

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 692

First name: **Robyn**
Last name: **Stansfield**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Davis Library for one day on the weekend instead of a weekday (add \$0.90 per property per year to the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

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Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

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Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

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Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 949

Not Speaking

First name: Eve
Last name: Stark

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Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Close the aviary, but make it into a Summer Garden to compliment the Winter Garden. If it doesn't cost as much to run as the aviary does.

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Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

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Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 463

Not Speaking

First name: Lesley
Last name: Stead

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Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments: There is a Trust in Whanganui which holds money for our hanging baskets. Let's access this. Whanganui is renowned for its hanging baskets and I believe they contribute to the wellbeing of the community

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Submitter Comments:

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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 437

Not Speaking

First name: Ray
Last name: Steele

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments: They add beauty to the main street

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Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

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Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

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Not Speaking

First name: Paulette
Last name: Stent

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Submitter Comments: We will still have the Andram Theatre for plays to be performed.

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments: Definitely a Community Facility that needs to be retained.

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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 947

Not Speaking

First name: Jo
Last name: Stephen Tastard

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Keep open and charge for entry

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Love these.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Agree

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts: No but we do have to invest. You can't always deliver low rates rises. Each generation must invest and build infrastructure.

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Thanks for consulting us.

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 136

Not Speaking

First name: Danielle
Last name: Stephens

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

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Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1216

Not Speaking

First name: Darren
Last name: Stephenson

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Close the east pools and maybe put the money towards expands the facilities at the splash centre. Maybe transport the hydro-slide to the centre along with having an outdoor pool and picnic area

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Even though the theater has historical values. Does it ever get used. When the council gets round to building the new court house and police station. The people of the repertory theater might want to consider using the courthouse building and upgrade that building to accommodate them.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the Winter Gardens (save \$7.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Close it and you could talk to the bason reserve and have the staff think about putting some of the equipment to good use

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: We need more new sports in the region. I run the whanganui disc golf page on FB.. I have had so many people asking if we are ever going to expand the course. It would be really nice to expand the course and include this sport in the masters games. Which will attract another couple hundred people to wanganui. As well as other major events that could possibly happen if the course was that slightly bigger

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Why do this. The iwi just want to connect the motua gardens to the river. When you could buy a bucket of paint and paint pedestrian crossing. Bit ridiculous spending 830k of the ratepayers money on something that could cost less than 2k

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is

and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 338

Not Speaking

First name: Larinae
Last name: Steward

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: This facility is a huge attraction in Whanganui and we need to continue to support its future

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: We are incredibly fortunate to have so many facilities in Whanganui, we need to continue to future proof our great city for generations to come.

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1449

First name: **Riley**
Last name: **Stewart**
Organisation: **N/A**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: The library is an important asset to Whanganui. Many people I know study there. It is one of the only places left in our town where you can go without the expectation of spending money. It is an important learning service for our tamariki. Many of our tamariki, especially our most vulnerable tamariki, don't have access to books in their homes. It is a valuable and safe space in our town. Please don't close the Davis Library, even for a day.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Invest and upgrade. All tamariki in our rohe should have the opportunity to learn to swim, and getting rid of pools makes swimming less accessible for many whānau. NZ drowning rate is so high, taking away pools just takes away another access point for learning to swim.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Could this theatre be sold privately? Surely there'd be someone in Whanganui or NZ who would be interested for its history

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: The birds bring enjoyment to children and adults alike, however not sure it's worth the investment - does it generate visitors to Whanganui? I guess it's part of the history of the lake and would be nice to preserve that history

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: The hanging baskets are beautiful. I don't know how it works but is there a business/es that would be happy to sponsor the baskets and / or flowers, and potential volunteers who can help with their upkeep? They make our town look so beautiful.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: It's part of what makes Whanganui unique, keep it!

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Same reasons for why I want the Davis Library to stay open seven days a week

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Preserve the history of the lake!!

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 854

Not Speaking

First name: James
Last name: Stewart

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: This is a heritage building! Sell it to the Rep Society for \$1 after which they can source funding etc after the council sorts the bank!

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts: No

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: No

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 333

Not Speaking

First name: Sarah
Last name: Stichbury

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Closing the pool is going to see more children swimming in the river increasing danger. The accessibility to a pool is important and to increase a child's confidence in the water. Whanganui east pool is such a positive community facility

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: To reduce wages could it be a possibility to have a volunteers run it?

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Reduce the number of baskets. Maybe shops lease a basket if they want one outside their premise.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Maintain the current level of funding, which isn't enough to get us to where we need to be. Noting assets will deteriorate further (save \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Don't know

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: This is money unnecessarily spent. A clear entrance point can be outlined without spending \$800,000 +

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: Without knowing what the assets are it's hard to cast a vote

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 939

Not Speaking

First name: **Lesley**
Last name: **Still**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Its a great community center for all sorts of people and has a lovely atmosphere.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: I think surf lifesavers are an absolute asset to this west coast beach. Personally I love the reassurance that they provide. I wouldn't like to be in the water otherwise.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1226

Not Speaking

First name: Karen
Last name: Stockman

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Close for the 2 quietest days.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Sell off to private enterprise, they to fix retaining wall & do what they like to the building

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Have the Bird Society take it over

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Business/shop owners to take over this. They sure add beauty to the city

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Close it 2 days a week. It's not hard to get books etc out prior or following days.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Why not close 2 days a week, perhaps Monday & Tuesday. It's a lovely place to visit

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Why can't the Duncan Pavilion be used for this?

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Need to know which assets before commenting on this

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Cut your cloth according to the plan! Like we have to..

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1656

Not Speaking

First name: **Kay**
Last name: **Stodart**
Organisation: **Na**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Invest in the stabilisation of the retaining bank, demolish the existing building and build a new theatre (add \$10 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Implement a new counterweight flying system only within the existing stagehouse building structure (add \$44 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Please save the youth council. Rangatahi deserve a voice. I see you are looking at building a new hotel on the ratepayers dime that will take 10 years to be putting money back into the community. Youth council existing costs less, and will have a greater impact on the area for the foreseeable future. Also, please save libraries from any funding cuts. Libraries are not just book rooms but community hubs. As a librarian, I have had people in emotional states coming to me needing urgent support. Libraries are that kind of support. Particularly with the impending climate crisis, Libraries will be needed more and more.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1087

Not Speaking

First name: Roanna
Last name: Stokes

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: I do believe the library is a vital resource to our community as a place of learning and connection, peace and wondering. I do feel it provides a warm, dry, safe space for people, especially during the winter month. However, I do also believe there are other options for places people can go during the week, moreso than during the weekend. That is why I choose a weekday closure over a weekend, though this could also be impacted by which day is the least busy by numbers.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: We keep closing these resources and never gaining them back. I do not believe the pool needs to close for a feasibility study to be completed. Vital resource for youth. Run it better with longer season - more opportunity for community to use. Run events etc. We cannot lose this resource. Children MUST learn to swim and Splash does not have capacity to deal with ALL of the tamariki of Whanganui. If the kids don't learn in a pool they'll learn in the awa - a far less safe option.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Whilst the aviary is lovely to visit, when you visit the lake there is so much to do already, so i suspect it closing isn't going to put anyone off visiting the lake. I would also prefer the money was spent improving human life than caging birds.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: The baskets are a beautiful luxury and add real pop of vibrancy and colour to our city, however, they are just that, a luxury. When times are tight you've got to cut the luxury and look at what is beneficial to the community.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: I disagree that now is the right time to be looking into this as an option and believe this would be more suited to investigate at a time when families are not struggling to put food on the table. I understand the potential long term advantage, but the short term it seems quite odd to be saying "we cant afford this, we cant afford this...oh lets build a hotel"

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLs as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt

and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1495

Speaking

First name: Peter
Last name: Stokes-Chapman

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: As a regular user of the library this is my preferred option. Libraries are a vital integral part of a community such as wanganui

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: My main concern is in the wording a feasibility study. Who will you consult with and who will carry this study out. It can't cost us even more to use private consultants.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Can this theatre be resited. Surely it can't be right to just demolish it. The building has stood for many years and although not necessarily a landmark needs to be respected.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: As I've never been in the Winter gardens here so my idea maybe not feasible. However I will suggest anyway. Could the aviary not be incorporated into this building.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Ask for company sponsorship of baskets Alternatively ask for sponsorship of other areas to off set the cost of the hanging baskets. Whilst I agree these are nice to have but "nice to have" sometimes is essential. I suspect to visitors they mean quite a lot. How do you think we've won awards for our city.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Selling off assets which can later be closed by the new owners does not make good sense

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: I'm surprised rural owners aren't surcharged for this service already.

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: I've used Gonville library and if I lived in the area I would want this facility to remain as is.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts: I trust that there are a lot of innovative remarks on mine and others feedback.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: I thought we'd got a suitable hotel on College Estate. It's not the role of the council to build hotels. Allow some entrepreneurs to build one. But don't make it too difficult for them with burgeoning consents.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Surely we don't need a flying system. How many times are we doing Peter Pan. I've been several times and from an audience perspective I've enjoyed every visit.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Marae are exclusive to Iwi and therefore need to be self sufficient.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

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Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Once an asset is sold the council and the ratepayers no longer have a say in that asset. In the main I disagree with asset disposal. Often too the asset is under valued.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Managing budgets needs careful thought. It's easy to strike out with a pen a figure on a budget planning sheet. However there are far wider implications that affect the well being of a society when cuts are made. I trust our council will think outside the box when making these crucial decisions. Even down to their personal responsibilities. What savings can be made "in house".

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 535

First name: **avalea**
Last name: **stone**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: i think the whanganui east pool should stay open because it is super important to us because we need to learn how to gain confidence to jump off the divingboard and to practice swimming to have water skills and have fun. Whanganui East School, age 9

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

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Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 321

Not Speaking

First name: **Colin**
Last name: **Stone**
Organisation: **Sport NZ Regional Partnerships Manager - Central**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?**Service Cuts**

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

Yes

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 195

First name: **Not supplied**
Last name: **Stone**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Keep the Davis Library as it is - it is a real asset for our city.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: It is an icon to Whanganui many past and present families

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: The building should be sold they will not be able to afford the upkeep

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Why would you close it!!

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Marton township which is close by has the most beautiful baskets all in unison and all coloured white. The Marton Lions Club does it solely by volunteers, why can't we, there are a majority who have offered to facilitate this. How hard is it to put dirt in a basket!!! Really disappointed you outsource this Hawkes Bay. Wanganui ratepayers would be horrified.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Maybe close library one day a week on Monday and patrons would cope with that.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Open at weekends. Close on a Monday to make a substantial saving.

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Council supply the land, developers, hotels know what they are doing. Please Council be more helpful with resource consents to fast track these initiatives for our beautiful city.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Surely there are cheaper options available, is it really necessary there are innovative ways to achieve this.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: I don't know how many maraes there are? How many! Shouldn't Government do this

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: Very necessary saving lives.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Go back to the drawing board there are other footpaths and streets that are in dire need for repair. A crossing, but not a raised crossing already there has been accidents in Guyton street.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments: I do think this is really necessary

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Why are we so in debt!! By the way yet another empty bus passing us by with no-one on it! Would you fancy putting your advertising for your business on a bus like that.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
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Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: I absolutely give up!! You are still going to do what you want!! Tell me otherwise

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1073

Not Speaking

First name: **Raylene**
Last name: **Stormont**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: The city needs this pool to remain open for our tamariki. We are surrounded by water and iwi and whanau do not want our tamariki and adults swimming in the river.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Implement a new counterweight flying system only within the existing stagehouse building structure (add \$44 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 954

Not Speaking

First name: **Laurel**
Last name: **Stowell**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Davis Library for one day on the weekend instead of a weekday (add \$0.90 per property per year to the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: I don't believe the Splash Centre provides all the swimming opportunities that people need.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: The theatre provides a lot of quality entertainment. It has high heritage value as a building and is very historic. Its members grow a lot from their participation in shows.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: This is not a top class aviary.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Nice, but not essential.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: A lot of people enjoy this library, and it's close to a less privileged area.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the Winter Gardens (save \$7.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts: Reducing the maintenance standard at parks seems a good idea - perhaps by mowing less, or leaving areas of long grass.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: Seems risky, and odd for a council investment. How is the NZICPA shaping up as an investment?

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Don't know

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: I understand some Friends of the RW Opera House do not support the changes to the fly system.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: How will the crossing affect traffic flow? This is a very busy stretch of road.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments: I have tried cycling Rapanui Rd as it is. Scary, and dangerous. I'd like people to be able to get to and from the beach without using fossil fuel. I think the result will be better than anyone expects - a bit like the riverside boardwalk.

Asset Sales

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 129

Not Speaking

First name: **Margaret**
Last name: **Stratford**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1092

Not Speaking

First name: **Angela**
Last name: **Stratton**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: The libraries are closed on statutory holidays anyway, and staff may like having a definite day off each week. The homeless who use the libraries would be disadvantaged.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: An outdoor pool is extremely important for those who dislike enclosed spaces and the smell of chlorine. It's vital to have facilities spread throughout town, too, for people who have no transport, eg youngsters and the elderly.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: It's a good place but we can't save everything.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Find a sponsor, eg one or more local businesses who want their name on the aviary.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: They are part of our Mainstreet appeal. Maybe business owners could maintain the basket/s outside their premises?

New Zealand Glassworks

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: It's an asset that will only appreciate when visitors come to see the new gallery : how about a " donation box " for spectators?

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Necessary

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Gonville library is very well used. Perhaps staff should be asked whether they think closing on Mondays would disadvantage themselves or their users? They are the experts here.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Find a sponsor, one or more local business/es who want their name above the door. I'd rather not pay for this place.

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: If we all do some volunteering for an organisation every week or month, maybe the money will stretch further.

Further comments on service cuts: Council's core business is to maintain a functional town. Society needs art (eg Opera House, the gallery, libraries) as well as sanitation and safe streets.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: The more people we can persuade to stop using private vehicles, the safer our roads will be and the longer they will last. Bus, cycle, walk, incentives please.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: There are enough rich developers to do this for us, it's not council's remit.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments: The Opera House is vital to Wanganui, however those with intimate knowledge of it need to be involved in decision making: don't rely on consultant comment.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Will the Central government funding cover everything before 2027? Maybe the maraes will be fixed by then.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: It's a lot of money but we need safe swimming.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Slow the traffic with signs (20kph) instead, and deter traffic going that way, and the crossing won't be necessary.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Reduce the speed limit, 50kph all the way along Rapanui Road.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: No problem with this because we'll be asked before it happens.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

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Submitter Comments: I had a problem moving the circles on the gauge. I was trying for 65% along the line.

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 902

Not Speaking

First name: Trevor
Last name: Stratton

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: The library is an amazing asset for all people who live or visit Whanganui. Library staff are always helpful, polite and have so much knowledge about books and many other things.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Another asset that provides so much to community. Absolutely essential it is retained. If it requires capital investment - do it

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Invest in the stabilisation of the retaining bank, demolish the existing building and build a new theatre (add \$10 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Yet another asset that is a part of Whanganui that makes this city special. It is part of the 'soul' of the people who live here.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Review the design - a more affordable option?

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Trial 60kph speed limit along with progressive shoulder improvements.

Asset Sales

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Absolutely essential to future proof Whanganui. alternative is having to play catch-up, requiring even more expenditure..

