (that is the same as it was) how much did these cost us? I know we get subsidies but they still cost us! The round about on Grey Rd had a crash the first week - go figure!!

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Tell us more about your preferred choices.

SNA - what an absolute waste of money!! I know you are governed by parliament and you haven't spent as much as Waikati. Isn't there enough cycleways now? Maybe cycling groups could dip in their pockets.

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Q4. Are there any options you think Council should not consider at all?

Plenty of services now. People want Rolls Royces but only want to pay for a mini.

Q5. Do you have any thoughts on the proposed changes to the Revenue and Financing Policy?

Any other comments or feedback?

Please try and find ways to save money Not try and spend it. Glad we ditched the roading restructors but we shouldn't have even started it.

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Rosemary

Last Name *

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This work can largely be deferred. But do not remove gardens and green spaces in favour of hard surfaces. Many green verges can be left to go feral. Some of trees such as rowan are weedy species anyway. Less spraying is less poison into the waterways. Christmas decorations add nothing and are a waste of money. They represent a religion and hemisphere that most of secular NZ has no association with. Footpath maintenance should be retained since there are a lot of elderly for whom falls are life changing and this shifts a burden on to ACC.

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None of the above. Some spends such as those on cycle ways add little to most peoples lives. SNA funding is necessary to off set the burden on landowners for maintaining SNAs. The investment into ecological outcomes is never a nice to do. I becomes more important the poorer we become Community Events and Temporary Traffic management are things most of us wont miss. Community events adds colour but is very fleeting for the cost and not to many peoples taste. Having healthy wetlands is more important than plastic decorations.

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These are the basics we pay for to allow equitable access for all. Pools and libraries provide community benefits that would be sorely missed.

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While inflation is putting pressure on people. Cutting services will put greater pressure on our wellbeing. Together we can fund services we can't individually access. Where there are poor efficiencies that requires oversight and management. Some of our services benefit a small demographic where that demographic is vulnerable then i believe we should subsidise that activity.

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Organisation (if applicable)

Te Ana Māori Rock Art

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Any other comments or feedback?

Thanks for the opportunity to submit on the Annual Plan 2025/2026 as attached

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Ngāi Tahu Māori Rock Art Trust (NTMRAT) Submission to the Timaru District Council Annual Plan 25/26.

Thankyou for taking our submission into account in the Timaru District Council Annual Planning Process.

Primary Submission – No funding cut to the Significant Natural Areas programme in the TDC Annual Plan 2025/26.

The recent Timaru District Plan review now incorporates protection designations; Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori (SASMs), Outstanding Natural Landscapes (ONLs), Outstanding Natural Features (ONFs) alongside Significant Natural Areas (SNAs). Outstanding Natural Features (ONFs) are specific landforms or natural elements that are recognized for their exceptional qualities and significance. Across the Timaru District the limestone escarpments generally have ONF designations. The limestone escarpments are visually important landscape features with high scenic value.

The Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori overlaps with extensively with SNAs. Many of the SASM designations are in place to protect the rock art and the associated lifeways that Māori used to live in this place. Ngāi Tahu Māori Rock Art is a vital component of our landscape and Te Ana plays a valuable role in the Timaru community. The Timaru District has the high proportion of the existing rock art across Te Wai Pounamu, and it is part of this region's distinct heritage. There is no dedicated council funding to maintain the Māori rock art sites, though the SNA funding does provide a resource for landowners which supports fencing and restoration. The SNA fund provides a valuable resource through which to fence wetlands, streams, springs and protect rock art.

The botanic values of the limestone escarpments are high due to the presence of bush remnants and locally endemic plants. Although the indigenous vegetation is often sparse, the remaining plants make these limestone habitats extremely important remnants of rare and threatened species. Common skinks, McCann's skinks and Southern Alps geckos have been found in the limestone across South Canterbury. The remnant bush provides habitat for some of our more common native bird species and importantly some of the larger trees, roosts for the longtailed bat.

The less disturbed shelters retain an important paleoecological record of pre-human fauna during the Late Pleistocene and Holocene. These deposits along with the limestone fossils provide a valuable lens into our deep past. Some of these species remain captured within the rock art.

SNA funding has and continues to be spent maintaining these remnants of native habitat across the district. The money required for the ongoing maintenance and restoration of these SNAs is viewed by the NTMRAT as critical to supporting landowners

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across whose property these protection mechanisms sit. The benefit of retaining native habitat is a cost that needs to be borne by the wider community. Fencing and weed control is often a cost which is greater than can be borne by landowners alone. For these SNA, ONL, SASM and ONF designations which sit within the Proposed District Plan to be meaningful they require funding which support their values. This includes maintaining the advisory role of an officer within the TDC who knows what is occurring across the district and supporting landowners with restoration and maintenance advice. There is little point in recognising the importance of these areas and creating these designations if they are not given effect.

We are aware that recently the TDC has spent some of this fund across the coastal wetlands, funding fencing, planting and weed control. We applaud this work, with 95% of our coastal wetlands lost and the remaining extent severely compromised, it is evident that without this resource we will continue to see the degradation and loss of the remaining few. These areas were and are of tremendous importance to Ngāi Tahu hāpu and their protection should be non-negotiable. Cutting funding for the limited support across the district to retain what little biodiversity remains would be short sighted. Considering the local economy's reliance on natural resources and the impact of resource extraction on indigenous habitats and species, the current funding for the SNA fund is minimal. Indigenous biodiversity is not a luxury; it is the inheritance of our Tamariki and we must continue to invest in it. If deemed expendable this year, there is no guarantee it will be seen as worthy of investment in the future.

To ensure ongoing support to landowners for the maintenance and restoration of our district's indigenous biodiversity and mahinga kai, no cut to funding of Significant Natural Areas in the TDC Annual Plan 2025/26.

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Annual Plan 2025-26 Submission Form

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Roy Urban

Last Name *

Crosbie

Organisation (if applicable)

Community Patrol Timaru

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Any other comments or feedback?

Let's get down to the graffiti removal. This is done by 2 of our volunteers in the Patrol. I have heard Nigel Bowen praise these people because it keeps Timaru looking clean and tidy. You can't have it both ways. Leave us to cleaning up the graffiti. Our team does a very good job. When are you councillors going to wake up and have Timaru a very clean and tidy place or do you want Timaru to be like some of the North Island towns grubby and dirty looking.

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Benjamin

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Dalloway

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It is important to keep funding community projects and organisations, but I feel a \$130K reduction is fair.

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I think this does need to be changed. I think it would be wise to use funds from asset sales for whatever is needed most, not for something related to the same function/activity as the asset.

Any other comments or feedback?

I believe assets that earn less in return/capital growth than the amount of interest we pay on our debts should be sold and the money should be split between buying new investments and paying back some of council's debt.

Overall, I think that we need to lower how much debt we have as a council. I understand this is hard because it would require councillors to vote to deliver less projects and developments for a time, but it's necessary. If we keep the same amount of debt leveraged, then huge amounts of council income and rates will be wasted on paying interest instead of going towards more useful things. Let's be a community who copes with a little less for a while, so we can provide a better future for the generations to come. I'm not asking for essentials to be taken away, just that we don't spend on unnecessary wants for a while until our debt is more sustainable.

Just like a mortgage, we've gone into debt to get some things that we couldn't pay for otherwise. Now is the time to pay off that mortgage!

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Denise

Last Name *

Diehl

Organisation (if applicable)

Timaru Community Patrol, Secretary

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For the past 10 years the patrol has been actively engaged in the removal of graffiti from around Timaru and this is undertaken every Monday morning as required in conjunction with our lost property run.

Over this time many hundred of tags and graffiti that are of a size we can effectively handle have been removed by the patrol. All tags are reported to the 'Tagline' data base enabling evidence of these to be retained should prosecution of offenders by police take place.

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Timaru Community Patrol
May 2025

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Thank you

Timaru Community Patrol

May 2025

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Martin

Last Name *

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Organisation (if applicable)

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It seems this was pointed out last year, hence no changes regarding question 2 that everything continues as par normal (no cuts), but also no further costs from last years form you sent out either. Plus cut resurfacing roads and foot paths A WASTE OF FUNDING and RESOURCES that needs to be allocated else where in all 4 townships

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The focus in the community needs to zero in on making sure the city is esthetically appealing to travelers and residents alike. I will be sending a letter to Mayor Nigel Bowen stating a number of maintenance issues that need tending to in timaru specifically.

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Q4. Are there any options you think Council should not consider at all?

When we speak of these services it should also fall upon User Pays AND/OR anyone in the township pays ie., including people renting by billing this crowd not just landlords pushing up prices but rather direct billing those who don't own a property.

Q5. Do you have any thoughts on the proposed changes to the Revenue and Financing Policy?

Too much emphasis on roadage and water, as opposed to maintenance issues throughout the city of Timaru detailed in a email to Nigel Bowen

Any other comments or feedback?