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1383

Not Speaking

First name: **Michael**
Last name: **Street**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Repertory has a long, proud history as a theatre, providing the opportunity for local talent to entertain an audience. It has a loyal base of both organisers and supporters, offering a varied programme over the course of a year. Along with Amdram, it is an essential component of Whanganui theatrical activity.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: The aviary is an integral part of the Virginia Lake experience. For those travelling from Wellington to New Plymouth on SH3, the lake offers a convenient place to stop, with two car parks on the main road. Stroll round the lake, admire the Winter Gardens, have a coffee at The Funky Duck. The kids can let off steam in the playground, with the aviary appealing to both young and old. The whole entity enhances our reputation. The Mayor's claim (W. Chron. 5 April) that the aviary is merely for those with 'particular interests' who are 'passionate about birds' is simply a load of tripe.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1280

Not Speaking

First name: Joan
Last name: Street

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the Winter Gardens (save \$7.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Maintain the current level of funding, which isn't enough to get us to where we need to be. Noting assets will deteriorate further (save \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Keep the Aviary - and advertise it better

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 702

Not Speaking

First name: Ellen
Last name: Sturzaker

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1578

Not Speaking

First name: James
Last name: Stuteley

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Save the historical building and let a private owner renovate. Do not demolish.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Close the aviary. It is squalid, with poor animal welfare. Enclosing birds in such a small area is cruel.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Introduce a few more permanent plants to reduce annual spend by a bit

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:**Further comments on service cuts:****Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Prioritise three waters infrastructure, roading and footpaths less important

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: It is not clear this logic is correct and the price is high.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: It's an idiosyncratic building, we should accept and embrace that. The events that want to come here will come. Suggest not implementing the flying system, but addressing all H&S issues, enabling stage curtain and future proofing the stagehouse.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSL as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Instead: reduce speed limit, add pedestrian crossing, paint mural on road

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Depends on asset type. In general oppose asset sales.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: - Reduce roading budget - Do the solar proposal - Spend a large proportion of the parks budget on biodiversity outcomes - more perennial aesthetic planting instead of annuals to save money - spend more on climate change mitigation

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1526

Not Speaking

First name: **Jamie**
Last name: **Sugden**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close New Zealand Glassworks (save \$10.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the Winter Gardens (save \$7.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: This is the stupidest idea you've had to date when you're trying to 'save' money

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 26

Speaking

First name: **Name**
Last name: **Supplied**
Organisation: **Fitzherbert Avenue Berm Residents**

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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?**Service Cuts**

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

Yes

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 332

Not Speaking

First name:

Name

Last name:

Supplied

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Davis Library for one day on the weekend instead of a weekday (add \$0.90 per property per year to the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: As a "tourist" attraction - The aviary is well-known. - Possibly a Voluntary Group could take it on as a project? - Maybe a person on parole could become involved? To help keep costs down.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: This also is a "tourist" attraction. Most people who have visited Whanganui will comment on them. Possibly a Voluntary Group could take on as a "project". Maybe a person/s on parole could become involved? To help keep costs down.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Wanganui will not have a lot to offer if the Aviary & Winter Gardens close at Virginia Lake. Maybe Voluntary Groups - people on parole - retirees - could become involved.

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Something else (state below)

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Close it down.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Is the Beach so widely used that it would require that amount of funding?

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: If I am to make an informed decision please do NOT mix Maori and English together in the same sentence. "Awa" could at least have the English meaning written beside it.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Re: Service Cuts Re: Long-term investment Was this supposed to mean rate between 1-5 1 as lowest? This is NOT clear. NB. See separate submission. Fitzherbert Residents submission to the Whanganui District Council - Long-Term Plan 2024 - 2034. Request a change to the quality of service provided for berm mowing & spraying frequency on Fitzherbert Avenue.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 47

Not Speaking

First name: **Name**
Last name: **Supplied**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: I believe it's important to have at least one library that is open 7 days a week. Among its many services, the library provides access to important public information like consultation documents - if these are not available 7 days a week people will find it harder to engage with those processes. Other patrons rely on computer/internet access to be able to jobseek, and could miss interview offers if they can't check emails each day. Even if all the Davis patrons are willing to go to other branches instead for one day a week, do the other branches currently have enough resources (staff, computers, etc) to cope with the increased demand or will they then need additional funding? I also agree with the opinions expressed in the recent Whanganui Chronicle article which highlighted the need for more library space and a larger collection to keep pace with the growing population - while I'm happy to see the library extension plans seem to be going ahead, I'm disappointed that with the proposed cuts we might get a beautiful new building that's out of bounds one day a week and doesn't have any new books in it!

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: While I don't have a strong personal opinion on the pool, I am concerned to hear that others believe young people will find their own outdoor swimming options and that these are likely to include swimming spots that are unsafe due to water quality, hidden hazards, or strong currents. If kids' lives could be at risk, then I'd like to be sure that there is a safe replacement on the horizon before closing the pool for good. Perhaps the feasibility study could be fast-tracked - will the new outdoor swimming options cost more or less than the upgrade?

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: I strongly oppose the demolition of historic buildings. The historic heritage of the area is an important and irreplaceable part of Whanganui's character. I would like to see at least an option for community-led fundraising towards the needed improvements before such a drastic step as demolition is considered. I understand that the building is still currently usable, so there should be time to consider alternative funding sources for renovation. Given Options 2 and 3 indicate stabilisation work would be needed before the land could be built on or sold, it seems Option 1 (no retaining bank

stabilisation) is for Council to pay to convert an asset for current and future revenue into a piece of empty land that can't be used for anything at all, which seems like a very bad idea in all respects! Perhaps Council could pay for the bank stabilisation and the community group who currently rents it could fundraise towards the renovations? I would willingly pay the whole \$6/10 years for the bank stabilisation upfront!

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: There aren't many other animal experiences around Whanganui, especially free ones - and not all kids are lucky enough to have pets of their own. I also think it would be a good idea to have some kind of donation set-up so that visitors from outside the area who have enjoyed the aviary have the option to support it financially. Now that many people have banking set up on their phones, this could be facilitated easily with a sign and QR code at the aviary entrance if a traditional metal collecting box is not practicable.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: I didn't realise these were a Council project, I thought they were owned by the businesses. If ongoing funding is not available, perhaps some businesses might prefer to 'adopt' their existing flower baskets rather than having them removed entirely? It seems wasteful to get rid of perfectly good baskets that only need a bit of water, occasional tidying, and a few dollars-worth of plants every few months.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Has Council considered a partnership option, e.g. partial sale or lease? This could reduce costs while ensuring Council still has some control of service levels and if the new owner/operator is able to make the Glassworks profitable in the future then Council would be getting direct revenue from this asset. Given it's being topped up by rates, if the Glassworks is sold there is no guarantee that the buyer would be able to keep it operating and then all the services, tourism, etc. would be lost anyway. If partial sale is not practicable, I would favour Option 2.

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: If not already in place, perhaps Council could add some donation boxes or e-payment signage so that visitors who have enjoyed the Winter Gardens can express their appreciation financially? It is fairly usual for other Councils to have "free to residents, donation appreciated from visitors" signs at popular tourist attractions.

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts: I was disappointed to see the level of cuts to libraries and parks which have already been decided on. I consider these some of the most essential Council services (although I can see why others have differing opinions), and I had hoped to see substantial increases in funding in the near future.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)

Submitter Comments:**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: I'd like to see the improvements carried out progressively, so that if Option 3 is implemented first it is still possible to switch to Option 4 later if more funding becomes available. It would be a pity if correction of any of the "building-wide issues" mentioned under Option 4 required already-completed work to be redone!

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: I think the crossing is a nice idea, but I would like Council to consider whether other non-speed-bump road safety measures might be possible instead, such as a pedestrian crossing traffic light. On a busy road, the brake/accelerate needed for a raised crossing could add up to a lot of unnecessary fuel emissions over time, as well as limiting usability for some vehicles as mentioned in the consultation document, whereas other crossing types could allow traffic to flow smoothly at times when pedestrians are not present.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

Submitter Comments: I would prefer to see Council find ways to utilise assets that aren't currently in use. Vacant land could become community food gardens, or be a site for Trees for Babies reforestation plantings (perhaps with an option for whenua/placenta planting for families who don't have somewhere to do this locally). Much of the local bush is gone, and it would be nice to bring some of that back into the

suburbs so more native species can return too. Once assets are gone, they are usually gone for good, and with them all possibility of future revenue.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 828

Not Speaking

First name: IAN
Last name: SUTCLIFFE

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: I feel this pool is important to the school and local children

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Would be a shame to demolish another nice old building

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: I feel this will take away from current businesses

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: This is a big outlay for a handful of people. I feel the money would be better spent on something more rate payers would benefit from

Asset Sales

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 80

Not Speaking

First name: Rere
Last name: Sutherland

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Invest in the stabilisation of the retaining bank, demolish the existing building and build a new theatre (add \$10 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: removing baskets only if the council will upkeep the town flower gardens

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Option one if buyer found if not then option two

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: re option one - not enough is shared as to where in town and the car parking, and does not acknowledge the effect upon motel establishments already used for events such as vintage weekend. While I understand the intention to eventually be used to reduce rates, how honest is this intention and would that be upheld with following councillors.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Something else (state below)

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: I have not been in the opera house for many years and would put my support behind those that do see any value in the options offered

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSL as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: I have noticed a lot of contention with this matter and think the council should be providing more detail for the expected cost to expect this to be accepted without further angry challenges - I agree with the use of a pedestrian crossing but not with the expected cost - that makes no sense

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1142

Not Speaking

First name: Richard
Last name: Sutherland-Smith

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the Winter Gardens (save \$7.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 484

Not Speaking

First name: Margaret
Last name: Sweaney

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Explore thermal water pools. Every child in Nz should be able to learn to swim for free

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Could re locate this

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Business support

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Charge non locals

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Hakeke street community centre is a great support to our community.

Further comments on service cuts:**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)

Submitter Comments:**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: More consultation needed

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 575

Not Speaking

First name: Clisa
Last name: Tait

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Keep it open 7 days. The cost saving to closing it for a day is minimal compared with the negative impact this would have on the community. It is giving a safe space for many, learning/researching, accessing the internet etc. I think this option for library cuts should never have even come up.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Keep the pool open. Do the feasibility study for outdoor swimming. Look to improvements, make it a destination.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Invest in PERMANENT stabilisation of the retaining bank and sell the theatre to the Repertory group for \$1 and support them in upgrading and strengthening the building. It would be a shame for the historic building to be demolished.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: The baskets do make the town more attractive and welcoming, but they do cost. Could some be kept in certain places to keep some of that character with a small increase. 1/3 maybe?

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Again, libraries need to stay open.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments: Delay these options for 3 years.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

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Submitter Comments: I feel services that provide inclusion, safe spaces and opportunities for connection are important for our communities mental and physical wellbeing, these should not be cut. When times are tough, the 'nice' to haves are the things that could/should be reduced. Its a hard balance in this economic climate.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 234

First name: **Jackson**
Last name: **Tamati**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: I like the Whanganui East Pools because of the diving board and waterslide. It is the best pool for doing manus and bombs because it is deep. It is our community pool and I have been going all my life. If the pools shut we will have to swim in the river.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 204

First name: **asset**
Last name: **tamati**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: it is the only pool that i can get to with our family having no car and it is the best pool in wanganui

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?**Service Cuts**

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 167

Not Speaking

First name:

Hone

Last name:

Tamehana

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
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Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Happy with the proposed changed.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 546

Not Speaking

First name:

Whiti

Last name:

Tamihana

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Stop sacrificing basic community services because you want to function as a for-profit business. Council needs to recognise its role.

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Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, **3**
and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and
close more services to get the rates lower and 5
being to keep more services open but see a
higher rates rise)*

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the
lowest possible investment in our core
infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being
to increase investment in our core infrastructure
and long-term projects to future-proof
Whanganui)*

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 377

Not Speaking

First name: Sharlene
Last name: Tapa-Mosen

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1155

Not Speaking

First name:

Jocelyn

Last name:

Taranchokov

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the Winter Gardens (save \$7.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Maintain the current level of funding, which isn't enough to get us to where we need to be. Noting assets will deteriorate further (save \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: No

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1316

First name: **Pat**
Last name: **Tasker**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Closure 2 days per week and end of free services

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Close and sell the complex to an interested party to relieve the ongoing burden on the Council. No study at this time.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Repair bank and sell asset

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Link with Winter Gardens as a combined attraction with a small fee attached

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: List for sale ASAP with a finite closure date set no longer than 6 months. No further top-up funding allocated.

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Link with the aviary as a combined attraction with a small fee attached.

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts: Refer to attachment

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Increase in funding with a view to future inhouse work

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments: Refer to attachment

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Refer to attachment

Supporting documents Yes

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 729

Not Speaking

First name: Vanessa
Last name: Tate

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: A small fee of at least \$0.50 per book is appropriate

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Although its very popular the pool is old .we have plenty of options for swimming ie some schools offer a pass in summer months. Perhaps the leisure centre could reduce its entry fee to make it more affordable

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Sadly the cost to rebuild doesn't justify keeping it.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: This is the main attraction for both young and old. These animals are well loved by locals and adored by visitors. Perhaps allow a volunteer group to form before making such a decision.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Pretty but not necessary during times where other things need to take priority

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: I would prefer my rates to go towards interests that benefit everyone

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Absolutely needed!

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Its a nice service for many if the elderly living in the area and surrounds

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Again...its a lovely attraction and adored by visitors

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Very much needed

Further comments on service cuts: Spend our hard working money wisely. I understand there's a lot to consider and unable to please us all. However times are hard for us all in some capacity and I don't feel like it's going to improve anytime soon. Overall I feel the community would rather implement a user pays scheme for many of our attractions.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Our roads are not being maintained to a high standard to begin with. Bits and pieces here and there and often the same pieces re done within months. The standard of seal width needs to change..thicker and stronger from the start. This would reduce the wear and tear considerably

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Sadly our local motels are taken up by those who can't find a home to rent. We absolutely cannot afford such a project at this time.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments: Our Opera House brings in consistent revenue and is used by the entire community. Definitely focus on this

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: I would rather my money be spent on those struggling.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: This benefits all...so yes

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Not needed

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: They've managed so far without it..not a priority

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Yes 100%. Reduce our debt

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **1**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Its a tough call. We need to future think but carefully. We need to focus on our core needs rather than our wants. Reduce our debt the best you can and get us through these tough times.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1364

Not Speaking

First name: Michelle
Last name: Tattersall

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Although only a small amount is saved it all adds up and I don't believe a one day closure will have a high impact on library users.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: If a feasibility study is to be done how long would this take. A comment would be that Whanganui East would no longer have any swimming facilities. I would hope if the pool can be replaced it would be a bigger and better complex, if it is not substantially better then why would you bother

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: I would like to see the building retained and sold. The building adds to the Heritage Status of Whanganui which places like Napier feed off and we can do the same.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: The aviary is well visited by locals and visitors and school groups. It doesn't need to be an intense educational center just a place for everyone who doesn't have the opportunity to be close to birds. The whole area of the Aviary, Child Playground and the Amphitheatre could be upgraded and utilized a lot more than what it currently is. People do make a special trip to the Aviary along with the Winter Gardens and the lake. Whanganui needs all the attractions and points of difference it can get.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: I have had many out of towners comment on how lovely the baskets are. Again a point of difference for Whanganui which should be retained.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: This is an iconic Whanganui facility and should be retained by the Council. I would be concerned about what a buyer would offer or add to the current operation. Leave it as is.