Yes -- projects completed need to be maintained to the "equivalent or like" when newer projects like the shell at Caroline Bay are implemented. Many examples outlined in the email to NB

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Annual Plan 2025-26 Submission Form

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Lindsay

Last Name *

Evans

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I have a case in point. Approximately 6 years ago I contacted the Council re the slippery state of the footpath in our then home street Waipori Place. Expecting that the lichen would be sprayed. A few days later a contractor inspected it and low and behold a couple of weeks later a digger and truck arrived and dug up the whole footpath around the street and relaid it. All it needed was to be sprayed.

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It is not the councils job to be funding events out of rates. It is up to individual organizations to procure their own funding.

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It is the councils responsibility to maintain and upgrade where necessary the core services and properties any town or city requires. All nice to have projects and sporting and cultural organization etc funding should cease. Let them do their own fund raising instead of applying to council as a soft touch. and being funded out of our rates. Lets cut our cloth as you put it.

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Betty

Last Name *

Foster

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Frank

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Hermann Frank**New Zealand**

12 May 2025

Submission
re Annual Plan 2025/26

Thank you for the detailed information about the Annual Plan and the opportunity to submit on the proposal. I would like to make some comments to the questions.

Q 1. While the Council should mainly match government priorities, I would think there are some issues where local priorities are more important.

Q 2. The preferred option of maintaining the current level of spending is supported. This is spending to support projects for the community and the wider environment and is a relatively small amount in the overall spending. Should funding be reduced the second option of reducing it across all of the grants would make more sense. However, I would ask to maintain the current (relatively low) level of spending to preserve and where possible enhance the special biodiversity in the District.

To my knowledge, this is currently undertaken through supporting work in SNAs. It is important to maintain SNA funding at current, or even an increased level, so that initiatives such as the SNA grant scheme, and work on biodiversity sensitive areas such as limestone scarps and coastal lagoons and wetlands can continue. This has been undertaken in conjunction with land owners and other agencies and has also been a great way to build or maintain relationships. The Council has supported work in the past few years. To make a more lasting impact this would need to continue. As said in the Council document, a reduction would be in conflict with Biodiversity Policy 4.3(c).

Q 3. The Council might have a closer look into how and when these facilities are used less frequently and adjust opening hours for example. Also, level of staffing might be more flexible. I use the CBay pool regularly. There are two staff members at the counter until closing time, but hardly any customers come at that time. One staff would be sufficient in my opinion. There are still a number of other people and staff present, if an issue should arise.

Q 4 and 5. No particular comments

Regards
H Frank

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Annual Plan 2025-26 Submission Form

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Linda and David

Last Name *

Gaskin

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Appearance of an area in terms of maintenance has a huge impact not only on the residents who can feel proud and safe in their place of residence, but has an equally positive impact on visitors who notice the attention that is going in to make this a caring community.

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Events and facilities described above are what makes a community hum. And to cut back on funding for the on-going protection of significant natural areas could be disastrous. There is a large community volunteer effort involved in many of the areas listed above, but also a strong and enduring need for Council to support the work that is done to make this a vibrant and caring community.

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Q4. Are there any options you think Council should not consider at all?

One only has to visit pools and libraries in the district to see what well-used, appreciated and important facilities they are to the community. Cost cutting would see the level of service subside, and potentially the facilities fail, not thrive.

Q5. Do you have any thoughts on the proposed changes to the Revenue and Financing Policy?

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Any other comments or feedback?

Two things - PLEASE just get on with the Theatre Royal restoration!
Secondly, we have been dismayed in recent walks through Centennial Park to see playground equipment being dug up and relocated. By all means, if equipment is faulty it must be made safe, but we cannot see the financial sense in ripping up equipment just to put it all in one place. To our minds, having pieces of equipment scattered through the Reserve made it more special - meaning that kids and parents would have to walk or ride to the next place. We are sure the cost of this work is significant and wonder what the justification for it is?

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Leslie (Steve)

Last Name *

Geddes

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Do what is best for our district, not what's best for the politicians.

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Tell us more about your preferred choices.

I am prepared to pay for the budgeted funding

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Q4. Are there any options you think Council should not consider at all?

No

Q5. Do you have any thoughts on the proposed changes to the Revenue and Financing Policy?

No

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Get on with the Theatre Royal upgrade!!!!

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William

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Gilkison

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Our current roading is very poor and as an example the Showgrounds intersection is a blight on Timaru, and shows us up for every Kiwi and tourist who travels through this potholed, bumpy, traffic congested area. No funds have been spent on it in the last year (or at least no acceptable improvement is noticeable, so reducing funding should have the same effect without the cost outlay.

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Tell us more about your preferred choices.

We just do not have the funds in the current climate. As it's an election year, coincidentally, the council is announcing that it will reduce the rate increase from 12% down to 9%. Well good for them, BUT where are we, the working people going to get this extra money? Will our employers give us a 9% wage rise? Obviously not. So the 15% last year, and the ongoing published year upon year increase is not acceptable in the current global financial downturn. Wake up Timaru council and match your pain with the pain that we suffer. Things will get better and we will thrive, but that time is not now. Time to cut your cloth.

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Q4. Are there any options you think Council should not consider at all?

As answered in question 2

Q5. Do you have any thoughts on the proposed changes to the Revenue and Financing Policy?

Any other comments or feedback?

After its 15% rate rise last year, the council has waited almost a full year to decide that in the current financial climate, it is overstaffed and has now cut back on staffing. Once again sadly our council is not reading the road ahead, but spending time looking ahead with its head in the clouds. Money poorly spent.

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Quinten James

Last Name *

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Try and keep a higher standard off roading.

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Stop cutting cost Council should be more efficient with they money they got.

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Hurst

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My submission is speaking specifically to community funding of Youth Initiatives and Community Funding (equalling approximately \$130,000), as I am unsure on the parameters/criteria/outcomes/accountability around SNA, Heritage Protection, Major Events, TTM and Cycleway Grant Funds and am unsure of what community groups they support. A lot of the wider community is potentially unaware of the mahi that our local NGOs, community groups and agencies undertake and the number of people that they support. Funding is extremely difficult to come by right now, with community connector roles gone from the community, and central government reducing the levels of funding and contracts. The complex needs of the community remain. To take away vital funding from people and services that care deeply about the community and about the people they support, would negatively impact the entire community as well as council's reputation. I would like to see Council's community funding programme expanded (not financially!) to enable the Community team to run workshops for different groups, and to promote the funds available and the purpose of the funds. I also think that this question has been answered by the community in the Long Term Plan where there was overwhelming support to keep the levels of 'nice to haves' to 80/20. We need more people to move to Timaru, and for our youth and young families to stay in Timaru. Community funding of events, big and small, is vital for the vibrancy of our district. Community funding of youth initiatives is vital for the vibrancy of our district.

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I think more detail around 'reduce service levels to save money' should be provided. What do reduced services actually look like, how much money would it save, and how would it affect an increase/decrease in rates?

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First Name *

Bevin

Last Name *

Joyce

Organisation (if applicable)

South Canterbury highland pipe band

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Any other comments or feedback?

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Chris

Last Name *

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Sustainable South Canterbury Trust

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Visitors mention how good Timarus' green spaces are. we should be proud of that.
if we let them slide it just costs more later to fix them up.

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By funding small community projects the council encourages the community to give more to the things they care about. Each thing that is funded returns much more than what it costs to fund.

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Aorangi park upgrade put on hold

Q5. Do you have any thoughts on the proposed changes to the Revenue and Financing Policy?

Never good to sell assets for operational budget
Ok to transfer the equity from one asset to another. eg roading to water.

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Roads, bridges and green spaces need to be maintained. Mowing and spraying could be delayed however this must contain invasive species. I'm

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What is sna, youth initiatives are really important. I have recently been to Upper where the needs of teens have been met you need to send someone up there to see what private and public co operation can achieve.

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Reducing maintenance or service levels

Q5. Do you have any thoughts on the proposed changes to the Revenue and Financing Policy?

I have not had the opportunity to read these

Any other comments or feedback?

Council needs to consider fixed incomes however also realistically understanding that deferred items eg maintenance will cost more in the future.

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If government makes promises example to fill potholes then they should pay not leave it to the ratepayers.

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Push pause first option. We are all in this together so we all have to make savings when times are tough.

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I think most council facilities operate to demand e.g. libraries open 10am but sure times are adjusted to suit demand but if savings can be made they should be made.

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**Submission to the Annual Plan 2025/26**

To attract people to live and work in the Timaru District and retain our young people we need good well maintained facilities like an upgraded Theatre Royal, museum with easy access , strengthened Aorangi sports stadium and a roof over the netball courts so kids can play their sport not subject to weather. These are not nice to have they are essentials

The Theatre Royal upgrade and Heritage Hub seemed a good idea at the time and a chance to inject new life into Stafford Street south but unfortunately events beyond council control blew the budget. The whole thing ended up a learning curve with council presenting an alternative which in my view is even better.