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Totally agree

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Totally Agree

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Totally Agree

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: This is a difficult question to answer as examples of those who currently receive community grants have not been given. I don't believe the funding should be cut but as I am unsure where the money will go I have opted for status quo

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)

Submitter Comments: I have gone for option one assuming that Council will have onboard the expertise necessary to run a project like this with all the checks, balances and accountability in place. It is a huge risk of ending up with a white elephant but Whanganui does need to provide better accommodation. I would also like to see an outdoor event for concerts to be identified and targeted to go hand in hand with any future developemnt of a hotel.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments: I agree as long as the \$38 does not balloon out in 10 years time and the work can be started sooner rather than later.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: I do not believe rate payers money should be spent on Marae and Marae Facilities. Marae are not ratepayers and as such I do not believe they should receive money through this stream. I believe this amount of money could benefit the population as a whole if spent wisely rather than one sector of the community. If anything is held on a Marae I am sure a Koha for their trouble is received which I would assume would be saved towards building upgrades. As for Civil Defence and Emergency management I would hope facilities such as schools in all areas of Whanganui and the Jubilee Stadium where there are flat areas for helicopters, tents etc as well as shelter within the facilities would be upgraded or supplied with the necessary support. Everyone cant have everything and in my opinion the WSLS which serves the whole community and visitors is more deserving and is better value and use of money

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: Totally agree.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: I believe any changes in layout would cause traffic flow problems. There is the cost of maintaining the crossing as well as all the incidental costs of educational signs, carvings etc it is just totally unnecessary. This is a nice to have idea but not in todays climate.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: My initial response was yes, go for it but when looking at the costs added to rates and for how long I have had to go with no. I wonder if this could be more of a staged project targetted around areas with safety concern with users.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Very hard to choose an option on this question as there is no indication of what would be sold and what percentage of all assets the 16M would be. I don't believe in selling all the councils silver to have an empty cupboard for the future just to save a few bucks today. it could be a reckless or clever decision depending on what the assets are.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: I think the actual plan document was clear and a well produced understandable document

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1278

Not Speaking

First name: Karl
Last name: Taunton

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close New Zealand Glassworks (save \$10.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the Winter Gardens (save \$7.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 608

Not Speaking

First name: Moana
Last name: Tawhara

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

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Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

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Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

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(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 166

Not Speaking

First name: Catherine
Last name: Taylor

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Agree with Cr Vinsen's view that this is not council business. Expectations of a 4 star/60 room hotel returning dividends to the ratepayer in 15 years is dubious. If it was such a great opportunity 'bold' private developers would be across it. Accommodation needs to have year round occupancy & 'huge' demand during large events is not enough. If there are currently only 122 rooms in town we need different ideas to stimulate the 3 star motel/motor inn market which is more realistic for sustainable business in a provincial centre. Many of our motels were sold &/or converted to long term rentals because of poor year round occupancy. Agree to facilitating land acquisition for potential

developers who would then build & lease to a hotel management company. Completely disagree with the parking building concept. 'Park & ride' systems work well around the world during peak season & large events.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: in favour of sticking to core council responsibilities

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1294

Not Speaking

First name: Margaret
Last name: Taylor

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the Winter Gardens (save \$7.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1048

First name: **Daniel**
Last name: **Taylor**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Strongly support retaining Whanganui East Pool as an outdoor swimming facility in its current location. It is important to provide recreational activities and facilities in Whanganui East to promote a strong local community and maintain healthy, positive activity and options for families and young people. This should be seen as an investment in the local community.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1310

Speaking

First name: Alan
Last name: Taylor

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Survey Avenue business owners to see if they are willing to cover the basket costs on a pro-rata basis according to street-front meterage

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: In spite of the blatant misuse of these sites in some instances, the environment demands they be retained.

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Stormwater, in particular, has suffered from serious underinvestment. These assets will continue to struggle to provide an increasingly demanding level of service. Any further investment delay until it is more affordable or shown to be warranted demonstrates a sad understanding of what we are in for climatically and the resilience required to handle more frequent and intense precipitation events as well as storm surges. Roothing, especially rural roading will continue to be a challenge until the exacerbators pay their fair share. The projected increased differential for forestry properties is still a very long way from where it needs to be.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments: Marae are so critical in times of emergency. (There will be more of these in Whanganui, especially flooding). The kicker is, however, some of our marae are located on particularly flood-prone land so how that is dealt with should be resolved.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments: Option 2 contains an unachievable goal on this busiest of, quite narrow, rural roads. Please separate the vehicles from the bicycles in the interests of safety, public health (fitness), offering alternate transport options to cars, and environmental wellbeing.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: I will, when speaking to Council, comment on the clear lack of goals with respect to long-term planning when it comes to adaptation to an increasingly threatening future. I see little in the LTP that recognises rapidly increasing rates of climate change and its physical manifestations. To kind of illustrate this the Plan mentions 'growth' many times but such words as 'adaptation' and 'resilience' are rare. That is where the Plan fails. Council is way too shy of rate rises. Having made those criticisms I would commend Council for a very readable and well-presented Consultation Document. Kudos, staff and councillors.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 394

Not Speaking

First name: Henry
Last name: Taylor

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1470

First name: **Raine**
Last name: **Taylor**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Keep the library open

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?**Service Cuts**

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 844

Not Speaking

First name: Marion
Last name: Taylor

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: This would mean that no staff were present on Mondays, thereby saving all staff salaries, correct?

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: They have delighted visitors and added beauty to the centre of our town for years.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments: This is a road well-used recreationally and could bring more visitors to Whanganui. It is dangerous to pedestrians and cyclists the way it is.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 614

Speaking

First name: Justine
Last name: Taylor
Organisation: Splash Centre Employee

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close New Zealand Glassworks (save \$10.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts: PLEASE CLOSE WHANGANUI EAST POOL

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?**Service Cuts**

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 709

First name: **Howard**
Last name: **Taylor**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?**Service Cuts**

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

Yes

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 149

Not Speaking

First name: Pita
Last name: Taylor-Heke

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Attract events to the Central Library that can supplement growing costs.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: A variation of option 2, but using marketing to create events that bring in more people to use the pools, and (if done right) use said marketing to mitigate the costs and (potentially) profit from the pools being open. Because at this time, it is a highly underutilised resource.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Combination of Option 2 and Option 3. The theatre is underutilised at this time, and undoubtedly some parts of the theatre cannot be reclaimed via a redevelopment. So, redevelop what can be properly saved, and use the space for events. Perhaps UCOL and other arts institutions can use the space? There's a myriad of possibilities for growth and opportunity.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Option 2, but with a more active approach to marketing the aviary for tourism. Tourists (especially those from nature starved locales), would love to explore the aviary. Coupled with Virginia Lake, it's a tourism boom waiting to happen. A growing and ageing population is an opportunity to put the aviary to even better use. Why? Because younger people love wildlife (like birds) and older people enjoy the tranquil sounds of nature. I remember being absolutely amazed by the aviary back when I was a youth, and would be sorely disappointed if future Whanganui residents and visitors couldn't experience that joy too. So my suggestion is to keep it open and invest in marketing and other resources to get more people out and around the aviary (while supporting the birdlike there to cope with the influx).

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Something else (state below)

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: A variation of Option 2, but make it as a permanent part of the natural charm of Whanganui. Helps with tourism and the image of the city as "The River City" and in certain parts of the city, meshes well with certain artistic and/or natural aesthetics. A city like Whanganui needs quirks like hanging baskets to compete with other tourist destinations + it does improve the "homely" feeling of the city.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Variation of Option 1, but make sure that the buyer understands Whanganui Glassworks and has strong insights into where they'd want to take the business next. How that insight will benefit the local population and what sort of innovative solutions could be made to make it rely less on council funding, and more on private and citizen led investments.

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Perhaps (also) look at alternatives to household rubbish collection that aren't already widely used by rural residents, like waste recycling. There are innovations in the field of waste disposal, so keeping abreast of said innovations and use what can be used for the rural (and even non-rural) waste disposal situation.

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Variation of Option 1, but like I stated for the Central Library situation, use the space for more events that can bring in more customers. And while I do know Gonville Library does have its own cafe (which is stocked better than Central Library), there are other ways to use the space to generate revenue as well.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Option 1 + use marketing (targeted and specific to many different demographics) to boost numbers going through the Winter Gardens. More people coming through, means more money circulating through the Whanganui Economy. More money, means the Gardens pay for themselves (much like what I suggested for the aviary).

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: A middling between Option 1 and 2. For me, this all depends on what Community Projects are in the works, and how they will benefit Whanganui's overall health, well being and image as a safe and effective city for people to live in.

Further comments on service cuts: Cutting services without looking at alternatives properly is wasted resources. And while I did not enter in a submission for every category, my general viewpoints stand for all proposed services: "If it's a resource, make use of it. If it's underutilised, use it more. Market it for events, rally creative and technical business around it. Come up with innovations that put it to better use than what it was in the past. Because once that resource is gone, it rarely is able to be salvaged again."

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Strong infrastructure means a stronger city to produce bigger, better and more innovative ideas, systems and processes. And it also keeps residents (and visitors) general health up, as good plumbing means less visits to the hospital and days off sick (and thus unproductive). Pretty sure many in Whanganui experienced that last year, with the Norovirus outbreak (which was debilitating for so many of us).

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: While I like Option 1 and 2, both have flaws in their logic. For Option 1, why is it a 10 year construction plan? The red tape should be mitigated by the fact council controls the majority landuse of the region. Also, development infrastructure timelines are far too long for my taste. A space should be developed within months, not years - much like they do in Asia. Time is money, and money is wasted when time is seemingly wasted. As for Option 2, while heavy involvement by council would be limited and the burden of paying for said development would be near zero, development costs could be exorbitant for prospective developers. In particular where land use is expensive (but potentially more lucrative) vs where land use is cheap (but looks to be less lucrative). I'm talking about green spaces and brown spaces (land ripe for ag and hort uses vs old industrial complexes). With both options we need to look at using space wisely. Selecting space that had infrastructure in place (to reduce costs), building in tiers and utilising the efficient building techniques of Asia (like those used in China and Japan).

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: This is one the resources that are already in use and could be put to even better use in the near future. For example we recently had the band Six60 perform at the Opera House, and could have many similar tiers of acts perform at the Opera House on a more regular basis. The Whanganui Opera House is extremely famous for being a one of a kind space, so leverage further on that

and give support to other resources that work around the Opera House - like the wider entertainment industry. Therefore I'd suggest a variation of Options 2 to 4, with the above considerations in mind.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments: Marae are central hubs for Māori that are local or outside of Whanganui. They are used greatly during tangihanga and other cultural events (like kura visits, waka ama, and training for kapa haka comps among others). However, Marae are also used in times of emergency as places of refuge for Māori and non-Māori so their value for Whanganui and the wider region is immense. So I agree with improving funding and access to resources (Option 1).

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: This is a no-brainer solution. Funding needs to be improved, as Whanganui is a coastal city and the population is increasing. The increased population plus any improvements to tourism should help mitigate costs too.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments: Pākaitore has cultural and historic significance for Whanganui, but it should be used as part of tourism to boost numbers into the city. More people coming to Whanganui means more revenue and potential investment into many projects. And it will help mitigate rising costs. And consultation should be with Māori too.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments: Seems like a solid accessibility option.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which

Something else (state below)

assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: I'm only comfortable with selling assets, if those assets have absolutely no other value, than to be sold. Otherwise you should always find a good use for them, and find a way for them to generate profit in some fashion. Even if they're currently costing X amount of dollars, they could be worth Z value of dollars if properly nurtured. As a business owner I always look to maximise my resources given my constraints, and rarely do I need to sell off assets (unless they are so outdated as to hold little economic value to me). So I'd assume the council would think similarly (or should).

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: We shouldn't be limited in thinking assets should be cut, investments should be reduced, just to save some money. Why? Because other costs become apparent from cut and slash economics, and these are brutal on the social cohesion of small city like ours. And as a resident, I'd rather not deal with instability in social cohesion (which is VERY damaging to the Economy). Instead many of my suggestions were centred around "growing use and engagement with the asset and resources." Why? Because a growth mindset is needed if you truly want to have a strong economy.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1245

Speaking

First name: Jonathon
Last name: Te Huna

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: I was in Whanganui for Vintage Weekend. I actually spoke to a business man from Auckland who was wanting to invest in Whanganui. He wanted to buy and renovate an old building around Drews Ave and turn it into a Hotel, but was having major problems because the Whanganui Council was "making it impossible" for him to do so. Please dont build an ugly new hotel, that will be full once a year.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: This is not necessary, I feel this just creates more of a division in the community.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: I would have no problem in the rebuild of the patrol building. They are saving peoples lives. The beach attracts tourists, make the area look better. The potential to hold more surf life saving regattas could be more attractive to other clubs if WSLS had better facilities.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Not necessary

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

Submitter Comments: Maybe sell some buildings in town to a developer who could turn them into nice boutique hotels...then the council does not have to build a new hotel.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: The town I live, gives the residents free rubbish drop off at the transfer/recycling station. (maximum one use per household every year) ... this is to stop road side dumping. Most of the cost is made up from rates, but I feel a cleaner country side is better for it. The town also makes money off material that is being thrown away by residents.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1465

Not Speaking

First name: **Jeanette**
Last name: **Te Ua-Hausman**
Organisation: **N/A**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Davis Library for one day on the weekend instead of a weekday (add \$0.90 per property per year to the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Close the pool and no feasibility to be undertaken for an outdoor pool - the maintenance alone of this would be too high. If we must invest in an outdoor pool, I suggest that we reinvest the money into some of the outdoor school pools that are in desperate need of repair.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: This building is underutilised and past its economic life.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Close the aviary and reinvest in extending the family play area with outdoor covered tables, more play equipment for whanau.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: The hanging baskets won't be missed.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: I would like to see this kept by the Council

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: This service reaches a minority in my opinion.

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: There are limited facilities in this area, so this library is much needed.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: This is a tourist attraction that is actually used up at Routakawa, well worth keeping.

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: The reliance on the work our community groups provide is essential to our community.

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Our infrastructure is dated and is desperate need of upgrading to keep up with population growth - maintain and increase but do I not support decreasing.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: I'm in support of the creation of more accommodation in town and I'm unsure who is best equipped to do this.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments: Not a big user of the Opera House and for the times that I have used it, more than just these items need upgrading, there needs air conditioning, the sizing and the condition of the seats needs revising as well. In large events, its uncomfortable in there. Freezing in Winter and stifling hot in Summer!

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: This is an essential service to the community, however, I have chosen this option based on the understanding that this will be a build for the community as a 'whole' offering more community spaces and NOT limited to just surf lifesaving.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: If we are considering essential cuts, I don't see this as a priority, iwi should look into funding for this.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: This entire stretch of road needs improving - reduce the grass verges along the sides of the road (reduces green house emissions and the need for contractors and extend the size of this narrow road to improve access to the basin reserve, Mowhanau holiday park and Kai Iwi beach.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is

and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1099

Not Speaking

First name: **Dominic**
Last name: **Te Wake-Beazley**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Davis Library for one day on the weekend instead of a weekday (add \$0.90 per property per year to the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Sunday, the Davis library is only open for 5 hours

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Why does it cost 2 million dollars to run a pool?

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Make a zebra crossing

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: What's happening to the homeless hub? & why isn't the youth hub being built? & why is the tide bus not going to be funded after June?

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 369

Not Speaking

First name: Sharon
Last name: Teager

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Don't know

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1610

Not Speaking

First name: TINA
Last name: teal

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
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Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1012

Not Speaking

First name: Danielle
Last name: Teal

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Davis Library for one day on the weekend instead of a weekday (add \$0.90 per property per year to the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

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Don't know

Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Lots family out of town always love going to see aviary and gardens our kids love it too

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Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

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Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

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Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

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Submitter Comments:

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Don't know

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

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Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the
lowest possible investment in our core
infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being
to increase investment in our core infrastructure
and long-term projects to future-proof
Whanganui)*

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 653

Not Speaking

First name: **Heather**
Last name: **Teka**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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Submitter Comments:

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Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: This is a valued outdoor pool for all of Wanganui schools and we need all young people to be able to have swimming lessons available

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments: Have volunteers who are interested to man and upkeep the aviary

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Maybe on certain occasions have people sponsor a hanging basket or individual business's to provide their own.

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

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Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: I have noticed overtime that alot of the time the buses in Wanganui are empty!!! Why not have Minibuses?

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 718

Not Speaking

First name: Tracy
Last name: Teka

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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Submitter Comments:

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Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Businesses pay for them if they want them outside their shops or get some kind of sponsorship

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Submitter Comments:

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Don't know

Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

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Don't know

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments: I dont think that this is can be a priority right now although i do value the Opera House.

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Submitter Comments: I dont think this is a wise way at all to spent money. It is a waste. People should know how to cross a road safely they dont need fancy road crossings. I would not at all be happy if any part my rates were spent on this. Just paint some white lines. My kids school doesnt even have a pedestrian crossing (St Marys) and it shoild have one both sides of the railway.

Rapanui Road Trail

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Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Totally depends on what they are.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
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Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: I think keeping the Whanganui East pool and Virginia lake aviary open and running is important. I don't think spending the amount of money on cycling and art gallery or a hotel is a fair way to spend our rate payers money more than enough has been spent on cycling tracks. As for Pakaitore look across the road at the boat club..that could do with fixing up and also places like racecourse. The fixing of the aramoho bridge walkway should be more important than making a cycling track to Kai iwi.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 436

Not Speaking

First name: S
Last name: Teki

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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Submitter Comments:

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Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Ask business owners in Victoria Avenue to provide at least three baskets in front of their properties.

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Submitter Comments:

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Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: OPTION 1. With recycling bins

Gonville Library

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Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Charge an entry fee of \$2

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Maintain the current level of funding, which isn't enough to get us to where we need to be. Noting assets will deteriorate further (save \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Engage local contractors instead of bulk funding large out of town companies

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Sell back the two hotels that Council already owns! If you receive a positive recommendation for a hotel, then don't take this as a must do! Let other proven business developers take up the opportunity! Don't partner with developers and make concessions! If you must proceed then double the projected cost and see if that will work!! Do your homework...this is a massive risk! There are other ways to invest, but in a recession is not the time. Remember - This is not your personal money that you are playing with....

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Submitter Comments: It is easy to cross the road as it is. If a crossing is installed just a normal one. The pavement does not need any reconstruction. Fill potholes around town instead.

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Sell assets but don't replace with Hotel/ Carpark

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

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Long-term investment

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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Your question on long term investment, combines infrastructure AND long term projects. These two should not be combined! Yes invest in Infrastructure (back to basics) BUT No to Long term projects, with massive risk factors.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1350

Not Speaking

First name: Felicity
Last name: Temple

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 306

Not Speaking

First name: Rosemary
Last name: Tennant

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: I greatly value the service provided by the Library and would prefer to see it open 7 days - but could live with one day during the week closed if necessary

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: The WEast pool is well used by families. It should stay open - and ideally extend its opening to December and maintain regular opening hours despite weather. It is shabby but perfectly useable as it is. I approve spending whatever it needs to make it safe and continue open but limit the upgrade to that - it doesnt need to be flash.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: There may be options for community involvement in this proposal.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: I am concerned about the impact and implications on the city centre planning if this proposal were to take place and the effect on existing providers of downtown accommodation. I am not convinced that a large single hotel would be the appropriate solution for accommodation shortage in

whanganui. I am concerned about the long term profitability of such a building - if it doesn't work there is a huge white elephant in our city centre. I am not sure if this is the core business of the council.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: I totally support spending whatever is necessary to restore a theatrical flying system within the existing building envelope (as in option 2) however the cost of the proposal seems very high; there may be more appropriate design solutions for the fly system engineering and stage house upgrade to be investigated. I do not support option 3. In discussions I find that people generally very confused about what a fly system is about (thinking its the phantom of the opera chandelier) and I think that responses to this questionnaire on this matter will likely be ill informed. I am pleased that the Council is signalling a commitment to valuing this treasured building/facilty.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt

Something else (state below)

and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: In principle I have nothing against asset sales - however I would want to be very confident that the WDC would fully consult and listen to the community before proceeding with any sales, and that the community would be fully informed of the short and long term planning environmental effects of any such sales.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

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Submitter Comments: The allocation costs for some projects seems very high. I would like to be confident that the WDC decision makers are fully informed of options and costs, and that investigation of solution alternatives is wide ranging so as to capture innovative solutions to local problems.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1570

Not Speaking

First name: **Annelies**
Last name: **ter Brake**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: We still have work to do for all residents to appreciate what their library provides in the 21st Century. I suggest we keep hours as they are, but focus on return on that investment.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: I feel the location of the current pool limits the value of investment.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Invest in the stabilisation of the retaining bank, demolish the existing building and build a new theatre (add \$10 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: But, this new theatre must make use of heritage aspects of the existing theatre to ensure we don't remove one of our heritage assets.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Close the aviary as it is questionable in terms of the welfare of the birds. However, significant care should be taken of the playground, and the Cafe needs investment. It does not meet the standard that the Lake deserves in terms of offerings and care of the building and its surrounds.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: I can't believe you are even considering this. Our mainstreet is a key asset and would be considerable diminished by removing the baskets. Removal of the baskets would also highlight some of the real problems such as the old Andersons building which desperately needs attention.

New Zealand Glassworks

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: See my previous comments on the playground and Cafe.

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)

Submitter Comments: I agree, a hotel is absolutely critical and even more so now with the Sargeant coming towards reopening. I believe council should take the lead here, perhaps in partnership with an established provider, to ensure any hotel design contributes to our heritage brand..

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Great array of issues and potential solutions. Thanks for the mahi in surveying these. I hope there will be support from the community to invest in protecting our taonga.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 210

First name: **treyjhan**
Last name: **terrill**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: we would have to swim in the river and it is dangerous and to hot

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?**Service Cuts**

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1455

Not Speaking

First name: lace
Last name: tewaaka

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: My kids love it here aswell as family that come to wanganui maybe instead of closing this you should close the stupid art place that's costing millions no one goes to that place

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Don't need a hotel people ain't going to come here because of a hotel events don't come here cause people don't come here and not because their is lack of places to stay but because you spend money on stupid things they don't want to even see like that art gallery

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 452

Not Speaking

First name: **mandy**
Last name: **thacker**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 668

Not Speaking

First name: Dot
Last name: Thiele

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: This will only cost .43c per property.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: We have enough so called "historic" buildings. So CLOSE it.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: This is only saving 19c per week per property rates. Also this is what public & visitors want. SO KEEP IT.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: KEEP & MAINTAIN & CARE FOR THEM. Mainstreets look nice when flowers are kept & looked after. Visitors have remarked how nice they look This is only .9c per property per week.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts: DON'T put in judder bars anywhere. Definitely not good for disabled & injured to travel over. DON'T do proposed work by Motua Gardens - footpath, judder bars etc. DON'T waste money on hotel & carpark DO FIX railway bridge walkway DO FIX Dublin St Bridge - replace this instead of building a hotel etc. MAINTENANCE - mow lawn to edge of riverbank especially along Anzac Pde (State Highway 4) Put Art Gallery & Air School out for tender to private ownership - this would save lots money & we could build a new Dublin St Bridge.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Consider keeping the front of building, and replace the whole building. What would this cost? Better to spend money on this than a hotel & carpark.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)**Submitter Comments:****Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)**Submitter Comments:****Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Why change it? Not many pedestrians & also not good for traffic, especially trucks. Close road when needed for events, as we do now.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)**Submitter Comments:**

Asset Sales

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Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Why have you NOT mentioned the Dublin St Bridge replacement or rail bridge walkway repairs. Both were on the Plan to already have been replaced. This is essential work.

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 674

Not Speaking

First name: Des
Last name: Thiele

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Keep library as is, including purchase of new book.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: This is a tourist attraction. Spend more money on it.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Maintain baskets properly so they are attractive.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Don't know

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Get council spending under control before starting on another grandiose scheme. Once Air School & Art Gallery are paying their own way, THEN we can look at these things.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Examine possibility of complete new Opera House maintaining the facade.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Close road off when needed for events.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Which of these assets are you planning to sell? Suggest Air School, Art Gallery. DO NOT sell council flats.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **1**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1346

Not Speaking

First name: **Megan**
Last name: **Thiele**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

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Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 235

Not Speaking

First name: **Stephanie**
Last name: **Thomas**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1147

Not Speaking

First name: Owen
Last name: Thompson

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Schools used to have pools and teach kids to swim. Now they don't have pools and kid just run wild.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Stop planting plane trees in the CBD. Use a more suitable tree as parks & reserves wanted some years ago.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: We now have good transport into the town library.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts: We do not want to be like Wellington. Spend on infrastructure only.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Not a ratepayers job to invest in marae.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: A very important road. Don't mess with it. It links the bridges. The crossing is not needed.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: No person would ride a horse along that road.

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We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

Submitter Comments: We do not know which assets.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: If a project does not benefit the whole community, don't do it! If it looks nice, don't do it!

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 430

Not Speaking

First name: **Nadia**
Last name: **Thompson**
Organisation: **No**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: A 10.6% rates increase is ridiculous because Whanganui has one of the highest rates in N.Z. I'd rather see a \$2 per household increase.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Council should upkeep the Whanganui East pool open. I grew up swimming in that pool amongst many others over the many years lots of fond memories being part of a swimming club back in the day. I see no point further exploring other options to folk out wasted rate payers money. No to closer and the 10.6 rate rise something else needs to give like the new hotel ect.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Remove the baskets. I'm sure that doesn't cost much but time so I don't see why that's added in to the rate increase. I'll remove them for free.

New Zealand Glassworks

Option 3: Close New Zealand Glassworks (save \$10.30 per property per year)

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Maintain the current level of funding, which isn't enough to get us to where we need to be. Noting assets will deteriorate further (save \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Stop wasting Whanganui rate payers money on silly unwanted things that will save a lot of money for better investments.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1613

Not Speaking

First name: **Nathan**
Last name: **Thompson**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Why waste money on a pool that has low traffic, problems with gangs and is run down.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: The hanging baskets are nice however have council checked what the actual cost is for keeping them as the yearly cost seems extreme

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Again I can't see what we are getting for 5 million as that cost seems to be ridiculously high.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 980

Not Speaking

First name: Nicole
Last name: Thompson

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 473

Not Speaking

First name: **Cristina**
Last name: **Thompson**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: The WE Is important for our whanau because 1, cost saving can walk to the pool 2, feel safe with personalised staff & ownership on hand 3, social meeting place throughout the early growing years 4, learned to swim gaining confidence & strength 5, family friendly with BBQ etc

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1363

Not Speaking

First name: Jaedyn
Last name: Thompson

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts: Arts

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1128

Not Speaking

First name: Chris
Last name: Thrupp

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the Winter Gardens (save \$7.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLs as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Put this project to the community once the Dublin St Bridge has been replaced and open to heavy traffic. The crossing can then support the plan to traffic calm and pedestrianize this part of Taupo Quay

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments: The Whanganui District is poorly represented with recreational cycle paths. The Mountains to Sea trail is the only opportunity in the district for residents and visitors to experience a scenic, off road, safe and accessible pathway. These pathways have proven to be very popular with residents and tourists in other areas that have made the investment, with visitors choosing their holiday destination based on the availability of cycling and walking trails. This proposal links 3 popular, with locals, outdoor spaces providing an alternative to driving the car to access these sites. It also stands alone as an adventure trail with loop access back along the beach to Castlecliff and also connects to Handley Road out to Ototoka Beach. There is an opportunity to seek external funding to reduce the financial contribution from ratepayers. The proposal may get support from NZTA through their strategies to reduce vehicle kilometers travelled and improve safety.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1297

First name: Ruth
Last name: Tidemann

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Whanganui East still has the option of going to the Splash centre

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: the birds are not being looked after properly

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Gonville library is the best community library in Whanganui. We need it and we need Kat to run it. Please do not close it in any way. Thankyou

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

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Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments: Maori input is vital to the well being of the community

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1202

Not Speaking

First name: Kawana
Last name: Tihema

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the Winter Gardens (save \$7.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Maintain the current level of funding, which isn't enough to get us to where we need to be. Noting assets will deteriorate further (save \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1137

Not Speaking

First name: **Judith**
Last name: **Timmins**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: This pool is all that is easily available to Whangau East residents and the only outdoor pool. The current Splash Centre does not suit everyone's needs. The smell of chlorination and stuffy air inside are unbearable sometimes. If this pool is closed there will be a huge wait and cost especially around consultation fees for the feasibility study etc until a new facility is even approved and built. Plus what is all this going to cost the ratepayers of Whanganui. How about promo the East pool a bit more, maybe charge a bit more in entry fees. Task someone on the Council to come up with some ideas perhaps as they have all the details around costings etc get some sponsors maybe like the Splash Centre did. It seems like it is all about taking away the small enjoyments that people can participate in rather than looking at coat cutting elsewhere within the council itself maybe ?

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Invest in the stabilisation of the retaining bank, demolish the existing building and build a new theatre (add \$10 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Whanganui is known as a bit of an Arts Centre and building a new theatre would further promo this. Maybe it could be multi use also and some aspects of the old building could be included in the new one. It is a step back in time going to a production there but that was part of the experience. Photos and videos would need to be taken of the old building and interior for display. Perhaps the last performance captured. We seem to be a nation that tears down our heritage, past Councils should have better maintained this iconic piece of the past and not let it get to the demo stage.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: The aviary has been an attraction at the lake for a very long time. However it is not "bird friendly". Those big birds always looked cramped and miserable. The aviary should stay but if it does it needs a remodel so it is larger and more "bird friendly" in these more enlightened times around animal

welfare. Perhaps people could sponsor a bird ? Maybe get other sponsors to assist rather than council money ? Charge a small coin fee to go through ?

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1243

Not Speaking

First name: Taine
Last name: Tindale

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Stop velodrome

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 28

Not Speaking

First name: **Rawiri**
Last name: **Tinirau**
Organisation: **Ngati Ruaka and Ngati Hine hapu of Ranana Marae**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?**Service Cuts**

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

Yes

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 503

Not Speaking

First name: Nelson
Last name: Tizard

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Davis Library for one day on the weekend instead of a weekday (add \$0.90 per property per year to the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: I believe that to teach kids to swim is VERY vital

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Give the theatre to the Repertory. They would pay all costs to keep it going. Don't charge them rates. If the bank collapses to make the building unusable then it goes back to the Council to sell!!

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: This is an icon for us all! I reckon most visitors will still like to enjoy it.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Presume the library does not open Sundays'? If it is open - then shut it Sundays and Mondays.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: This too is an icon! Keep it open.

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: For some reason I feel the replacement of the Dublin Street bridge is VERY important and would prefer to see this actioned.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Good idea - but surely open it up to private backers.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments: The Opera House has had enough spent on it in recent years and the extra proposed now I'm saying to myself would be nice to have but is not needed!!

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Sorry - but this is getting a bit out of Council's responsibility - It seems to be supporting a private enterprise!

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Goodness me! There is enough fiddling with road bumps etc now! Don't want any more please.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: As long as the reserves are retained. No sales of anything that is in this area! Sell of some surplus buildings by all means.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Thanks for this opportunity.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 202

Not Speaking

First name: janet
Last name: tomuri

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: This pool is utilised by schools and families in the summer.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: We have the Opera House and Amdram

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Ask for volunteers to help look after the aviary. Just have a part time paid worker to oversee at perhaps 1 hour per day.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Not fussed on the baskets but when I owned a business in Whanganui I had to pay \$80.00 for a basket. So how come it costs so much? Let businesses hang and maintain their own baskets if they wish to.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Rural properties are already losing weekend mail delivery. I would rather pay for the illegal dumping of rubbish at these sites than seeing more rubbish scattered around Whanganui.

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Perhaps have a donation box at the entrance to the gardens. Would hate to see this and the aviary close. These are excellent attractions for visitors and families.

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Need this more than an art gallery!!!

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: And put our hotels/motels out of business? Not for council or rate payers!!

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments: Can't afford to do upgrades on this yet. Too many other projects, ie Sargent Gallery, the Port etc!!

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Will you do up my home? Iwi have been paid millions of dollars from government, let them do up their own marae. There is always a charge when it is used by others !!

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: Would prefer to put on hold for a couple of years but is a necessity to community.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Not necessary!! Absolute waste of money!!