Delighted new project with separate museum to proceed and note time is of the essence to qualify for the government shovel ready funding. I am sure the architects and engineers have gone to a lot of trouble to get everything right for the new project so I would hate to see councillors trying to alter things and chop pieces off in an attempt to save a few dollars when in fact they may well be costing the ratepayer in time and money I like the planned road between Stafford and Barnard streets giving good access to the back of the Theatre Royal, the new museum and the land behind the old bluestone hotel an ideal spot for a green space,

Very impressed with Council (TDHL) selling the Majestic buildings at a loss this is excellent public relations and a signal to business and community groups council is there to give them a hand up rather than hand outs

Great news Mr Garry Rooney has purchased the Majestic Theatre to redevelop as a community Theatre a very generous gesture no fanfare Garry just gets on and gets things done so exciting times for Stafford Street South perhaps others may follow Garry's lead and invest in the CBD

According to my Collins dictionary a theatre is a place where you watch plays and a Cinema a place where you watch films. Recently on TVNZ one Seven Sharp there was a programme about the movies making a comeback that people are getting tired of watching them on TV and prefer the atmosphere of a night or day outing watching on the big screen with surround sound eating popcorn or an icecream with the bonus of sharing the experience with others in the audience. It also said movie makers are giving Cinema's first option on

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new films so a Majestic Cinema would compliment the Theatre Royal not compete with it

I am in favour of your proposed staff reduction and restruction policy. The days of councils acting as a sponge to absorb all the qualified people graduating from university's is coming to an end. Government is at present making staff cuts across all departments and countries round the world are doing the same

Feedback

At one stage there were parking meters on the angle parking on the west side of Timaru Library (Bank St) and at any given time there would be 1 or 2 cars parked there. The same with the pay and display public library car parks when the meters were removed replaced with 2 hour free parking the place become alive with cars and people Could this policy be applied to other areas of the CBD because business owners complain about a lack of foot traffic

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I want our area to look good to visitors, to encourage people to visit and spend money. It's also good for our own wellbeing.

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There is more to living here than just infrastructure

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\$80 a week for all the services the council gives us is great value for money. Sewage/ water/ roads/ attractive gardens/ library. How much do people expect. Stop agonising on the costs. There is no capital gains tax in N.Z. Very sad to see staffing cut backs.

Q5. Do you have any thoughts on the proposed changes to the Revenue and Financing Policy?

They seem reasonable.

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Give community groups and other parties the opportunity to contribute

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Any other comments or feedback?

Would you please look at installing a street light at the corner of Cartwright Rd and Rosewill Valley Rd for increased visibility and safety as there is an increasing number of motorists using this back route from Timaru to Pleasant Point and Temuka

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Centralised decision-making, while efficient on paper, can often miss the mark when it comes to understanding the nuances and specific needs of local communities. In the case of road infrastructure, local councils and regional authorities typically have a better grasp of the particular challenges they face—whether that's unique geographical conditions, traffic patterns, or specific safety concerns. When decisions are made from a national level, there's a real risk that these local complexities are overlooked, which can lead to poorly tailored solutions that don't meet the needs of residents or businesses.

The comparison to centralised healthcare is apt. While centralising healthcare may have had some benefits in terms of standardisation and cost control, it has led to a lot of frustration and a lack of responsiveness to regional needs. It's the same with roads—without a local voice, the solutions might be less effective and even harder to implement. Central government can set high-level priorities and provide funding, but local councils should have the flexibility to adapt those guidelines based on what's needed in their area. Feedback mechanisms from the community are key—having open dialogue between local residents, councils, and central government can help ensure that the plans reflect real-world challenges and local priorities.

Reducing maintenance on rural infrastructure, such as less bridge upkeep, mowing, spraying, snow clearance, and ice gritting, is concerning for several reasons. These services are essential for ensuring that rural residents can access basic services, including healthcare, education, and employment. Reducing these will impact:

1. **Safety:** Less snow clearance and ice gritting in rural areas could significantly increase the risk of accidents during winter months. Rural roads often have fewer alternative routes, and without proper clearing, residents could be stranded or exposed to dangerous driving conditions.
2. **Accessibility:** Rural communities are already often distanced from key services like hospitals, schools, and shops. Less maintenance would make it harder for people to access these vital services, particularly in emergencies or during adverse weather which are increasing in frequency due to climate change. This could result in significant delays, especially for elderly or vulnerable populations who may already struggle with transportation.
3. **Economic:** Rural areas often rely on farming, tourism, and local businesses, all of which depend on accessible roads. If maintenance is reduced, it could make transportation of goods more difficult, affecting the local economy.
4. **Isolation:** Rural communities are more isolated than urban areas, and reducing services further could deepen this divide. Many rural residents already feel disconnected from the more urbanized parts of the country, and cuts to services could exacerbate this sense of neglect, making people feel like their needs aren't being prioritized.
5. **Long-Term Impact:** Neglecting rural roads now could lead to more expensive repairs and upgrades in the future. Small problems, like minor bridge repairs or routine maintenance could become much larger, costlier issues if left unchecked. In the long run, this could result in higher costs and more disruptions to rural life.

In short, while these cuts might save money in the short term, they come at the expense of rural residents' safety, accessibility, and economic wellbeing. Keeping roads well-maintained is crucial for ensuring that rural communities remain connected, safe, and able to thrive. By NZ standards, Timaru is a large rural community, with a significant proportion of its population living outside the main township on rural roads. These proposed cuts would directly affect a large segment of this community, making it harder for residents to access essential services, travel safely, and maintain their livelihoods. For many, these roads are their only connection to the wider community, and cutting back on maintenance could have a profound negative impact on their daily lives.

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Q5. Do you have any thoughts on the proposed changes to the Revenue and Financing Policy?

No

Any other comments or feedback?

Please find attached submission specific to needs of Oakwood Rd residents.

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**Submission on the Annual Plan for Timaru District Council
Request for Oakwood Rd Seal Extension**

Oakwood Road is a local road that stretches through a semi-rural residential area, the first 500m to the Gleniti Golf Course is sealed and then abruptly transitions to 1.5 kilometres of unsealed road. This unsealed stretch serves 12 residences, with an average of one driveway located every 100 metres. Most households have at least two vehicles, many also with horse floats, trailers, campervans and other heavier towed vehicles. The road is frequently used by residents, service vehicles, deliveries, and visitors, increasing traffic and wear on the surface on the unsealed portion. The area is located just on the outskirts of the township, offering convenient access to town services while retaining a semi-rural character, and holds strong development potential due to the natural beauty of the valley and the appeal of its small lifestyle properties in such close proximity to town.

The unsealed condition of Oakwood Road causes a range of issues, particularly due to its steep terrain and the characteristics of its surface. The average gradient of the road is 7% (peaking at 12% adjacent to number 65). The steepest section of Oakwood Road (from the mirrored corner to number 84) is particularly narrow, with limited space for two oncoming vehicles to pass safely. This concern is heightened by a sharp drop-off on one side of the road, which lacks protective barriers or sufficient shoulder space. As a result, when two oncoming vehicles meet—especially larger ones such as trucks, trailers, or service vehicles—there is an increased risk of near misses or accidents, particularly in poor weather or low visibility conditions.

Historically, Oakwood Road has been treated with a lime wearing course which has well-documented limitations on steep grades. Lime-treated surfaces form a hard crust over time that reduces dust and improves surface strength. However, this crust is susceptible to erosion from runoff and can become slippery when wet. In 2022, significant storm damage and a blocked drain caused substantial surface erosion on the steep sections of the road, exposing the underlying aggregate and compromising the treated layer. Since then, this section has deteriorated more rapidly and remains highly corrugated.

The road is typically graded on a 6-weekly cycle. You have acknowledged (in your correspondence dated 6th March), that “during the summer months grading frequencies over the network have been reduced”. While grading temporarily improves the surface, this improvement is short-lived. During dry weather, dust clouds are created, reducing visibility, and after rain, deep corrugations develop, making the road uneven and difficult to navigate. This deterioration between grading cycles poses growing challenges for safety and accessibility and frustration for residents. The uneven surface negatively impacts vehicle performance, and it increases the risk of accidents, especially for pedestrians and cyclists. Furthermore, it creates maintenance challenges for both residents and the Council.

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Apparently, grading the road too frequently disrupts this crust also, accelerating the loss of fine material and worsening potholes and corrugations. However, in the times between gradings, the surface deteriorates unsatisfactorily causing many issues for road users. As grading only provides temporary relief, it cannot prevent the road's rapid deterioration. The most effective long-term solution to address potholes, corrugations, and road degradation is **to seal and widen the road**. This will also likely save costs in the long term as regular maintenance of this road will be reduced by sealing this road.

According to your own service targets, the intervention level for unsealed roads is an eIRI (Estimated International Roughness Index) of 8 at operating speeds of up to 70 km/h. While Oakwood Road may fall within this average threshold, localised sections—especially those with structural weaknesses or greater traffic stress—can deteriorate faster and pose disproportionate risk to users. While the average eIRI for Oakwood Road is 3.9, inspection data from 18 February and 4 March indicates that the first unsealed section falls into the "poor" or "very poor" estimated eIRI categories. This is the steep and narrow section – this creates risk of vehicle loss of control, especially when braking downhill, navigating corrugations or facing oncoming vehicles.

Compounding these issues, a new residence is currently under construction along Oakwood Road. This will likely increase the number of road users, particularly heavy vehicles, which will accelerate the damage to the already fragile road surface.