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Again not necessary. The road is wide enough and clear enough for all users to use safely.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: I just hope council listen to the community

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 125

Speaking

First name: **Anthonie**
Last name: **Tonnon**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: I think the low hanging fruit for economic growth in Whanganui is moving from a town that is bustling 4 days a week and quiet for 3, to one that has something going on every day. While I initially found it charming that so much is shut on a Monday in Whanganui, I'm now missing the 7 day ambience of other cities I've lived in. Closing the library on a Monday would further entrench the feeling that things are dead on a Monday and I just feel it's the wrong direction to go. Furthermore, while I understand that the Opex is a very quick and noticeable saving - this money goes directly to low and middle income wage earners, many of whom then spend it at those bold businesses in town who are open on a Monday. I'd also just say that regional competitiveness in services is important to me, and I think we're performing poorly if the Palmerston North library is open 7 days (complete with their amazing maker's space blueprint) but we're not.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: I think Whanganui's competitive advantage is not our resources to build brand new things now - but our wealth of resources gifted to us from a wealthy past, and unusually well preserved. I'd like to keep the Whanganui East Pool for four reasons. From a project management point of view - we're in an era where it's very hard and expensive to build new things well. I suspect that even if we did create a business case on a new outdoor pool at the Splash Centre, it will come out much more expensive than keeping this pool, which also happens to be grand and impressive, and gives access and pride to another side of town. From a regional competitiveness point of view, I'd note that we've already consolidated our aquatic assets quite thoroughly for the size of our population. I had a great experience swimming at the Featherston Pool this summer, and I noted that the South Wairarapa District has three outdoor Summer pools which are all free entry, despite only having a population of 11000, and despite being close to a substantial aquatic centre in Masterton. Finally from a community pride point of view - I live near the former Gonville Baths and Town Hall, which were closed in the early 2000s. Talking to long-time residents, the loss of activity on Tawa St (which was Gonville's main civic street), the damage to pride of place, and the feeling that we had been divested in was wounding for Gonville. While the Baths have found a happy private owner now, I wouldn't wish that process on Whanganui East.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: We're just not in an era where we can build buildings like the Repertory again easily. 60 cents per property is a bargain to stabilise the bank, and see a community group or a private owner get the chance to make use of something that already exists rather than build from scratch.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: NZ Glassworks supports an ecosystem of practising artists and is why Whanganui is still a national centre for glass. For example, we are a centre for the import and redistribution of artist glass around the country, and we've often hosted national glass community events. Glassworks is also a rare institution that is open 7 days and adds life and tourism to the city centre even on Sundays and Mondays. I don't believe there would be a buyer who can keep the glassworks running with the benefits it has to the community now. One of the things that made Whanganui the artistic town it is now was it's art and design schools. They have suffered from consolidation with UCOL, and we're now not replacing our arts community as well as we could. In the future I think we need to attract more arts education and facilities, but in the near term, keeping the Glassworks can be a key asset we can hold on to while we rebuild.

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: I suggest that, as part of this increase, you start to carve out a specific portion to public transport infrastructure - particularly as we get close to the launch of a new network. This recognises that a new network from Horizons will actually reduce cars on the road and the burden on our road network, and gives the public transport system the support it needs to thrive. In year 1 - as a cost neutral solution, I suggest that you move the current \$50 000 portion dedicated to public transport out of the roading alliance team and into another of our council teams - such as the team who do a really effective job on graffiti. Downer do a great job in their areas of expertise, but what is mostly needed at our bus stops are eyes, care, the odd wipe to remove cobwebs, and the odd replacement of wayfinding posters. Downer aren't really set up for this. Pride in our bus stops would do wonders for our sense of civic pride in the bus system and encourage people to make the most of the network. With great effort, we have succeeded in getting Horizons to invest in Whanganui public transport in a completely different manner to the last 25 years. However, PT infrastructure is, and always has been our responsibility. Greater Wellington Regional Council spends around \$170 per person per year on public transport service. But even more striking is that Wellington, through its city councils, also spends around \$170 per person on public transport infrastructure. Horizons are now likely to be spending \$40-50 per person on public transport service (a four-fold increase on 2017), but Whanganui are currently only spending about 50c per person (matched by Waka Kotahi) on public transport infrastructure. Looking wider, as roading is one of the most significant costs in this LTP, it's worth thinking about what can reduce the roading burden. Public transport will help a lot, but so will a really strong spatial plan that has public transport at the heart of it. The more we grow around central areas with existing infrastructure and good street layouts for public transport, the less we will need to be in our cars and hastening the next reseal of our road. I'd also note that one of the largest complaints I hear about life in Whanganui is around speeding cars on residential streets at night. One thing we might do is work towards a system where our heavy vehicles and higher speeds, as well as public transport are focused on arterial roads, and the residential streets are targeted for use by residents' cars and those visiting them. Some of this could be done with relatively cheap community-led calming measures like wooden chicanes. Finally, a quick point on the Dublin Bridge. I would note that it's a beautiful bridge, and it would be a real shame to have a third Town Bridge/Cobham Bridge type-design and lose that iconic structure. I'd also be concerned that in the costing stage we would lose the two lanes of walking and two lanes of cycling we have now and not get like for like. I'm heartened that others have suggested we keep it as a pedestrian bridge, but I suspect that will be hard to achieve. We also have to be aware of induced demand and how we can use it to or against the city's benefit in the way we design.

Hotel and Car Park

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Love to see a hotel and see you look at any option to facilitate, though I'd prefer us looking hard at options we don't build ourselves. Whatever we do - I'd say there's an opportunity in my view to save costs on this project by going minimal on the parking building part of this project. Hotel covered parking should be a premium product - at most Hotels I go to, this is at least \$30 a night. I fear this parking building might be trying to fulfill a civic need and I would suggest that we actually have more parking than we think. At the moment Wellington has a city provided park for every 38 residents while we have a park for every 28. 60% of Wellington's 5300 parks are metered, while only 38% of ours are. I really support the new parking changes, and I'd say that creating too much supply in a parking building could have adverse effects for those parking changes, but also for the long term attractiveness of public transport and other modes.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments: I moved to Whanganui because of the Opera House and it's a great example of something we have already that we could never build again now. I strongly support Option 3 and I've used great venues like the Hastings Opera House which have had this treatment. I would like to suggest we look at our operating model now and in future to make sure we have a high use, flexible use and flexible price structure. We need to hold a lot of events - from community, to mid tier national, as well as the top priced bracket of international touring productions like Mamma Mia and the Tribute concerts. Sadly, Wellington and Dunedin have both created a model where only the latter group can afford to use their similar spaces and I would love to see us be careful on this.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Let's look at something even more clever when the Dublin bridge can take these heavy vehicles off our hands perhaps.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 489

Not Speaking

First name: Sonya
Last name: Toohey

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Close as long as birds find new homes, and are not killed

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Don't know

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Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
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Submitter Comments: As a disabled person, I want to see more disabled car parks, and the bloody speed bumps gone!! Or not so harsher ones. They hurt everytime you ho over them. Stop wasting money on shit like that.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1031

Not Speaking

First name: Jenny
Last name: Toso

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

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Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

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Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

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Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

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Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

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Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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Don't know

Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 581

Not Speaking

First name: Mike
Last name: Towers

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: It's an asset that, whilst alone might not bring people to Wanganui for a visit, does give them another reason to come back

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: I've heard so many positive comments about the hanging baskets and the beauty they add. We're known as one of the most beautiful cities in NZ. Why do something to detract from that selling point by removing them?

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Again, we're known for our glassworks so it's about how do we better monetize it

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Nice to have but not in the current financial climate

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Not yet

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: As long as you manage debt moving forward so you don't have to sell off more assets in the future

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1641

Not Speaking

First name: Mick
Last name: Townsend

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Close as too many libraries for population

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Sheer madness to close a pool that is safe and convenient.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Keep open with either PPP or sponsorship possibilities

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close New Zealand Glassworks (save \$10.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the Winter Gardens (save \$7.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:**Further comments on service cuts:****Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

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Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Build at Castlecliff Beach. No brainer

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Demolish

Marae Development

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Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Include Hotel and parking as part of a bigger structure with WSLSC

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

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Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

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Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1353

Not Speaking

First name: **Matthew**
Last name: **Tressider**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Reduce wasteful Spending on councillor and other staff wages and food and alcohol before you close the library. I earn min wage serving food to the community, why does someone who sits in an office all day deserve five times my wage? I also have it on good authority that a lot of waste happens at the library itself: useless management buying duplicates of books they already have because they are too lazy to check the database, too many managers not doing anything to help stressed front line staff. Find your savings there. Once I went to a meeting with the mayor and he has a whole room full of bottle of wine, he gave me one. Sell ya wine collection and keep the library open.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Keep the pool open and find another way to fund it eg get rid of surplus wasteful spending on council wages and perks before closing the pool - that pool Probably Keeps many bored children off the streets all summer, where will they go? Not the library! Maybe to the mayors street to smash windows?

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Something like This can be privatised but perhaps the opera house could be made available for performances because it's just sitting there doing nothing most of the time

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: The aviary is cruel and grim and needs to go

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: We need swimming pools and library more than we need flowers

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: For god sake do we have to sell everything? Keep in council ownership

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Close the Library and make sure there are regular free buses available to the main library

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Stop kicking the can down the road you useless boomers!! Fund this instead of almost anything else!

Hotel and Car Park

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Council Should Focus on making the town a viable Option for a private operator instead of doing themselves. As per previous question we need new roads and water infrastructure before a hotel

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Sounds like the opera house is a lemon. It's hot and stuffy and dangerous and old. Demolish it and start again or sell it and run privately.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Don't iwi have their own money?

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Not sure how this works in with the plan to move the courthouse? Wouldn't it be better to develop the whole site first or just give control to the iwi to develop? I walk through there all the time it's empty and grim. Remove the ugly divisive statues and allow iwi to build A marae which would be great for tourism

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments: Anything to encourage walking and cycling is good

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

Submitter Comments: How can you expect people to comment when you haven't specified which assets ? Like yea sell the lemon opera house but don't sell the museum Etc

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Beauracratc bloat has a lot to answer for. Talk to any council staff off the record and they will tell you tales of enormous waste and nepotism and corruption. Clean up your own house before shafting ratepayers

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1483

Not Speaking

First name:

Ryan

Last name:

Trevor-Roper

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

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Submitter Comments:

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 596

Not Speaking

First name: **Trudie**
Last name: **Trillo**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

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Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 472

Speaking

First name: Donald
Last name: Trott
Organisation: NZ Opera School, NZ Opera Foundation Trust, and St

Paul's in the City

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Monday would possibly be the most suitable day - people are used to facilities being closed on a Monday

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Only a suggestion. Could the pool be closed for a 'period' only until the economic situation improves? "Mothball" On the other hand, this wonderful facility should be retained.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: It is surprising that stabilizing the bank has not been addressed over the years. The theatre is a valuable performing arts venue!

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: This is a lovely idea - but birds should be able fly free! How many visitors are attracted to this facility?

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Whanganui set the pace in NZ with the hanging baskets and as a heritage city this should be continued.

New Zealand Glassworks

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: This is a celebrated Whanganui asset!

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: A wonderful and an historic facility - wonderful

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Much has been achieved with this Council initiative! We are a city proclaiming history. The funding thus far has helped Whanganui retain this title.

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Council would be well-advised to seek a firm dedicated to building and running hotels.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments: Ideally, option three for now! Having been involved with the RWOH all my life, the stage wings have always been a problem but not insurmountable. To undertake the work suggested as an option would certainly enhance the stage and fly system for the next 20 years. The RWOH is a gem. It is warmly appreciated by visitors from Auckland, Wellington. An Auckland visitor wanted to take the RWOH to AK.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments: The Whanganui Marae are treasures to be maintained and enhanced.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: A necessary facility! It is a concern to learn the existing building is in poor condition. What happened to regular maintenance? This is essential and if a new building is the result, an ongoing programme should be required.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments: However I would have thought a prominent pedestrian crossing would suffice. Unfortunately Taupo Quay is seen as a street to speed.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments: A dangerous road!!

Asset Sales

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and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Before commenting I would like to see a list of the assets the Council is proposing to sell.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: No! I have made my comments!

Supporting documents

Yes

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1440

Not Speaking

First name: **Natasha**
Last name: **Trower**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: I think maybe Sunday and Monday OR Monday and Tuesday. Hardly anyone around town or at the library on these days

Whanganui East Pool

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Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Investing in an out door pool at the slash be better. Not like any other suburbs have a public pool

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Of sold through would we get our money back on spending to get it sold or is it cheaper just to demolish and sell land

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Get the bird group in to fundraise etc to keep it open

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: They do look pretty buy a waste of money at the moment

New Zealand Glassworks

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments: Use the one in town or sell gonville library to a private investor or community group to look after

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the Winter Gardens (save \$7.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Or start charging a tourist fee

Level of Community Grant Funding

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Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Leave it where it is people will just have to do more fundraising

Further comments on service cuts:

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Submitter Comments: Not really into this. But let's get it finished before it cost us more

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Depends on the assets

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **1**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **1**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 70

Not Speaking

First name: Nancy
Last name: Tuaine
Organisation: HOME OWNER - RATE PAYER

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Look for potential funding partners to provide differing offerings from this site. It is a significant asset for the whanganui east community

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: My mokopuna always visit this space when they are at the lake.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Invite public/private funding initiatives on initiatives that have shared outcomes with other funders.

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Our assets have a tendency of falling over at the same time a better schedule and more transparency with rate payers can achieve impact.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: No Whanganui in Partners have explored this and it wasn't viable then. This development must be connected to a better strategy of connecting with a pipeline of activity or interests to understand when and why they come.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Don't know

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments: Support this proposal Marae are economic, social, cultural and environmental contributors to our communities. In all of the tangi that our whanau have held at our marae we have spent anything from \$1.5k to 3.5k in purchasing goods and services i.e food and hireage.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: Make the facility multipurpose so it can be used by the community when it's not being used for lifesaving purposes.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Something is definitely needed for safety at this end of Taupo Quay. Not just for Pakaitore but for those traveling to the weekend market. River connected is important and between the River and Pakaitore for River users coming over to the abluion. This road can be extremely busy.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: As a biker I would rather see a financial commitment to Mosston Road particularly between the new road and the turn off to Mill Road. There is no cycle lane and it is scary when trucks pass all the time.

Asset Sales

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return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Depends on ensuring first right of refusal is given to hapu for any assets that were received from the Crown as Te Tiriti o Waitangi matters may exist

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Look at a systems approach to some of these matters with others also funding these areas. Combine for better efficiency of spend and effectiveness of outcomes

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 72

Speaking

First name: **Nancy**
Last name: **Tuaine**
Organisation: **Nga Tangata Tiaki o Whanganui**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: No comment from an organizational perspective

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: No comment from an organizational perspective

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: No comment from an organizational perspective

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: No comment from an organizational perspective

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: No comment from an organizational perspective

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: No comment from an organizational perspective

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: We support the retention for rural rubbish otherwise as rubbish not collected often transfers by wind into our waterways and oceans.

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: No comment from an organizational perspective

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: No comment from an organizational perspective

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: From our observation community grant and funding organisations continue to operate in silos. Often there are other community funding organisations that have shared outcomes with those of the Councils. There should be greater collaboration and building single community investment approaches. Any increases in the fund should related to the increase in CPI as these are the cost pressures our community organisations are impacted by. Do better together.

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Delayed investment in infrastructure costs more in the future. Whanganui has certainly had its fair share of examples of poor or delayed investment costs in the past. It would help if there was more transparency about the state of the infrastructure and the nature and extent of the maintenance, repair or replacement costs.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: No comment from an organisation perspective

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: No comment from an organisation perspective

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Marae are also economic contributors to their communities every time a hui or tangi is hosted at a marae they investment anything from \$1000 to \$5000 back into the community through the purchasing goods and services. The economic contribution of Marae is not noted in the commentary. We congratulate the Council for including Marae Development. As noted before there are other organisations that contribute to Marae Development and we commend the grant funding from 2028. We believe if the Council partners with other organisations who also give to Marae would achieve greater efficiencies and lead to savings for the rate payers.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: No comment from an organisation perspective

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Public safety is a necessity in this area not just as it relates to Pakaitore but the increased activity on the waterfront attracts numerous people particularly during events like the Saturday Market. The nearest raised walkway is by the I-site. If the walkway is not accepted we would still offer that a funding commitment is allocated to a development on Pakaitore that can add to the visitor experience and increase the opportunity for the use of that space for other iwi and community events. Ideas for its development contributions for ideas invited by the community.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: No comment from an organisation perspective

Asset Sales

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Submitter Comments: Nga Tangata Tiaki o Whanganui would want to understand what the assets were before they confirmed any support for this proposal. Some assets of the Council now own were previously divested to Council from the Crown, in our opinion there are still unresolved Treaty of Waitangi breaches that exist in respect of some of these assets and we would expect engagement directly with hapu and ourselves in relation to the sale of any that are on the banks of the Whanganui River or its tributaries. The Council could implement a first right of refusal provision to hapu and iwi as one way to address this matter.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: There is a real opportunity for the Council to achieve a systems approach to some of the long term commitments. Connecting better across the community to align with other organisations and business that fund like minded projects could reduce the impact on the rating base but achieve the same original intents noted in this document.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1081

Not Speaking

First name: **Isaiah**
Last name: **Tubayan**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1244

Not Speaking

First name:

Kaleb

Last name:

Turia-Cason

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

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Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

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Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 444

Not Speaking

First name: Viv
Last name: Turner

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Keep it open both days in the weekend to keep it available to working parents and their kids - better coverage for different demographics

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: close the pool, as long as the feasibility study doesn't cost ridiculous millions in which case we are better to limp along with it open. Have you thought about private sale or increasing entry fees to keep it open?

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: option 2 - stabilise the bank and sell the property but also option 3, buy them a new building elsewhere (not build new, but renovate)

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: aviary is good for tourism. Could charge \$2 to get in. Put a digital pay/gate lock thing on it.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: remove the hanging baskets but before you do, ask the shop owners if they want to keep their ones outside their shop, and they can maintain it.

New Zealand Glassworks

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Keep it under council control. The glassworks are important for whanganui and NZ and private ownership will turn it to crap as they wont make a profit.

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Yes rubbish is definitely a council core service. We have to carry this for rural people.

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Gonville library provides a good space in an otherwise crappy area, raises the tone of the area a bit.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: \$140k is actually really reasonable for this

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Dont drop maintenance on assets, you'll end up in the hole like Wgtn City Council. Spend more!!

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and

Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's

carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)

Submitter Comments: Make the carpark big enough to service the shopping area too. i.e. not just for the hotel. In the future, parking and walking 3 blocks downtown wont seem so crazy (im from Wgtn and a bit of a walk is normal, the traffic on Victoria Ave is only going to get worse).

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments: 3.5m is bugger all. As long as we can all access these resources in an emergency situation (all=those not iwi affiliated)

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: Yes the ocean here is rough and we definitely need lifesaving service

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments: yeah some sort of crossing is good

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Im suspicious of trails for bikes etc. Its all over-engineered and costs blow out. Refer WCC. Either the road is wide enough, or its not. Build a shoulder for the 8km only.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

Submitter Comments: maybe dont sell just yet. Next LTP

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: sorry my PC wouldnt let me drag the circles, further to the right of centre for both

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 105

Not Speaking

First name: Jack
Last name: Turner

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Option 2 - Implement a new counterweight flying system only within the existing stagehouse building

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

structure (add \$44 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: I oppose the Rapanui road trail it is a waste of ratepayers money.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 941

First name: trixie
Last name: turner

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Don't know

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1422

Not Speaking

First name: Grace
Last name: Tutaki

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: We visit the aviary perhaps once a fortnight, sometimes more and whenever we have visitors from out of town

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: As with the aviary, we visit these gardens often. Would hate to see it go.

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:**Further comments on service cuts:****Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: I like this idea but seems rather costly

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Ideally sell to NZ, not overseas investors

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 480

Not Speaking

First name: **Deanna**
Last name: **Tweeddale**
Organisation: **Kaiako**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: I'm a working parent and would like the library open a a day through weekend

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: I live in the Wanganui east area and have 4 children growing up and they use this pool all through summer because I work and live in this area. I wouldn't want my children being tempted to swim in the river

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Move to Amdram

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Add a bigger play area or make a bigger whanau area add tables

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: I really like the flowers hanging it brightens the street up

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: This is a beautiful attraction

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSL as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Don't know

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **1**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **1**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: This really worked for me I do think it needs more support for the elderly

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 8

Speaking

First name:

Te Manawa

Last name:

Twomey-Waitai

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: I am aware that the bird aviary was first established by volunteers so perhaps a survey to see if volunteers of Whanganui would be willing to step up and take some responsibility for maintenance and repairs.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1635

Not Speaking

First name: Sarah
Last name: Tyler

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: It is so important for kids to learn to swim. Can people really defend saving a little money over someone's life through inability to look after themselves in the water. We have beaches and a lake. We need to look after every child's opportunity to learn water safety

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Invest in the stabilisation of the retaining bank, demolish the existing building and build a new theatre (add \$10 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: It is an important asset to keep for a community to have opportunities to perform and to support each other. And is not too expensive for people to enjoy

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Our high street is one to be proud of and visitors never fail to comment on how gorgeous it is. A shame to lose some of its charm and character

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Investing in our community to future proof against what we have seen happen in other regions and sooner rather than later seems wise

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Be good to have some kind of council satisfaction review yearly if a company ran.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1602

Not Speaking

First name: Catherine
Last name: Upchurch

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: It's very important to keep this going, get volunteers to help & have a donation box that people can see. Both locals & visitors love this & have already shown they want it kept!

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Surely these could be sponsored or paid for by the stores they are outside of.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Don't you even think about closing this! It's unique & amazing!

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Definitely NOT!!

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: This is extravagant & totally unnecessary!

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments: I had 3 near misses on Rapanui Rd recently in 1 day on my bike, it's such a narrow road & extremely dangerous. I feel very strongly about getting this done soon, before someone dies!

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Please use local contractors when feasible! Thank you for your work.

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1544

Not Speaking

First name: Hans
Last name: Vaatstra

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Davis Library for one day on the weekend instead of a weekday (add \$0.90 per property per year to the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Let shop owners hang and water baskets if they want them with the proviso if any look like rubbish the council will remove them

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the Winter Gardens (save \$7.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Council cannot afford raising grants at this time

Further comments on service cuts: No

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Maintain the current level of funding, which isn't enough to get us to where we need to be. Noting assets will deteriorate further (save \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Maintain the same level until revenue increases and debt reduces.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Councils out to take care of core business and not borrow to enter hospitality sector in which it has no expertise

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Whichever tribe owns the market can find it from the millions they get from treaty settlements

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Now is not the time increase revenue and reduce debt first.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Necessary rate payers need relief after years of rates increases well beyond cpi, wage, super, and benefit increases.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Whanganui is a beautiful city, well done, it will keep with maintenance for a few years until the councils books are in better shape

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 376

Not Speaking

First name: **Rebecca**
Last name: **Vaivela**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Halve the number.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1052

Not Speaking

First name: Sue
Last name: Van Dort

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: There are enough days the Library is open to allow for one day's closure, and a Monday is a good choice.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Surely a feasibility study should be completed before the final closure decision? There are many schools and people in Whanganui East who use the pool as they don't have their own. Swimming is a vital skill and the Splash Centre already has limited access for many.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: It is a historical building but there are other options, as long as those who currently use this facility will be allowed access easily and affordable to other theatres.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: It is a tourist and locals attraction and should be kept.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: This is the one thing very visible thing that makes our city beautiful!! Not many towns in NZ have these and they are mood boosting as well as beautifying to our town.

New Zealand Glassworks

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Agreement from me, but if no buyer is found, the council MUST still retain this and keep it operational.

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: An important service which needs to be continued. Is recycling and option in these locations?

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: The library is an important service for the community

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Keep these beautiful gardens.

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Wisdom in allocating this funding is vital!

Further comments on service cuts: No further comments, thank you.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Agreed

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Best option

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: If the Repertory Theatre is demolished, then this facility must be invested in and improved!

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: The Iwi should pay for this not all the ratepayers!!

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Is a cheaper upgrade of this essential service possible?

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: TOTALLY NOT NEEDED!!!!

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Keep looking for cheaper options as this IS ESSENTIAL Does the government really not provide funding for roading improvements?

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: If it is costing the council and buyers can be found then sell assets which are surplus

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: None

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 154

First name: **Stephan**
Last name: **van Os**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Davis Library for one day on the weekend instead of a weekday (add \$0.90 per property per year to the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Sell it as a going concern to someone who will keep it going

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?**Service Cuts**

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 666

Speaking

First name: Johannes Chans
Last name: Vanderschantz

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Good idea.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: This is the only outdoor pool left in wanganui. Savings from closing Gonville library and not increasing the community grants will help to keep this going we could also close the splash centre one day per week.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: We have both the Opera House and andram. There are also many other places of wanganui for theatre performances including the concert chamber.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: This could be looked after by one of the service clubs or even sponsored by a school or several schools.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: They have become and eye sore in the past few years so if we can't do this well we should not do it at all.

New Zealand Glassworks

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: We have a good Central Library and we are trying to develop our bus service. Furthermore people are going online for their reading why duplicate! Wanganui is not big and it is easy to get into the centre. The savings will help keep the Wanganui east pool open

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: This is a good tourist attraction.

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts: A better use of rates would also be to drop the kerbside recycling which is not very popular and will create more problems than it will help we have a good recycling centre this could be expanded to include a pick up service for those who do not drive. We already pay for our own rubbish collection on a as required bases so to be forced to pay for a service that many people will not use is not good use of our rates and can help to maintain our city better IE parks roads verges.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Wanganui district council should not get involved in competing with private enterprise we have seen how projects blow out IE art gallery let's encourage business to invest in our town by rate rebates and fast tracked consents.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments: An iconic building know around the word we must keep this going

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Why should local government have to pay for maraes one central government do not think that it needed maraes are and should be maintained by their owners (groups) just like all other organisations IE scout halls, churches etc.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: A very important service on this coast.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Totally unnecessary a luxury we cannot afford. Money needs to be spent on core needs and maintaining existing for the whole community not a small sector

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Another luxury we cannot afford

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Further public consultation on this.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: I do not believe we got good service out of our parks/reserves gardens contractors and this system should be relooked at we should not reduce the way our town looks we must be able to get better value for money from our contractors and better supervision of their work.

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 76

Not Speaking

First name: **Jemma**
Last name: **Venter**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Keep the cockatoos only

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Don't know

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Seek external funding and revenue, and make it fit for purpose.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1652

Not Speaking

First name: Johanna
Last name: Verhoek

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Although a notable cost, it's my view the pool is a valued asset within the Whanganui East and wider Whanganui community. Although I do not use the pool personally, I understand the pool is particularly well utilised and enjoyed as an affordable place of recreation by less affluent members of the community. For that reason I feel the pool should be upgraded and maintained.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: The aviary is a unique part of the reserve and well frequented. It is my view it also attracts visitors to the lake.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: The hanging baskets are a unique part of Whanganui's main street. I feel it would be a shame to remove them, however, accept they come at a cost.

New Zealand Glassworks

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Cost of living is high - community grants are a luxury. It is my opinion this money is better off in the rate payers pocket to go towards every day living expenses.

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: It is my view it is not the Council's role to be the developer. \$55 million is a significant cost, for what is likely to be an uneconomic business. If there were a business case to build a hotel and carpark, the private market would have already delivered... the fact it hasn't is because there isn't money to be made. I do note that the hotel and carpark would only proceed if the business case demonstrated that there is demand and that the projects are financially viable.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: I do support the concept, however 880k seems an extraordinary amount of money to construct a raised pavement.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments: Fantastic project - will become another valued recreation asset within the city, hopefully well utilised.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is

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Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 940

First name: **Heather**
Last name: **Verstraeten**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Facilitate the purchase of the pool to the schools who use it so that the responsibility of management and maintenance belongs to the schools. They could charge use of the pool to the community to offset costs.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: This is another of Whanganui's heritage buildings which should be saved. Even if the building is demolished - the bank behind it will need to be stabilised so no cost saving there.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: This again is another attraction for the community and visitors.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Part of the attraction of the main shopping area. Whanganui is unique in that it has such a variety of shops which many of the bigger cities have lost because malls have taken business away from the main shopping areas. Lets support our local businesses!

New Zealand Glassworks

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

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Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: This is a well used library - especially by local children who may not have access to reading material at home.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Another drawcard for locals and visitors.

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: This is not a core business for any council. Stick to the knitting!!! But encourage development of such a facility with prospective developers.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments: Whanganui is known for its rich history of opera and needs continued support.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: A service which benefits all.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

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Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments: This is another project which will benefit the community and also encourage visitors to visit the area.

Asset Sales

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Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which

Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Explore ways in which these assets could return an income to the council rather than sell them. Gifted land and reserves should not be sold anyway.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
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Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**
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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Whanganui is a wonderful city which provides an excellent quality of life for it's residents. Lets not lose the benefits that the city has to offer. We have already lost the trams and railway link to so called progress. We need to build on and take advantage of the heritage of Whanganui as an asset and attraction to visitors. Othe runique features are of course - The Opera House and Aviation Academy. Whanganui also produces some incredible athletes who punch well above their weight.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1256

Not Speaking

First name: Rhona
Last name: Vickoce
Organisation: As a member of Castlecliff Coast Care

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Improve te Ngaru service so kids and their families can get to the beach and /or Splash Centre from anywhere in Whanganui

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Help the Rep find a new building and then demolish the old.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: This library is a real community hub used by lots of community groups and in NO way should it's hours or days be lessened. The librarians provide a great service. Leave as is!

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Consider running it by volunteers with say part time professional help. (Funding) \$140,000 is too much for a niche garden in a posh suburb!

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:**Further comments on service cuts:****Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Suggest look at both options , 1 and 2 to decide which is most viable.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Road Safety improvements? Impossible to have an opinion on this without more information.

Asset Sales

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Overall a well thought out plan.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1311

Not Speaking

First name: Jess
Last name: Vigenser

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Closing for 1day (choosing an off-peak day) would still be able to service Whanganui

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: It is a shame this is so under-utilized. It is a great asset to the Community, but with less usage is not sustainable. Is there an option to add an outdoor pool to Splash Centre? Does Girls College still have a pool? Could this be opened to public in the summer

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Could Amdram be utilized more for the community bookings? I think this is well-used and is an asset to the Community. If it is sold and management is taken on by an external stakeholder this will benefit both Council and the Community - has research gone into potential buyers?

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: While this is a nice thing to have, it is a bit of an eye-sore and the Community does not utilize enough to justify keeping it open.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: This is well-utilised by the Community, but I think closing 1x day a week would not impact the Community too greatly. Ideally the Davis and Gonville have different days on which they are closed

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the Winter Gardens (save \$7.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: This is 100% required and often there are complaints around accommodation and parking. If Whanganui wants to increase the events that are held here, we need to invest in accommodation. First choice should be looking at external contractors and then bought in-house if no interest.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: The Opera House is one of the only facilities in Whanganui where we can host large shows and touring shows. This stimulates the economy and brings visitors. Increasing show bookings creates revenue for Council, and the Venue should be run with the aim that the Venue 'pays for itself' so to say. All options are like a band-aid, especially option 1 & 2 and will require further work

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSL as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: This is a vital service which the Community needs and benefits from

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments: This is a popular area and could utilised more/marked to the community if it were a safer area

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: This is a needed safety measure as this road becomes more and more utilized. I myself have had many near misses because of the narrow road. I do not think this should be Council funded or only partly Council funded and Council should be exploring alternative options for this project.

Asset Sales

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
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Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 380

Not Speaking

First name: Nina
Last name: Voight

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

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Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

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Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

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Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

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Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 224

First name: lakarnah
Last name: vole

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: it is an out door pool and a diving board

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?**Service Cuts**

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 97

Not Speaking

First name: Willem
Last name: Volwerk

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1173

Not Speaking

First name: Hester
Last name: Vroon

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: People who are working would like weekends to be able to visit the library.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: None

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: No alternative.

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: It is also a venue for book and craft clubs. It is a friendly hub for a less privileged community.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: It's a beautiful place taking visitors to.