A sealed road would significantly improve safety, accessibility, and the quality of life for those living along Oakwood Road. It would also reduce long-term maintenance costs and provide a more durable solution to accommodate both current and future demands, ensuring safe and reliable access for all residents.

The unsealed portion of Oakwood Road presents several specific challenges:

1. **Increased Traffic During School Hours:** Oakwood Road experiences heightened traffic during school drop-off and pick-up times. This increases congestion and safety risks, as more vehicles share the narrow and often uneven road.
2. **Safety Concerns at the Gleniti Golf Course Intersection:** There have been numerous near-miss incidents at the intersection near the golf course. Golfers often fail to yield appropriately, possibly due to the abrupt transition from sealed to gravel road, which can cause confusion about right-of-way. This intersection is a particular concern, as it is a high-traffic area with frequent user errors.
3. **Safety concerns for oncoming vehicles passing on the steep section:** The steepest section of Oakwood Road is particularly narrow, with limited space for two vehicles to pass safely.
4. **Road Condition Deterioration:** The unsealed sections, especially in steeper areas, are prone to becoming rough and rutted. This not only risks vehicle integrity but also

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significantly increases the likelihood of accidents, particularly for drivers unfamiliar with the road's condition.

5. **Pedestrian Safety, Especially for Children:** The lack of sealing creates additional hazards for pedestrians, particularly children walking or biking to and from school. Loose gravel, dust, and poor road conditions increase the risk of slips, falls, and vehicle-related incidents. Furthermore, the absence of a safe walking path forces pedestrians to share the road with vehicles, making it even more dangerous during peak traffic times.
6. **Inconsistency with Similar Roads:** Roads with lower residential density, such as Mt Horrible Road, have already been sealed over longer distances. Given that Oakwood Road has comparable traffic volumes and higher residential density, it seems both reasonable and equitable for Oakwood Road residents to receive the same consideration for seal extension.
7. **Rubbish Bin Collection Issues:** Currently, all council rubbish bins need to be driven up to 1.5 km to the golf course for collection because the Council does not collect them closer to residents' homes. Residents have to tie their rubbish bins onto cars to prevent them from dislodging. When the road is in poor condition, the bins, which are transported on the backs of cars, can be agitated and dislodged, causing rubbish to spill along the road. This situation not only creates litter but also damages the bins and increases the risk of environmental harm due to the loose waste. A sealed road would mitigate this problem by ensuring more secure transport and a cleaner environment.

Request for Seal Extension

We understand that the Timaru District Council manages a significant length of unsealed roads and that sealing all roads is financially challenging. However, the Council's Road Seal Extension Policy outlines criteria for prioritizing seal extensions, including traffic volumes, number of dwellings, economic benefits, and road hierarchy. Oakwood Road clearly meets several of these criteria:

1. **Traffic Volume:** Oakwood Road sees substantial use, particularly during work and school commute hours, with multiple trips at these peak times.
2. **Number of Dwellings:** With 12 existing residences and ongoing construction, the density of dwellings supports the need for sealing. The growing number of residents is expected to further increase the demand on the road.
3. **Economic and Safety Benefits:** Sealing the road would likely reduce maintenance costs associated with unsealed roads and enhance safety, particularly at the problematic golf course intersection. A sealed road would also create long-term savings for the Council by reducing the frequency of grading and repairs.

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4. **Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety:** Improved road conditions would provide a safer environment for all users, particularly children and cyclists, who are currently at heightened risk due to the poor road conditions.
5. **Improved Access to Council Services:** A sealed road would also ensure more reliable access to essential Council services, such as rubbish bin collection. Currently, the long distance to the collection point, coupled with the poor road condition, creates unnecessary challenges for residents.
6. **Precedent Set by Similar Roads:** Given that other roads with similar characteristics have been sealed, Oakwood Road should receive similar consideration. This would ensure ratepayer equity in the treatment of residential roads in the area.

In light of the resident's concerns, we strongly request that the Council consider extending the sealed portion of Oakwood Road as part of the 2025/26 annual plan. This would not only address the current challenges but also improve the long-term quality of life for residents, enhance safety, and reduce ongoing maintenance costs.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to your response and hope to see positive action on this matter.

Regards

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The small amount of funding the council gives out in each area has a significant impact of thoses who receive it. It is one of the good things the council does and it would be a shame to loose it.

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George Ward Rd from Adair Rd to Fairview Rd The shingle part of this road - less than 1km! needs to be completely re-built, or be subject to regular maintenance. Problem - never ending potholes and corrugation. The damage was done, when the council replaced the pipes for bringing Pareora water to the Claremont reservoir. The 'new' pipes go along George Ward Rd. Diggers and a big dump truck working from the road appeared to have done considerable damage to the road. The cost of repairing the damage should have come from the fund which paid for the replacement pipeline! This new pipeline replaced pipes which were installed in 1939. Then they were installed on farmers' properties. For the 'new' scheme, all the pipes were required to be installed along the sides of roads - in some cases on, or across, a road - Hence the damage.

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Has the T.D.C. considered the former Countdown site in Church St for a new museum? May save the T.D.C. a considerable amount of money compared with what is planned. Excellent flat site. Has established car parks. Expansive floor area - across 100% - no steps. No need for a second floor. However, the building would need to be made 'fit for purpose', earthquake strengthened etc.

Can the council still obtain the balance of the government's "shovel-ready" 11.6 million fund? From memory, this only applied to the museum. If risk of losing these funds, build museum before Theatre Royal?

Aorangj Park Stadium - No point - Risk is the north end - signs up re pillars - Temporary Earthquake strengthening - leave as permanent. Likewise, no need for an additional stadium.

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In all honesty, I think it's of utmost importance to reduce council spending. I disagree with spraying chemicals anyway so that would be one obvious place to start (wildflowers on the roadsides would be prettier and have benefits for the bees like they have in UK).

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We are in recessionary times and people are struggling to put food on the table for their families, now is the wrong time to be worrying about cycleways, etc. I'm sure that ratepayers will understand that the council is thinking of how they are able to reduce the proposed increase.

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The Temuka library reduced their Friday hours a few months ago and it took me a couple of months to notice. When times are quiet I think it's honestly just good common and financial sense to reduce the hours. Eg. if 12-1pm on a Saturday is quiet at the libraries then better to cut back and save funds for the ratepayers. There are plenty of other opportunities to visit.

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No to both changes. There is too much opportunity for fund to be redirected into the theatre royal redevelopment. This is where the public needs to be consulted (in the instance when council assets are sold and the money needs to be reallocated) so the council show transparency rather than selling things off and making decisions behind closed doors.

Any other comments or feedback?

I am surprised that the council is pushing ahead with the theatre royal development. Yes, I have said something previously, several times. My husband and I disagree so strongly that we will be voting with our wallets and continuing to go to shows and events in Christchurch, Ashburton and Oamaru and avoiding the theatre royal Timaru. Such a waste of money when people are struggling to pay for the basics. Our rates have increased from approx \$630/quarter to approx \$900/quarter since late 2023. No one gets that kind of pay increase so why does the council treat ratepayers like we have money pits.

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I want good local services and I realise that this means an increase in rates for the next year. One can't have good services, low density and low taxes, it doesn't work. I don't want to see more graffiti, poor footpath maintenance for our older, disabled, young pedestrians. Maybe cutback slightly on mowing and spraying, and I personally think the Christmas decorations are hideous.

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Council should support this wide range of amenities for its residents, to help make Timaru District a place where all can thrive.

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Q4. Are there any options you think Council should not consider at all?

I am shocked at the plans to make redundant so many council staff. Please do not reduce library and service centre hours, they are a great service to the whole community. Perhaps pool hours could be cut back, though I know that users have been pushing for a longer season at various district pools.

Q5. Do you have any thoughts on the proposed changes to the Revenue and Financing Policy?

Consider increasing charges for services (never charge for library books!) to help with the shortfalls. Long term projects such as replacing 3 water infrastructure, indoor stadium and the theatre should be funded with long term loans.

Any other comments or feedback?

It's been a few hard years with increased costs of materials, fuel, wages, insurance and government putting costs of 3 waters back onto local councils. It is understandable that rates must increase. But loan costs are low and that is worth considering. It is still in line with TDC 10 year plan, and I am hopeful that the rate increase for 2026-27 will reflect that. We as a council must also have contingency funding for the ongoing effects of weather and climate related events.

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Annual Plan 2025-26 Submission Form

First Name *

Karen

Last Name *

Wiles

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Tell us more about your preferred choices.

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Q4. Are there any options you think Council should not consider at all?

Reducing the hours @ CBAY as people working & school pupils won't be able to utilize the pool.

Q5. Do you have any thoughts on the proposed changes to the Revenue and Financing Policy?

No.

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Benjamin

Last Name *

Williams

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With current weather events bridges need to be maintained appropriately to ensure options are available to the community in case another bridge fails.
Mowing and spraying should continue as normal too, surely as now some of this can be done in house the cost can reduce
Christmas decorations can reduce

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Reduce funding for events such as markets of which the organiser is making money
Traffic management for events should continue but surely an in house option would be cheaper

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I object to the fees and charges for the airport landing fees. The revenue and financing policy says an increase to these reflected by cost. The landing fees being charged to light aircraft has an increase of 17% compared to larger aircraft raising 10%. The cost to the airport for light aircraft users has not increased, any increase to airport operating cost comes from the commercial operations. The main increase to these fees should be for larger aircraft as they cause the most cost to the airport due to the CAA 139 certificate which light aircraft do not require. Currently the private owners are working through hangar lease agreement where there is proposed 150%+ increase so why are we now being dealt with another unfair landing fee increase. Based on the airports cost/income streams general aviation (light aircraft) already pay above the user pays rate set by council. Increasing the rate could also cause pilots from afar to avoid the airport as landing fees elsewhere are much less which further reduces airport use

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Maurice

Last Name *

Young

Organisation (if applicable)

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We don't need a safety car behind a mower, there are sometimes two and the mower isn't even on the road

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DROP TEMPORARY TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT TO A necessary only basis.

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Q4. Are there any options you think Council should not consider at all?

Stop putting concrete structures on corners in town.

Q5. Do you have any thoughts on the proposed changes to the Revenue and Financing Policy?

Any other comments or feedback?

Central business district. A freeze should be put on rate increases to attract more and make present shops more viable. Lost revenue from this to be added to general rates, we will get this back with better shopping.

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7.2 Annual Plan 2025/26 - Deliberations

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Authoriser: Stephen Doran, Group Manager Corporate and Communications

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the summary of the submissions and the officer commenting in response to the submissions;
2. Directs officers by endorsing the Draft Annual Plan 2025/26, subject to any amendments that Councillors believe are appropriate;
3. Directs officers on any other decisions relating to the Annual Plan 2025/26, including on topics raised through received submissions and the Hearing and;
4. Directs the Chief Executive to prepare the final Annual Plan 2025/26, associated rating resolution and any other relevant documents for Council to adopt at the 24 June 2025 Council Meeting.

Purpose of Report

- 1 The purpose of this report is to provide information to support Council as it deliberates on any amendments to the proposed draft Annual Plan 2025/26, having due consideration for the submissions received on the Consultation Document. The report provides officer comments on the submissions.

Assessment of Significance

- 2 Council's deliberations on submissions received on the Annual Plan Consultation Document is of medium to high significance in accordance with the Significance and Engagement Policy (Policy).
- 3 Specifically with reference to adopting an annual plan section 95 of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) states:
 - (2) Subject to subsection (2A), a local authority must consult in a manner that gives effect to the requirements of section 82 before adopting an annual plan under this section.
 - (2A) Subsection (2) does not apply if the proposed annual plan does not include significant or material differences from the content of the long-term plan of the financial year to which the proposed annual plan relates.
- 4 Officers consider that the proposed Annual Plan 2025/26 does not meet the legislative threshold of having significant or material differences from the content of Year 2 of the Long Term Plan 2024-2034 (LTP). In these circumstances the level of consultation undertaken was appropriate.

Background

- 5 The draft Annual Plan 2025/26 is based on Year 2 of the LTP. The LTP, which was consulted on and adopted in 2024, included a forecast rates increase of 12%, and net debt of \$314 million in Year 2 which is a net debt to revenue ratio of 1.71, against Council's self-imposed cap of 2.50.
- 6 At its meeting on 15 April 2025 Council resolved that the options being considered for the Annual Plan 2025/26 did not constitute a significant or material difference to what was proposed for Year 2 of the LTP, and a desire to seek community feedback.
- 7 The Draft Annual Plan 2025/26 consultation document that was released for community consultation proposed an average rates increase of 9%, and net debt of \$233 million, which is a net debt to revenue ratio of 1.60, against Council's self-imposed cap of 2.50. The reason for the lower ratio is due to less borrowings in 2024/25 than planned.
- 8 In deliberating the issues presented in the consultation document, Council must have regard to the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA), in particular sections 76AA, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81 and 82, 82A and 95A. Attachment 1 sets out these legislative requirements.
- 9 Submissions have been analysed, with officers providing comment on the points and themes that were identified as being of significance or materiality. Officer comments provide context and clarify information. They may outline work currently underway or planned, or Council's existing position on the matter raised.
- 10 This report is organised to enable Council to deliberate on each of the consultation questions and any other feedback received.

Discussion

- 11 As of 9am Wednesday 21 May, 36 submissions were received on the Annual Plan Consultation Document. The majority of submitters provided feedback on the six consultation questions:
Q1: What do you think about changing our roading programme to better match Government policies rather than directly fund a higher level of service (2025/26)?
Q2: How much funding should Council allocate to the Community Events, SNA, Heritage Protection, Youth Initiatives, Temporary Traffic Management and Cycleway Grant Funds?
Q3: Should we reduce services across council facilities such as pools, libraries and customer services?
Q4: Are there any options you think Council should not consider at all?
Q5: Do you have any thoughts on the proposed changes to the Revenue and Financing Policy?
Q6: Any other comments or feedback?

Officer Commenting

- 12 Submission points or themes and associated officer commenting is outlined in the following tables. They are organised by consultation question.

Consultation Question 1: What do you think about changing our roading programme to better match Government policies, rather than directly fund a higher level of service (2025/26)?

Submission point/ themes	Officer comment
<p>Priorities stated by submitters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridges: important to adequately maintain to provide resilience/ alternative routes given increasing common/ severe weather events • Mowing and spraying • Retain green surfaces/ spaces instead of covering with hard surfaces • Footpath maintenance: due to the increasingly aged population • Graffiti removal services • Street light maintenance • Road berms maintenance 	<p>Officers note the priorities stated by submitters.</p>
<p>Items identified for reductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spraying: have more re-wilding areas and minimise poisons in the environment • Christmas decorations: not consistent with a mainly secular NZ • Defer or stage work more, rather than reduce it overall • Resurfacing roads and footpaths (one submitter) • Cycleways 	<p>Officers note the areas identified by submitters for reduction, but also acknowledge the need to ensure prudent asset management of our roading and footpath network and long term impacts.</p>
<p>If Council were to blindly follow national-level priorities, it would likely mean that local nuances are not reflected in Council's decision making</p>	<p>Strategy setting and programming for local roading activities is informed by local demands and issues specific to the Timaru District network. A balance has been struck between maximising available funding for activity and ensuring funding is invested into the highest needs areas to meet Council's current level of service.</p>

Reducing maintenance on e.g. bridges, snow clearance and ice-gritting will impact safety, accessibility (especially for rural residents), economic activity and lead to increased future costs to repair.	Officers note this observation and confirm reduced safety and accessibility are impacts of reducing funding for this activity.
Traffic management costs are excessive; should be dropped to a “necessary only” basis	Officers have noted this observation. We are working diligently, both internally and with external utilities, to implement the new risk-based approach. This will involve reallocating risks to those best positioned to manage them. Ultimately, our responsibility is to ensure the safety of the public and road users while maintaining the integrity of the network.
<p>Oakwood Rd seal extension – submission of 19 residents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stating concerns with the state of the road and its impact on safety and accessibility • Stating that the current maintenance regime does not appear to be improving the situation sufficiently • “Strongly requesting” to seal and widen the road • Stating that Council is managing the road inconsistently with similar roads • Stating that Oakwood Road meets several criteria for sealing under Council’s Road Seal Extension Policy 	There is no budget in the current Long Term Plan for seal extensions.
George Ward Rd (from Adair Rd to Fairview Rd) is in a state of disrepair and needs to be either rebuilt or receive improved maintenance	Unsealed roads account for 40% of the district's network but carry less than 5% of the traffic volume. Despite this, they receive 7% of the annual operational funding from transport. These roads are highly dynamic, especially in wet weather, NZTA audits frequently highlight the good quality of our unsealed network. Unfortunately, this means there is unlikely to be any additional government subsidy for this work. Any increases in funding will need to be fully covered by the Council.

<p>General comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• You get what you pay for – good services costs money.• Efficiencies could/ should be found internally so that the same level of service can be delivered at a reduced cost• The government should adequately fund local government to deliver promises that it makes on its behalf• A well-maintained area has a positive impact on residents and visitors; conversely, a poorly-maintained area creates a negative impact, and is more prone to, e.g. graffitiing.	<p>Comments Noted. Officers always seek to maximise funding from NZTA and other sources, always advocating strongly on behalf of the district. While securing this funding is never guaranteed, we continue to make every effort to secure financial support to maintain a safe and well-maintained network.</p> <p>In addition, we continue to innovate, such as being one of the first councils in New Zealand to implement continuous compaction on unsealed roads, making them smoother and more durable for longer periods. This approach reflects our ongoing commitment to improving efficiency and service delivery.</p>
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Consultation Question 2: How much funding should Council allocate to the Community Events, SNA, Heritage Protection, Youth Initiatives, Temporary Traffic Management and Cycleway Grant Funds?