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: To keep rates as low as possible. Pensioners are struggling.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1625

Not Speaking

First name: A
Last name: W

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: This cannot be stopped. Rural people need this service

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Invest in one library

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Maintain the current level of funding, which isn't enough to get us to where we need to be. Noting assets will deteriorate further (save \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Stop wasting money on unnecessary projects and focus on what actually needs to be done

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Why would council involve itself in such a project when it seems that this would be more suited to the private sector

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Unsure why ratepayers would fund this when we've seen time and time again the misuse of these funds

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: The cost of this a complete waste of ratepayers money and is completely unnecessary

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Can we secure funding (or part funding) for this?

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: We need to save money on consultation as this seems to have no cap and chews to the majority of any project before it even begins. Clearly some consultation is required but not to the level it often seems to be

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: I think we could save a fair amount of money focusing on efficiency and removing the bureaucratic layer which seems to be solely a gravy train for those in this level. Common sense does not seem that common these days

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 9

Speaking

First name: **Katarina**
Last name: **Wade**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Monday is a good option for closing. Those working Mon-Fri are more likely to utilise Sat/Sun keep those days open

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: DO NOT SPEN ANOTHER DOLLAR ON FEASIBILITY STUDIES!!! What is the point? To be told we need to spend millions of dollars to make our outdoor swimming options safer & more accessible!? When we could just upgrade the safe, accessible option we already have.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: The aviary is not fit for purpose and is nothing but a trap for these birds.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: This is misleading - mainstreet does not 'maintain' them, they outsource this maintenance at a hefty cost. Local providers need to be utilised! Provider options - charities, enterprise, corrections.

New Zealand Glassworks

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Where did these visitor figures come from? Seems extremely over inflated. How does NZ Glassworks become self-sustainable? Sell it before it becomes a fruitless liability.

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Cut the costs - how can the operational costs for this small & fairly average attraction cost this much!?

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts: Roading/parks & properties: too often outsourced contractors are seen doing little to nothing while on the job, eg a local tree service company that sent 3 employees to a road closure, where I observed them on their phones, vaping and chatting for close to 2 hours.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and

Something else (state below)

carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Reinstate the flight school as hotel, and FORGET the rest.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSL as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Surely there is a much more cost effective option than an outlay of \$830,000 to implement a crossing!?

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: \$2.4 million for a 8km shell rock trail? Who are we paying this ridiculous cost to? Enough of the FEASIBILITY STUDIES!

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Don't know

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Can't answer this confidently without knowing which assets WDC would put on the chopping block.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: This is a time to consolidate and fortify. Whanganui cannot compete on a regional level that warrants significant investment in accommodation. Leave that to the big players!

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 79

Not Speaking

First name: **Maureen**
Last name: **Wahanui**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: In favour of closing the Davis library one day per week, preferably Monday

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: I am in favour of option 2. As a swimmer myself in years gone by I had the luxury of an Olympic sized swimming pool everyday. The experience of youngsters having a pool is priceless. Who knows we could be growing a future Olympian. The happiness and wellbeing of swimming is next level for some folk.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: We have a beautiful theatre in Whanganui already

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Close the aviary. Its an ugly set up which is not fit for purpose. Its not about an attraction for visitors. Its not an attraction full stop and the animals housed there deserve better, their welfare must come first.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: We already have some really lovely flower boxes, well-tended and quite beautiful, its enough

New Zealand Glassworks

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Option two please

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Option 1, a no brainer

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Its a very important part of the area.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the Winter Gardens (save \$7.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: It's not exactly a go to destination. Visited twice in 7 years.

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Option 1. Really important to keep.

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Option 2 makes more sense.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: The opera house is a really important building, the city is jam packed with heritage building, we must keep it and make it safe. It is the only one in the country like that.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments: Option 1 for sure. They will be there for all of us, we need to supply the means for that to happen.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: Surf Life Saving Services are part of New Zealand's history. I grew up on the beach on the south coast, it became a part of everyone in the district. For them to do their jobs they should be provided with the equipment and buildings necessary.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Works fine, why change it.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Option 2. I dont think there is a option that can be safe in that area. One has only to stand on a street corner in Whanganui, even with traffic lights, no one is safe. Do something about controlling traffic speeds everywhere.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: I would really like to see a clampdown on speeding on residential streets. The uptick in very loud motorcycles, some sporting a sound system too, has started to appear here. I have been here 7 years and have seen the worst driving here. Other large cities in NZ are not as bad.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1647

Not Speaking

First name: **Krystal**
Last name: **Waine Hartley**
Organisation: **No**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Close all libraries on Mondays. And museum and art gallery.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Reperatory theatre - Increase user charges and privatise/ mix model to spread risk

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Privatise, get sponsorship, charge entry, do something similar to the Durie hill elevator

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts: Sell assets - yes some. Close all libraries on Mondays - yes. Close W East pool and feasibility study- dont close, invest in it. Reperatory theatre - Increase user charges Close aviary - no way! Remove hanging baskets - no way! Maybe ask mainstreet business to "adopt a hanging basket" NZ Glassworks - keep as council ownership Rubbish drop off rural - reduce collection frequency Close Gonville library on Monday - yes Keep winter gardens Open. Keep community funding as is. Keep town ctr project alive. Hotel and carpark- private operator, if not then council. Opera house - Keep open at costs especially if Reperatory theatre is gone. Marae Development - no go. Surf live saving club - no. Refurbished there one now. Motoua Gardens crossing- not a \$800k one. Rapanui trail track- no. Waste of money.

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Increase user costs, fundraise

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Motoua Gardens crossing- not a \$800k.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Sell assets - yes some. Close all libraries, museum and art gallery one day a week - yes. Close W East pool and feasibility study- dont close, invest in it. Reperatory theatre - Increase user charges Close aviary - no way! Remove hanging baskets - no Maybe ask mainstreet business to "adopt a hanging basket" NZ Glassworks - keep as council ownership Rubbish drop off rural - reduce collection frequency Close Gonville library on Monday - yes Keep winter gardens Open. Keep community funding as is. Keep town ctr project alive. Hotel and carpark- private operator, if not then council. Opera house - Keep open at costs especially if Reperatory theatre is gone. Marae Development - no go. Surf live saving club - no. Refurbished there one now. Motoua Gardens crossing- not a \$800k one. Rapanui trail track- no. Waste of money.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1127

Not Speaking

First name: **Raukura**
Last name: **Waitai**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: I strongly believe that this pool should be retained. Whilst Whanganui has the Splash centre - an indoor facility, Whanganui has few options for families to swim in an outdoor community pool. Residents from all over Whanganui, not just the local Whanganui East families, enjoy this outdoor facility.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Sell it to a private investor, as it is.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Don't know

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments: Marae contribute significantly to the identity and wellbeing of our country, in good times and bad, as venues for cultural and educational events, as places of refuge during natural disasters, as places that bring all peoples together in unity. Many of our marae suffer from a lack of infrastructure, the costs associated with maintenance, insurance, rates and so forth. Looking after the marae should be at the very least akin to looking after our libraries, community halls, churches, art galleries and schools - as these are roles that our marae are used for. My family and I support totally an annual allocation of budget to the marae , existing and emerging, within our district. Hopefully WDC will eventually treat this type of budget as business as usual that does not require consultation.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: I am unsure of the actual ownership of the WSLS facility. If this belonged to us the people I would be more inclined to support. This said we definitely do need to have lifesavers and they need facilities.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: A break down of the cost may help us understand why this project would cost so much. Something does need to be done, but surely it doesn't need to cost nearly 1 million dollars.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: I think this project should be done alongside the aspiration to remove the Mowhanau waste water ponds and dispersal activity from beside the Kai Iwi Stream, i.e the track could be placed on top of the new piping along the length of Rapanui Rd.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: I believe that some assets could potentially be sold. Iwi / hapu should be brought into the conversations early to discuss potential pathways enabling land in particular to be returned to hapu of place. The discussions would open up a number of win-win options.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: The LTP needs to facilitate the attainment of the Vision once completed.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1317

Not Speaking

First name: Korina Tewhaea
Last name: Waitai

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Invest in the stabilisation of the retaining bank, demolish the existing building and build a new theatre (add \$10 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1367

Not Speaking

First name: RICHARD
Last name: WAITE

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Why does it cost so much, Have been told it is \$180k per year, surely it is only a part time role at most ever day, therefore maybe 2 very person role with minor part time hours per day and minor maintenance budget

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: only do 50% of it

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close New Zealand Glassworks (save \$10.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Interesting this is cheaper than running the Bird Aviary

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Cut by at least 20%, our rates are going up hard questions and decisions need to be made

Further comments on service cuts: When I have been into Council Building, does appear very high front of house staff, makes me wonder about all the behind staffing maybe look here also

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Something else (state below)

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Looks like it is bottomless money pit, close it

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: 50% funding at maximum, they have a lot of options for funding from lotto/pokies/etc

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Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: From information I have been told one of the major cost increases is insurance, from memory it is increase of about 1.2million does look a review of this and are we insuring things that just aren't worth insuring

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 893

Not Speaking

First name: Winsome
Last name: Wake

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Repair the retaining wall and maintain the exterior of the building. An icon of the Wanganui theatre scene.

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Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Don't know

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

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and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
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Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
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lowest possible investment in our core
infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being
to increase investment in our core infrastructure
and long-term projects to future-proof
Whanganui)*

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1504

Not Speaking

First name: Kiri
Last name: Walden

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

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Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

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Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

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Long-term investment

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Whanganui)*

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1227

First name: **Robyn**
Last name: **Walford**
Organisation: **Netball Whanganui**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: If people know the library is closed on a particular day of the week they will adjust

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: The pool is unique, being the only public outdoor pool. Children need access to a safe swimming space, it is essential that people know how to swim. It is also a healthy recreation for our tamariki

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: The aviary is a Whanganui icon

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Not essential, we have higher priorities

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Selling the glassworks is a viable option

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Rural ratepayers do not get many services for their rates, rural rubbish is important

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Same as the town library, if users know what day of the week it is closed, they will adjust

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Another Whanganui icon we must keep!

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Nationwide grant funding is decreasing. Sports organisations rely heavily on funding. The cost of living crisis makes us very reluctant to increase our player registration fees, but meanwhile our costs increase as we continue to strive to provide sporting opportunities for our community. It is so important for peoples mental health to stay active. Netball is our country's largest women's sport. We now offer a competition for boys as well. Sport plays an important part in Social connections also. Netball Whanganui are very grateful to the Whanganui District Council for the part they play in keeping our facility maintained, and available for our community to use. Cutting grant funding would be disastrous not only for Netball, but for all sport in our Community. Research from Sport NZ shows that physically active kiwis are more likely to have good mental health. People who do at least 2.5 hours of recreational activity each week have 51% higher odds of reporting good mental wellbeing. Sport NZ's purpose is to contribute to the wellbeing of everybody in Aotearoa NZ by leading an enriching and inspiring play, active recreation and sport system. As a Netball Centre, we strive to support this purpose at a local level. It requires a whole community effort to make this happen, with the support of Council.

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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Submitter Comments: I don't believe this is necessary

Rapanui Road Trail

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Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Full consultation would be required. Any sale of sports grounds/facilities would need to be replaced with alternative facilities with the full agreement of the sport involved.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: The mental and social wellbeing of our Community must be priority. The last few years with COVID lockdowns and financial hardship have taken its toll on our Community. Council should be prioritising parks and sport and recreation facilities. Sport and recreation has a direct co-relation to mental health and wellbeing. Facilities need to be available and affordable for all.

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1337

Not Speaking

First name: **Robyn**
Last name: **Walford**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: A library is an important service in a community

Whanganui East Pool

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

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Submitter Comments:

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Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts: Sport has a direct link to mental health, particularly with our rangatahi. More money should go to sport, less on art. Sporting facilities are used by more people in the community than arts

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

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Submitter Comments:

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Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Grassroots sports need money, Council needs to support local sport

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 570

Not Speaking

First name: **Tim**
Last name: **Walker**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

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Option 3: Close New Zealand Glassworks (save \$10.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

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Submitter Comments:

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Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1313

Not Speaking

First name: Lynne C
Last name: Walker

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: I think that having a pool on the Eastside of the river enables all the schools there a training pool to teach swimming and water skills. Its a low decile area and therefore means less travel by car and more bicycles and walking. If it was open longer and maybe roofed more older people could also be encouraged to use the facility

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: The historical nature of this building could interest a Trust to step up or form to continue the Rep theatre. It would be a shame to lose it when other historical buildings are being saved.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: I personally do not like birds in cages, I believe it is an outdated form of a zoo, and no longer meets modern ideas of preserving or looking after wildlife. I'm sure there are other aviaries that could take these bird (that remain)

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: They create colour, and ambience to this pretty city. Visitors remark on them. They were a positive thing that influenced more to Whanganui 5 years ago. Could the retailers/shop owners perhaps sponsor those outside their shops or do they already do this?

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

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Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after

which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: If we want to attract world class acts then we also want to ensure full audiences and therefore the front of house needs to be sympathetically updated. The facilities in the car and sweet staff fall short for large audiences. There are no toilets upstairs, nor lift for disabled visitors. The foyer is limited in space also.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: What about a bridge walkway like they have in Wellington linking the harbour to the library art gallery precinct

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is

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Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 267

Not Speaking

First name: Siani
Last name: Walker

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Davis library is a key resource for the community that multiple age groups utilise, for multiple reasons. Happy to pay the \$2.30 per property, per year.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Option 1 is chosen subject to a feasibility study must be done within a 2-year period, to inform a way forward for Outdoor swimming facilities in Whanganui, and for consideration of an approach going forward and for public consultation at the next LTP review.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: makes sense. As long as the current enthusiast group users are afforded access elsewhere to continue their activities and performances. Council need to accommodate this group, as these types are difficult to establish if they are not supported and acknowledged for their worth.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: the community spoke last time and council invested in the aviary. continue with what the community says.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: they make Whanganui a beautiful settlement town

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: is a glass work really Council business to be involved in.

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: let common sense prevail here. dumping rubbish will rise and cost council more money than they have.

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: this is a community that needs this type of resource for the wellbeing of the community and residents.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: a feature that is of value here in Whanganui. Art Deco building to boot is definitely added value. Whanganui be a town that values its history, because you do it so well so far.

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: support those communities that are active in their local neighbourhoods and community, through access to funding to be spent buy the community and is fit for purpose.

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: There will always be delays and funding cuts and shortages of funds, so prolonging funding over a 10yr period is likely more affordable, but at the expense of the environment. Support a shorter period to get core infrastructure upgraded sooner through targeted funding, to make things happen. Lets fix our problems now, and not pass this onto future generations.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Economic investment is good, but are "Hotels " a Council core business. i dont think so.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments: This is the affordable option, but not necessarily the right option. The Opera house is an icon of Whanganui.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments: Invest in your Maori community council. Marae these days are also community hubs for Civil Defence and Emergencies. the marae doesnt close doors to communities, so Council should not close the doors on Maori communities and in particular marae.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: WSLS is an important community service that is always voluntary. Support this approached.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments: because.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Don't know

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Invest Council in the community and their needs. Infrastructure is a significant core component of communities, so just invest and hear communities complaints and manage expectations.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1214

Not Speaking

First name: Louise
Last name: Walker

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Davis Library for one day on the weekend instead of a weekday (add \$0.90 per property per year to the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

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Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

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Submitter Comments:

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Don't know

Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 982

First name: **Phil**
Last name: **Walker**
Organisation: **Westmere School**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

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Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

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Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

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Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

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Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Implement a new counterweight flying system only within the existing stagehouse building structure (add \$44 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments: The Rapanui Road Trail is a great idea. As a school we could use the trail to participate in outdoor education at Westmere Lake/Roto Mokoia. The trail would also allow us to visit farms, Bason Reserve and even Mowhanau/Kia Iwi. Many bikers use this road and with the increased intolerance of drivers this has become more and more dangerous.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 776

First name: Sue
Last name: Walkinton

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: The Theatre would be missed, but why not support Amdram more into the future.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: let's not lose such a fabulous education for all age groups

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts: I cannot find where to comment on the Operahouse. Option 4 would be perfect but beyond our means, so perhaps settle for option 3. A very worthwhile meeting, ensuring ongoing consideration. MUST NOT lose it.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments: must not lose this taonga

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1322

Not Speaking

First name: Jonathan
Last name: Wall

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Invest in the stabilisation of the retaining bank, demolish the existing building and build a new theatre (add \$10 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Restore the current building

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 910

Not Speaking

First name: **Marlene**
Last name: **Wallace**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Does closing one day a week reduce the hours per staff affecting their personal budgets? How many council cars are there? Could these be on sold - private car use just like many other essential employees!