Submission point/ themes	Officer comment
<p>Council's role and priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This sort of funding should not be a priority given Council's financial situation and the economic climate • Some form of reduction seems fair • It is not Council's "job" to fund such activities • Some groups that benefit substantially from Council initiatives should fundraise a larger share of the costs, e.g. cycling groups for cycleways • Council should make a contribution in this area, noting that most of it is funded elsewhere and completed by volunteers 	<p>Regarding the Community and Youth funding portions of Council's funding allocations, we distribute around \$123k per annum.</p> <p>The funding that we do distribute generally requires applicants to have done some of their own fundraising and is seen as a way to support positive initiatives in the community which may not otherwise go ahead. Funding applications are generally over-subscribed.</p> <p>Regarding SNAs specifically, this Council has an obligation under the Resource Management Act section 6 to recognise and provide for the protection of areas of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna as a matter of national importance.</p> <p>To be more specific the focus is primarily on terrestrial indigenous biodiversity though there maybe options to address the matter, including rates relief.</p> <p>This Council has identified over 900+ significant natural area, many of which are on private land, and may otherwise be viewed as a burden on landowners.</p>

<p>Impact of funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The funding distributed makes a significant impact to recipients • The events that this funding facilitates is what “makes a community”, and creates significantly more vibrancy/ reason to live in Timaru than would be the case without it • Removing this funding would further expand the funding gap for community providers (given central government’s reduction in support), whilst the hardship in the community remains 	<p>Officers acknowledge the positive impact previous funding has had within the community and note the submitter’s points.</p>
<p>SNAs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SNA funding is appropriate to off-set the costs to landowners to maintain the SNA • The SNA funding makes a significant contribution to protecting (what remains of) indigenous biodiversity • SNAs are a taonga and supports economic activity • SNA funding should be increased • SNAs are “a waste of money” 	<p>Council has identified over 900+ significant natural areas in the Proposed District Plan, which provide sanctuary for threatened wildlife and the like particularly on private property where pest species may otherwise invade and displace native species.</p> <p>Biodiversity has ecological, scientific and cultural values.</p>
<p>Heritage funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current funding “significantly contributes to heritage protection within the District” • Council should implement measures to prevent the effects of climate change further degrading heritage buildings • Council should consider further incentives to support positive heritage outcomes, e.g. free or subsidised processing of applications, rates remissions 	<p>The Timaru economic strategy for the Central Business District (CBD) is to enhance the amenity, identity and destination value of the town centre which the existing heritage values contribute to. The current fund assists and incentivises building owners in the often-costly task of maintaining the heritage stock in the district.</p> <p>Within the Rates Policy 2024 remission is provided to preserve and promote heritage among other matters. Additional measures aren’t supported at this stage pending details on how heritage will be managed under the RM Reform.</p>

Profit-making entities should have their funding reduced/ not be able to apply for funding (submitter cites example of the local farmers market)	<p>The Timaru Farmer's Market receives no funding from the Community Funding allocation.</p> <p>Council's Community Funding Policy states "the funding provided for under this policy is prioritised for local community and not-for-profit purposes".</p>
The LTP 24-34 submissions supported a 80/20 split between core infrastructure and community facilities – reducing community funding would put Council outside of this	The submission point is noted.
Question: would inhouse provision of traffic management be cheaper than contracting it out?	This is unlikely, as there are significant capital costs, and high ongoing operating costs involved in establishing in-house provision. Additionally, the risk would shift to the Council, and under the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015, it's often more appropriate for contractors to manage these risks, especially when they are undertaking physical works. Furthermore, all physical works must be tendered in order to receive NZTA (government) funding, which requires compliance with specific procurement processes.

Consultation Question 3: Should we reduce services across council facilities such as pools, libraries and customer services?

No officer commenting is applicable to this question.

Consultation Question 4: Are there any options you think Council should not consider at all?

Submission point/ themes	Officer comment
Retain services such as pools and libraries: they are well-used, provide community benefits and equitable access that would be “sorely missed”	The submission point is noted.
Reducing funding to certain services, e.g. libraries and pools, could lower the level of service and make them disproportionately worse than envisaged by the cut	The submission point is noted.
Do not put the Aorangi Park upgrade on hold	The submission point is noted.

Consultation Question 5: Do you have any thoughts on the proposed changes to the Revenue and Financing Policy?

Submission point/ themes	Officer comment
It is wise to use funds where deemed to be of most value, rather than ring-fenced to a particular activity	There are some restrictions on how funding can be used, such as that which is subsidised by NZTA, or under the new ringfencing provisions of the Water Services Act. In the case of major projects, these are usually funded through loans, and these loans are serviced by the activity. Some activities are rated separately and costs must be attributed to these.
The changes create too much potential for funds to be redirected behind closed doors and without adequate public consultation	Council will utilise its Significance and Engagement Policy in determining the significance of any decision (including reallocating the proceeds of an asset sale from one activity to another). Where it is deemed, under the policy, that consultation is necessary and appropriate, this will be undertaken. Council aims to be transparent and accountable in all decision making that it takes.
Consider increasing charges for services to help cover shortfalls	As part of its work towards financial sustainability, and in line with the feedback to our long term plan we are looking to increase the level of the cost of services recovered through 'user pays' fees.
Don't sell assets just to fund the operational budget	Comment Noted.

Consultation Question 6: Any other comments or feedback?

Submission point/ themes	Officer comment
<p>Council's wider economic approach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council has a responsibility to "cut its cloth" • The community is currently in economic hardship and cannot afford the proposed rates increased <p>Cutting services will be more detrimental to the district/ individual wellbeing than managing the higher rates increase</p>	<p>It is acknowledged that the rates increase will impose burdens on households and businesses already struggling with cost of living and other economic pressures.</p> <p>All areas of expenditure have been looked at. Various savings have been found in a variety of activities. This includes limiting the use of external parties.</p> <p>The continued investment in infrastructure and its consequential impact on operating costs has historically been funded by a growth in council borrowing (to reflect the intergenerational benefits). Very significant additional operating funding pressure arises from the need to finance depreciation to ensure that we have a sustainable approach for funding asset replacement and renewal in order to maintain levels of service within the 3 Waters and roading activities.</p> <p>This annual plan has been prepared on the key assumption that there would be no changes in levels of service as to what has been provided in the LTP.</p> <p>When looking at an appropriate rates increase, Council Officers have considered the cost of maintaining levels of service at current levels, meeting the capital works programme and maintaining net debt to total revenue within the financial parameters in our strategy (this being no higher than 250%).</p>

<p>Debt and future options</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assets which earn less than the cost of servicing debt should be sold• Council's debt level is constraining options for future generations• Council should retain sufficient contingency funding for climate-related events	<p>Some assets are provided not necessarily for a return rather a public benefit for example the libraries, museum, art gallery.</p> <p>One of the major questions all councils grapple with is how to pay for capital expenditure – what proportion should be paid by operational income and what proportion should be paid for by debt.</p> <p>In considering this, Timaru District Council applies the principle of inter-generational equity, which requires that each generation that benefits from an investment, such as an investment in a waste water plant that is expected to serve a community for at least 50 years, should contribute to the cost of that service. One way of doing this is to borrow the cost of the construction of the plant and pay it off during its operational life time, ensuring that each generation which benefits also contributes.</p> <p>Council employs a range of quantifiable thresholds so as to ensure debt levels remain sustainable. The Local Government Act 2002 requires councils to set, in consultation with ratepayers, financial strategies which include a statement of the local authority's quantified limits on rates, rate increases and borrowing. Financial strategies also outline expected capital expenditure on network infrastructure.</p> <p>In addition, Council has adopted a Revenue and Financing Policy which dictates how capital expenditure will be funded and a Liability Management Policy, which sets interest rate exposure, liquidity, credit exposure and debt repayment approaches.</p>
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<p>Debt and future options (continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assets which earn less than the cost of servicing debt should be sold• Council's debt level is constraining options for future generations• Council should retain sufficient contingency funding for climate-related events	<p>For 2024/25, the Financial Strategy (contained within the LTP) outlines Council's financial parameters, including Council's borrowing limits. The Annual Plan is prepared with these parameters in mind. These include the Debt-to-revenue limit being set at 250% (i.e. net debt cannot exceed 250% of operating revenue). This annual plan does not breach the debt cap. Any additional debt and reduction of rates will breach this policy and any reduction in revenue reduces our borrowing capacity.</p> <p>Through its lending policy, the council ensures that it has enough lending available to access in the case of a significant event by setting a self-imposed debt cap lower than the maximum level allowed.</p>
<p>Theatre Royal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete the project as soon as possible• Disappointed that it is proceeding given the cost to current and future ratepayers	<p>The submission point is noted.</p>
<p>The increase to airport landing fees are excessive and inconsistent with the Revenue and Financing Policy</p>	<p>Airport landings are consistent or below other similar airports around the country. They more accurately reflect the costs involved with operating a CAA certified airport.</p>

<p>Freeze the rates for CBD businesses to make them more viable and attract more</p>	<p>Council will be undertaking a wider financing/revenue review which will consider and balance equity and outcomes for all of the different ratepayer groups. The differential is currently high for these businesses and it is difficult to quantify the return as general investment information is not automatically coded/recorded in terms of delivery within specific geographic areas. Conversely, where delivery is geographically specific e.g. theatre/library/museum/public toilets this requires analysis of distribution of benefits as these may be both concentrated and district wide.</p> <p>N.B. when the revenue/financing review is undertaken it should be considered that these ratepayers have also voluntarily undertaken to pay a <i>further</i> levy on top of their higher differential in order to maintain the commercial viability of the city centre (and its continued existence as an asset for our community) via the establishment of the BID.</p>
<p>Install a street light at the corner of Cartwright and Rosewill Valley Rds to increase visibility and safety</p>	<p>While Council is not currently funded to deliver street light infrastructure in rural areas, NZTA have confirmed funding for TDC to deliver a range of improvements on Cartwrights/Rosewill Valley/Kellands Hill Roads SH1 detour route which will improve safety and resilience. This work is in the early planning stage with works expected to commence in FY2025/26.</p>
<p>Aorangi Park upgrade should not proceed – install temporary earthquake strengthening and otherwise leave as is</p>	<p>The Council have consulted on the project, taking onboard all community feedback, and decided to proceed with the upgrade. The submission point is noted.</p>

<p>Parking meters should be reduced in favour of more 2hr free parking in the Timaru CBD</p>	<p>The comment is noted, and this is currently being considered.</p> <p>Feedback received through the CityTown Masterplan process showed a community preference for <i>fewer</i> time-restricted parking spaces, and for time restrictions to be more (not less) generous.</p> <p>The Timaru CityTown Masterplan outlines a range of evidence-based objectives and approaches to parking in the city centre, one of which is demand responsive pricing to optimise availability of parks for customers, while retaining reasonable turnover in foot traffic for business. We strive to balance the need for time limited parking and turnover of parks to maximise retail accessibility.</p> <p>There is provision in the Annual Plan for FY2025/26 to upgrade parking infrastructure in the city centre. This will enable improved data collection around occupancy/demand and TDC's parking policy – including time restrictions and pricing – may be adjusted accordingly.</p> <p>Once the parking capital budget has been confirmed in this Annual Plan, options will be taken to Council. Staff are currently costing options for a business case.</p>
<p>Question: The former Countdown site on Church St could be a good site for a new Museum. Has Council considered this?</p>	<p>The site referenced is privately owned and Council has not considered the site for locating a new museum. The submission point is noted.</p>
<p>Question: Can Council obtain the balance of the shovel-ready fund given its current plans? Didn't the funds only apply to the Museum?</p>	<p>The Theatre & Museum Project budget costs do have a contribution from an MBIE fund. This central government contribution is split across both the theatre and the museum builds.</p>

<p>Question: Why is playground equipment being dug up and relocated in Centennial Park? Is it because it is unsafe?</p>	<p>Items of playground equipment reached the end of its useful lives. By consolidating most equipment in one area it is more cost effective particularly for undersurfacing as this needs replacing too. It also is easier to supervise and maintain giving more variety in one location.</p>
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Options and Preferred Option

- 13 Council is required to adopt an Annual Plan for the 2025/26 financial year prior to its commencement on 1 July 2025.
- 14 Council should therefore make final decisions on the content of the Annual Plan 2025/26 at the 27 May 2025 Council meeting to enable the final document to be prepared for adoption at the 24 June 2025 Council meeting.
- 15 Council should make decisions without predetermination and give consideration to the written and oral submissions received.
- 16 **Option One (preferred): Endorse the draft Annual Plan 2025/26 as presented for community consultation**
- 17 Council may endorse the draft Annual Plan 2025/26 if, after deliberations and consideration of the written and oral submissions, it believes that the proposal remains appropriate.
- 18 **Option Two: Endorse an amended Annual Plan 2025/26, and provide officers with direction on any amendments**
- 19 Council may determine, after deliberations and consideration of the written and oral submissions, that the draft Annual Plan 2025/26 requires amendment.
- 20 The advantages and disadvantages of any amendments are dependent on the specific changes that may be made.

Consultation

- 21 Council resolved to consult with the public on the draft Annual Plan as although deviations from Year 2 of the LTP were not deemed material or significant, Council opted to consult on the specific questions detailed above. Consultation with the community was conducted in accordance with section 82 of the LGA.
- 22 Details of the community engagement undertaken are outlined in the Submissions report on the 27 May 2025 Council agenda.

Relevant Legislation, Council Policy and Plans

- 23 Local Government Act 2002 – establishes the decision-making, consultation and annual plan requirements. Appendix 1 details the sections appropriate to this report.
- 24 Timaru District Council Long Term Plan 2024-34 – the Annual Plan 2025/26 correlates to Year Two of the LTP
- 25 Timaru District Council Significance and Engagement Policy – This policy sets out Council's approach to determining significance and how Council will engage with communities.

Financial and Funding Implications

- 26 The funding and financial implications of the 2025/26 Annual Plan and budget have been discussed throughout Council meeting report and the 15 April 2025 Council meeting report.
- 27 Factors influencing the strategic environment continue to have an impact on Council's financial forecasts, work programme and ability to deliver. The draft budgets endeavour to account and adjust for some of this uncertainty. The LTP had also set out several significant forecasting assumptions that are used in the development of the draft Annual Plan.

- 28 The following budget assumptions have been followed in the development of the 2025/26 Annual Plan:
- 28.1 No changes in levels of service as to what has been provided in the LTP.
 - 28.2 Compliance with the debt to revenue limit of 250% (i.e. for every \$100,000 of revenue, Council can borrow \$250,000).
 - 28.3 Compliance with Revenue and Financing Policy, which specifies matters such as the rating framework and funding of depreciation.
 - 28.4 Targeted rates will be maintained or increase from current 2025/26 levels.
- 29 Following the draft Annual Plan 2025/26 being released for consultation and this report, Council officers have continued to review the operating budget for savings and efficiencies as assumptions and forecasts have become more certain.
- 30 Following the review of operating and capital budgets, no further changes have been made.
- 31 A minor change has been made to the draft Fees and Charges to resolve an administrative error in the Fishing Huts 2024/25 fees for Rangitata and Stratheona Huts Leases.
- 32 Any decisions made by Council, following consideration of the submissions received, may have financial implications.

Other Considerations

- 33 Following Council's decisions at this meeting, officers will process all changes to the draft Annual Plan and update the final document to ensure all financial and non-financial information accurately reflects Council's decisions.
- 34 The final Annual Plan will be made publicly available prior to the Council meeting on 24 June 2025, where the document will be presented for adoption.
- 35 Following the adoption of the Annual Plan, all decisions on consultation topics will be made available on Council's website and submitters will be notified via email.

Attachments

1. **Annual Plan Consultation Legislative Requirements** [!\[\]\(5774573cf757c446bb08af21f46b2969_img.jpg\)](#) 

Appendix A – Local Government Act 2002 Legislative Requirements for Annual Plan Consultation

Significance and Engagement Policy

76AA Significance and engagement policy

- 1 Every local authority must adopt a policy setting out—
 - (a) that local authority’s general approach to determining the significance of proposals and decisions in relation to issues, assets, and other matters; and
 - (b) any criteria or procedures that are to be used by the local authority in assessing the extent to which issues, proposals, assets, decisions, or activities are significant or may have significant consequences; and
 - (c) how the local authority will respond to community preferences about engagement on decisions relating to specific issues, assets, or other matters, including the form of consultation that may be desirable; and
 - (d) how the local authority will engage with communities on other matters.
- 2 The purpose of the policy is—
 - (a) to enable the local authority and its communities to identify the degree of significance attached to particular issues, proposals, assets, decisions, and activities; and
 - (b) to provide clarity about how and when communities can expect to be engaged in decisions about different issues, assets, or other matters; and
 - (c) to inform the local authority from the beginning of a decision-making process about—
 - (i) the extent of any public engagement that is expected before a particular decision is made; and
 - (ii) the form or type of engagement required.
- 3 The policy adopted under subsection (1) must list the assets considered by the local authority to be strategic assets.
- 4 A policy adopted under subsection (1) may be amended from time to time.
- 5 When adopting or amending a policy under this section, the local authority must consult in accordance with [section 82](#) unless it considers on reasonable grounds that it has sufficient information about community interests and preferences to enable the purpose of the policy to be achieved.
- 6 To avoid doubt, [section 80](#) applies when a local authority deviates from this policy.

Decision-Making

76 Decision-making

- 1 Every decision made by a local authority must be made in accordance with such of the provisions of [sections 77, 78, 80, 81, and 82](#) as are applicable.
- 2 Subsection (1) is subject, in relation to compliance with [sections 77](#) and [78](#), to the judgments made by the local authority under [section 79](#).
- 3 A local authority—
 - (a) must ensure that, subject to subsection (2), its decision-making processes promote compliance with subsection (1); and

- (b) in the case of a significant decision, must ensure, before the decision is made, that subsection (1) has been appropriately observed.
- 4 For the avoidance of doubt, it is declared that, subject to subsection (2), subsection (1) applies to every decision made by or on behalf of a local authority, including a decision not to take any action.
- 5 Where a local authority is authorised or required to make a decision in the exercise of any power, authority, or jurisdiction given to it by this Act or any other enactment or by any bylaws, the provisions of subsections (1) to (4) and the provisions applied by those subsections, unless inconsistent with specific requirements of the Act, enactment, or bylaws under which the decision is to be made, apply in relation to the making of the decision.
- 6 This section and the sections applied by this section do not limit any duty or obligation imposed on a local authority by any other enactment.

77 Requirements in relation to decisions

- 1 A local authority must, in the course of the decision-making process,—
 - (a) seek to identify all reasonably practicable options for the achievement of the objective of a decision; and
 - (b) assess the options in terms of their advantages and disadvantages; and
 - (c) if any of the options identified under paragraph (a) involves a significant decision in relation to land or a body of water, take into account the relationship of Māori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral land, water, sites, waahi tapu, valued flora and fauna, and other taonga.
- 2 This section is subject to [section 79](#).

78 Community views in relation to decisions

- 1 A local authority must, in the course of its decision-making process in relation to a matter, give consideration to the views and preferences of persons likely to be affected by, or to have an interest in, the matter.
- 2 [Repealed]
- 3 A local authority is not required by this section alone to undertake any consultation process or procedure.
- 4 This section is subject to [section 79](#).

79 Compliance with procedures in relation to decisions

- 1 It is the responsibility of a local authority to make, in its discretion, judgments—
 - (a) about how to achieve compliance with [sections 77](#) and [78](#) that is largely in proportion to the significance of the matters affected by the decision as determined in accordance with the policy under [section 76AA](#); and
 - (b) about, in particular,—
 - (i) the extent to which different options are to be identified and assessed; and
 - (ii) the degree to which benefits and costs are to be quantified; and
 - (iii) the extent and detail of the information to be considered; and
 - (iv) the extent and nature of any written record to be kept of the manner in which it has complied with those sections.

- 2 In making judgments under subsection (1), a local authority must have regard to the significance of all relevant matters and, in addition, to—
 - (a) the principles set out in [section 14](#); and
 - (b) the extent of the local authority’s resources; and
 - (c) the extent to which the nature of a decision, or the circumstances in which a decision is taken, allow the local authority scope and opportunity to consider a range of options or the views and preferences of other persons.
- 3 The nature and circumstances of a decision referred to in subsection (2)(c) include the extent to which the requirements for such decision-making are prescribed in or under any other enactment (for example, the Resource Management Act 1991).
- 4 Subsection (3) is for the avoidance of doubt.

80 Identification of inconsistent decisions

- 1 If a decision of a local authority is significantly inconsistent with, or is anticipated to have consequences that will be significantly inconsistent with, any policy adopted by the local authority or any plan required by this Act or any other enactment, the local authority must, when making the decision, clearly identify—
 - (a) the inconsistency; and
 - (b) the reasons for the inconsistency; and
 - (c) any intention of the local authority to amend the policy or plan to accommodate the decision.
- 2 Subsection (1) does not derogate from any other provision of this Act or of any other enactment.

81 Contributions to decision-making processes by Māori

- 1 A local authority must—
 - (a) establish and maintain processes to provide opportunities for Māori to contribute to the decision-making processes of the local authority; and
 - (b) consider ways in which it may foster the development of Māori capacity to contribute to the decision-making processes of the local authority; and
 - (c) provide relevant information to Māori for the purposes of paragraphs (a) and (b).
- 2 A local authority, in exercising its responsibility to make judgments about the manner in which subsection (1) is to be complied with, must have regard to—
 - (a) the role of the local authority, as set out in [section 11](#); and
 - (b) such other matters as the local authority considers on reasonable grounds to be relevant to those judgments.

Consultation

82 Principles of consultation

- 1 Consultation that a local authority undertakes in relation to any decision or other matter must be undertaken, subject to subsections (3) to (5), in accordance with the following principles:
 - (a) that persons who will or may be affected by, or have an interest in, the decision or matter should be provided by the local authority with reasonable access to relevant

- information in a manner and format that is appropriate to the preferences and needs of those persons:
- (b) that persons who will or may be affected by, or have an interest in, the decision or matter should be encouraged by the local authority to present their views to the local authority;
 - (c) that persons who are invited or encouraged to present their views to the local authority should be given clear information by the local authority concerning the purpose of the consultation and the scope of the decisions to be taken following the consideration of views presented;
 - (d) that persons who wish to have their views on the decision or matter considered by the local authority should be provided by the local authority with a reasonable opportunity to present those views to the local authority in a manner and format that is appropriate to the preferences and needs of those persons;
 - (e) that the views presented to the local authority should be received by the local authority with an open mind and should be given by the local authority, in making a decision, due consideration;
 - (f) that persons who present views to the local authority should have access to a clear record or description of relevant decisions made by the local authority and explanatory material relating to the decisions, which may include, for example, reports relating to the matter that were considered before the decisions were made.
- 2 A local authority must ensure that it has in place processes for consulting with Māori in accordance with subsection (1).
 - 3 The principles set out in subsection (1) are, subject to subsections (4) and (5), to be observed by a local authority in such manner as the local authority considers, in its discretion, to be appropriate in any particular instance.
 - 4 A local authority must, in exercising its discretion under subsection (3), have regard to—
 - (a) the requirements of [section 78](#); and
 - (b) the extent to which the current views and preferences of persons who will or may be affected by, or have an interest in, the decision or matter are known to the local authority; and
 - (c) the nature and significance of the decision or matter, including its likely impact from the perspective of the persons who will or may be affected by, or have an interest in, the decision or matter; and
 - (d) the provisions of [Part 1](#) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (which Part, among other things, sets out the circumstances in which there is good reason for withholding local authority information); and
 - (e) the costs and benefits of any consultation process or procedure.
 - 5 Where a local authority is authorised or required by this Act or any other enactment to undertake consultation in relation to any decision or matter and the procedure in respect of that consultation is prescribed by this Act or any other enactment, such of the provisions of the principles set out in subsection (1) as are inconsistent with specific requirements of the procedure so prescribed are not to be observed by the local authority in respect of that consultation.

82A Information requirements for consultation required under this Act

- 1 This section applies if this Act requires a local authority to consult in accordance with, or using a process or a manner that gives effect to, the requirements of section 82.
- 2 The local authority must, for the purposes of section 82(1)(a) and (c), make the following publicly available:
 - (a) the proposal and the reasons for the proposal; and
 - (b) an analysis of the reasonably practicable options, including the proposal, identified under [section 77\(1\)](#); and
 - (c) if a plan or policy or similar document is proposed to be adopted, a draft of the proposed plan, policy, or other document; and
 - (d) if a plan or policy or similar document is proposed to be amended, details of the proposed changes to the plan, policy, or other document.
- 3 In the case of consultation on an annual plan under section 95(2), instead of complying with subsection (2), the local authority must prepare and adopt a consultation document that complies with section 95A.
- 4 Nothing in this section applies where the special consultative procedure under section 83 is required to be used.
- 5 Nothing in this section limits the application of section 82.

*Planning***95A Purpose and content of consultation document for annual plan**

- 1 The purpose of the consultation document under [section 82A\(3\)](#) is to provide a basis for effective public participation in decision-making processes relating to the activities to be undertaken by the local authority in the coming year, and the effects of those activities on costs and funding, as proposed for inclusion in the annual plan, by—
 - (a) identifying significant or material differences between the proposed annual plan and the content of the long-term plan for the financial year to which the annual plan relates; and
 - (b) explaining the matters in paragraph (a) in a way that can be readily understood by interested or affected people; and
 - (c) informing discussions between the local authority and its communities about the matters in paragraph (a).
- 2 The content of the consultation document must be such as the local authority considers on reasonable grounds will achieve the purpose set out in subsection (1), and must—
 - (a) explain identified differences, if any, between the proposed annual plan and what is described in the long-term plan in relation to the financial year to which the annual plan relates, including (but not limited to)—
 - (i) an explanation of any significant or material variations or departures from the financial statements or the funding impact statement; and
 - (ii) a description of significant new spending proposals, the costs associated with those proposals, and how these costs will be met; and
 - (iii) an explanation of any proposal to substantially delay, or not proceed with, a significant project, and the financial and service delivery implications of the proposal; and

- (b) outline the expected consequences of proceeding with the matters referred to in paragraph (a), including the implications for the local authority's financial strategy.
- 3 The consultation document—
- (a) must be presented in as concise and simple a manner as is consistent with this section; and
 - (b) without limiting paragraph (a), must not contain, or have attached to it—
 - (i) a draft of the annual plan as proposed to be adopted; or
 - (ii) a full draft of any policy; or
 - (iii) any detailed information, whether described in [Part 2](#) of Schedule 10 or otherwise, that is not necessary or desirable for the purposes of subsections (1) and (2); and
 - (c) must state where members of the public may obtain the information held by the local authority that is relied on by the content of the consultation document, including by providing links or references to the relevant information on the local authority's Internet site; and
 - (d) may be given the title of the local authority's choice, provided that the title or subtitle make reference to this being a consultation document for the proposed annual plan for the relevant year.
- 4 The local authority must adopt the information that is relied on by the content of the consultation document, as referred to in subsection (3)(c), before it adopts the consultation document.
- 5 For the purposes of this section, a difference, variation, or departure is material if it could, itself or in conjunction with other differences, influence the decisions or assessments of those reading or responding to the consultation document.

8 Consideration of Urgent Business Items

9 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters

10 Public Forum Items Requiring Consideration