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: Complete a feasibility study first. What were the attendance figures summer 2024

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Invest in the stabilisation of the retaining bank, demolish the existing building and build a new theatre (add \$10 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Historical significance in Whanganui. Worth every penny

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Where would all the birds go? Bushy Park? The time of caged birds is surely over

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Changed planted out gardens which get overhauled twice a year at what cost? Replace with succulents of other permanent plants. Rockeries?

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: ?? who will manage this amazing facility

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Too important to loose

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Has there been a feasibility study - could this be offered to seniors as a projects?

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Continued support to those applying. Keeps the creative vibe alive.

Further comments on service cuts: Once again about council cars. What other \$\$\$ benefits do councillors have that need reviewing. - Travel costs, misc expenses Garden beds - where the plants are dumped? Replaced to be then dumped? \$\$ cost

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Increase rates to overseas owners of buildings especially those in desperate state of repair

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Great investment opportunity

Royal Whanganui Opera House**Don't know**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: ? option 4. Recent outside upgrades completed so seems full upgrade worth all this work & cost

Marae Development**Don't know**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: essential service

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Parking footpaths in and around seem adequate. Public toilet could do with an upgrade

Rapanui Road Trail

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Reduce the speed limit. Improve signage raising user awareness. Install a speed camera - catch some of the reckless

Asset Sales

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: ?? unsure of what these assets are

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 342

Not Speaking

First name: Patrick
Last name: Wallace

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Maybe only open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Closed Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: They bring a different look to our already outdated main street.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Home grown business we have to keep it

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Does the Davis library still run the bus library service?

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Aslong as the work is getting carried out efficiently. If local contractors can't do it right the first time. Then seek outside contractors who can.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments: Our Marae are the first point of contact when peopl

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLs as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Sell the Sargent Att Gallery when it is completed. That's had far too much money invested in it for little return. Keep up the good work.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1110

First name: Sharon
Last name: Wallis

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Davis Library for one day on the weekend instead of a weekday (add \$0.90 per property per year to the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the Winter Gardens (save \$7.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Implement a new counterweight flying system only within the existing stagehouse building structure (add \$44 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 685

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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?**Service Cuts**

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

Yes

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 731

Speaking

First name: Emma
Last name: Walzl

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: It's 10am at 64 Tinirau street the summer pool is open and my family and I wake to sounds of cars , bikes , children and family all piling outside our house to get into the pool. The days are long and hot and the gate is always busy. From open till close. The diving board spring becomes a familiar background sound throughout the season along with the wonderful splash made by those enjoying the pool. This pool supports not only the East community but also the wider. This year we noticed a lot more using and coming from near and far to enjoy the facilities. Seldom you could nab a picnic table or a shaded spot as it was always so full. BBQs and children's birthday parties. Families gathering. Not only does the pool provide a haven for all who enjoy it but also to our tamariki who become the poster children of the pool itself. They are here to stay all day, will show without fail tomorrow and are enjoying a safe environment with supervision of professionals. If we don't have this space for our tamariki and whanau, where will our children go? To the river? With tides and slash? And with no knowledge of such. We will have more death on our hands. Our awa will become host to tragedy and known at that. We will lose children to the river. Our children learn to swim here many schools are utilising it so. This must continue. The splash centre although we use it weekly .. (we are swimmers.) to which my children are lucky enough to be enrolled in because that in itself seems to be impossible to get into.. which again seems bizarre that a city with all its water has one swim school??? ... what ludicrous.. is horrible. The doors are never open it's full of stressed hustling parents, and the facilities are certainly not big enough to cater for all. There are no fond summer memories made there, there is no sound of nature and happy families cooling off after a long hot day creating long lasting memories. It is parents supervising from the sides, kids turning out to be the next best thing in the lane and no room to breathe. Instead of upgrading splash why wasn't that money put into the east pool?? My family and I swim at the pool daily and at the beginning of this season suggested the idea of a season pass as I know myself and plenty of others who would absolutely utilise this option. Although I am not a rate payer in this district for most I have spoken to, would be happy to pay the rate to see the pool stay. Funnily enough to which over half don't use. They see the value it brings to our city, children , families and the history of our town. What a story this pool is. What treasure . A safe space for our people. Save our kids, find the cuts elsewhere and save our pool

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Invest in the stabilisation of the retaining bank, demolish the existing building and build a new theatre (add \$10 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Preserve our city. Rate increases are normal. Keep our city thriving. Retain our culture and heritage buildings.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Preserve our city. Increase rates and keep our city thriving.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Put the baskets to tender and keep the baskets. They aren't even in front of all shops and have been looking shabby. Keep our city beautiful

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: We have a wonderful bus service and options for libraries around our city.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: We do not need a hotel run by the council, if there was such a gap why has it not already been filled by investors. Absolute waste t

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments: Upgrade The Rep Theatre and maintain our heritage

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments: Work local and alongside so much we can do together especially it comes to our marae.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Not necessary

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Not necessary

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1018

Speaking

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Last name: **Warahi**
Organisation: **Mainstreet Whanganui**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: CBD Vibrancy and Street Appeal The Whanganui District Council preferred option 1 to Remove the hanging flower baskets. To permanently remove the iconic summer and winter hanging baskets which have been a vibrant part of the CBD for over 30 years. The current summer baskets are near the end of their season and are due to be removed, Council has instructed that there will be no winter baskets for 2024 which were scheduled to be hung in June 2024. a) It is disappointing to see the baskets removed as they have brought vibrancy, color, and street appeal to the CBD, we have received many positive comments from locals and visitors, and the baskets are also included in a range of Whanganui promotional materials engaging visitors to come to Whanganui. During the consultation process, we received positive feedback about the retention of the baskets and a contributor talked about the beauty of the basket and CBD as one of the reasons to relocate her business to Whanganui. The

baskets have been an important part of the CBD's restorations along with the gas lamps, wrought iron garden seats, terracotta pavers, London Plane trees, and Victorian, Edwardian architecture. Whanganui has been identified as one of New Zealand's most attractive Main streets and CBD restorations. b) The figure of \$93,000 does not reflect the actual savings and the contribution from the targeted rate A & B from Building Owners. The preferred Option 1 reports that the savings for removing the baskets would be \$93,000 or \$5 per property. The actual savings are still to be confirmed due to contractual commitments while approximately 50% of the current costs come from contributions from the Central Business District (CBD) differential targeted rate collected by the Council from building owners in the CBD which sits outside of general rates. Clarification from the Council on what the actual savings are and if the \$5 per property figure excludes the differential targeted rate paid by CBD building owners would be helpful. c) The Summer Baskets Only Option has not been investigated by the Council. During the consultation period, one suggestion arose to have no Winter Baskets and Summer baskets only with reduced numbers of baskets to displays in public areas only - Gaslights, Arches, etc. This option has not been discussed by the Council. The preferred option from the Council is the removal of all baskets. We would suggest that Mainstreet Whanganui would prefer a reduced number of baskets (option C). If the council aims to reduce the rating burden on residential ratepayers, then a reduced number of baskets entirely funded by the CBD ratepayers would achieve this while still giving many of the benefits of the existing baskets. The costs of this option would depend on the requirements of the council regarding coverage etc. d) Drews Avenue's maintenance is funded by Rates A&B where about half the street does not pay these rates, we believe this to be unfair and support the Council investigating bringing the old town into the Rates A&B area. Maintenance is funded from the Differential targeted rate for activities in Drews Avenue. Drews Avenue between Ridgway Street and Taupo Quay the area developed as part of the Innovative Street while the ongoing maintenance is funded by a differential targeted rate paid by CBD building owners. The majority of work is in the non-paying area, and we would comment that this is unfair to the differential ratepayers. We recommend especially with the growth and potential development in what is known as the old town the Backhouse side be included in the differential targeted rate area and that the Council investigate the option. We would note that the enhanced service level has been described as 'temporary' for several years now, with no end in sight. The existing arrangement where some building owners pay an increased rate for a higher level of service while others receive it subsidized by the rest of the community is unfair.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: New Zealand Glassworks is a significant center for glass art and popular with tourists, which links and draws visitors to the CBD and other Whanganui attractions. NZ Glassworks brings economic and social wellbeing to the city and district and a line with our City of Design status.

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Support growth in the city and district.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Mainstreet Whanganui supports a hotel in Whanganui preferred in or close to the CBD. And that a plan is developed for the hotel to work in collaboration with other businesses in the CBD to benefit all parties e.g. hospitality and retail. That there be a greater connection facilitated by the Council between accommodation, events/ conferences, tourism, and business. We have concerns that at the same time council is removing highly visible & relatively inexpensive items such as the hanging baskets, they are happy to spend an ill-defined amount on potentially encouraging someone else to set up a hotel. The savings from removing hanging and baskets and other preferred options will be absorbed by the first consultant's report on the hotel. We comment on the Boutique Hotel models around the country, we see a range of Boutique hotel types that we believe would suit Whanganui CBD and the surrounding area examples can be seen in Hamilton and Napier. These models fit into the heritage environment of Whanganui and are more achievable.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Don't know

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Don't know

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Don't know

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Don't know

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Something else (state below)

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Hard to comment when we are not aware of the assets for sale. But would ask the question does include City Endowment and CBD Port Assets?

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?

3

(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Heritage enhancement we support the retention of the Heritage grant fund to provide financial assistance to building owners to undertake heritage enhancement work in Whanganui. Whanganui CBD has a high number of heritage buildings, and the fund has made a major positive change in the CBD. Economic Development: What's the future for Whanganui businesses? How will the new Whanganui & Partners model work for economic growth? We support Whanganui & Partners events funding at 2022 figures because events show social, economic (evidenced in market view data), and cultural well-being to the community. Town Center Regeneration: Will successful projects continue and how? With the funding focused on a new hotel. Inner City Living: We support growth in Inner-city Living in the CBD. How can we encourage more people to live downtown? We support developing Inner-city Living. And wonder if the revenue and financing policy/fees 2024/25 fees proposed increases for building and resource consents will be a barrier? Included in inner city living will need to be some thinking around residential car parking options. We support the concept of a 15-minute city. What is a '15-minute city'? The '15-minute' city concept – developed primarily to reduce carbon emissions by decreasing the use of cars and motorized commuting time – is a decentralized urban planning model, in which each neighborhoods contain all the basic social functions for living and working within a 15-minute walk, cycle or public transport ride. What's the point of it? Proponents of the concept argue that creating localized neighborhoods where residents can get everything, they require within 15 minutes will ultimately improve their quality of life. The concept requires multi-purpose neighborhoods instead of specific zones for working, living, and entertainment, reducing the need for unnecessary travel, strengthening a sense of community, and improving sustainability. How is it relevant to Whanganui? The concept has so far primarily gained traction with urban planners in larger international cities, such as Paris, Milan, and Bogota. And detractors could argue that Whanganui is perhaps by default already a 15-minute city on account of our size. Yet with our recent rapid growth, Whanganui is already dealing with issues relating to urban sprawl – such as bottlenecks on key parts of our transport infrastructure and a lack of adequate housing for our community. How does the concept relate to our town center? While our city is facing growing pains, Whanganui's town center is facing different challenges – with the rise of e-commerce and shopping malls (including those in Palmerston North), and the lingering impacts of Covid, people are often less inclined to shop locally. Yet within our town center, there is huge potential in the form of unused accommodation and housing spaces on the upper levels of buildings above retail spaces. We believe that moves to incentivize apartment living in our town center could have extremely positive impacts on our local economy and our city as a whole. Many of these outcomes would align closely with the 15-minute city concept. Potential benefits of increased inner-city living - More housing stock opened without using new space or contributing to sprawl - More people living within a short distance of their workplace and/or retail/service destinations, reducing stress on our transport infrastructure - A reduction in carbon emissions, with people living in our town center less likely to use motorized transport. - More consumers frequenting local

hospitality businesses and generally creating more of a vibrant atmosphere in our town center - A busier town center equals a vibrant local economy, leading to job creation - An incentive to future-proof heritage buildings, which further our reputation as a destination for tourism. What needs to be done to encourage more inner-city living? - We need to make it as easy and affordable as possible for building owners to meet earthquake-strengthening requirements. - We need to find compelling ways to incentivize building owners to convert unused spaces into housing/accommodation. -

We need to continue work to make our central city a well-connected, attractive space that is inviting for walkers, and cyclists and accessible for all community members. - We need to support the ongoing development of local businesses in our town center, especially those in the hospitality industry, who contribute to the vibrancy of the area. - We need to identify gaps in services and amenities that would contribute to our town center being a truly '15-minute city'.

Earthquake-prone buildings strengthening media release 18 April 2024 Hon Chris Penk, the government is bringing the earthquake-prone building review forward, with work to start immediately, and extending the deadline for remediations for four years. We support Central, Local Government, and Building Owners continuing to build collaboration on the issue. We support the Council system for managing earthquake-prone buildings and aim to strike a balance between protecting people from harm in an earthquake and managing the costs of strengthening or removing buildings and any impact on heritage. Key features of the act include: • clarifying the definition of an earthquake-prone building • establishing a national register of earthquake-prone buildings • categorizing New Zealand into three areas of high, medium, and low seismic risk • defining a new category of "priority buildings" in high and medium seismic areas and include accelerated identification and remediation time frames • providing for an opt-in extension of time to remediate our most important heritage buildings • providing for an opt-in exemption from the requirement to remediate for some buildings.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1119

Not Speaking

First name: Des
Last name: Warahi

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Davis Library for one day on the weekend instead of a weekday (add \$0.90 per property per year to the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Sell to a community group for a \$1

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Don't know

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: don't know what assets are up for sale but I know there are some that are doing nothing.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: for strike the balance I could move the settings. increase investment in core infrastructure. keep more services open.

Supporting documents No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1560

Not Speaking

First name: Grace
Last name: Warahi

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Davis Library for one day on the weekend instead of a weekday (add \$0.90 per property per year to the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Don't know

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?**Service Cuts**

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1321

Not Speaking

First name: **Russell**
Last name: **Ward**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: A library is an essential function of a city. It is ridiculous to consider closing or lessening its availability.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: This is an historic and beautiful building. It must be retained as a taonga of the town. Repertory theatre is an engaging and lovely activity for both the participants and those who go to performances The building will hold attendances for a variety of purposes particularly if held for historical reasons. It is intimate and cosy. It MUST be kept in use.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: The aviary needs phasing out. The veterinary services should remain for the moment.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: They are a beautiful attraction to the walking areas and should kept. There is no reason for it to cost any more -we have staff who have to do something. Why not keep these up and looking pretty.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: My family have attended the glassworks and long may it continue to remain.

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Educate the people not to chuck their rubbish about.

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Libraries are an essential service for a city council.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Keep the gardens. they are lovely and we go often.

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Keep at current level but keep under review

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: No question of this. It is an essential council function. Cut out these peripheral occupations that are costly like the flying school

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Providing an hotel is not a core Council function. Don't even consider it. It would not be as well run as a private business would do it.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments: Keep this under review though. We are not a bottomless pit.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which

Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Keep the hard won assets but review which are no doing well

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 347

Not Speaking

First name: Junette
Last name: Ward

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 741

Not Speaking

First name: Simon
Last name: Ward

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: It's important to have another public pool open alongside the Splash Centre. If the WE pool gets closed, I can't imagine another public pool being built ever again. It'd be useful to see usage stats for the last few years.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1445

Not Speaking

First name: Jessica
Last name: Ward

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1338

Not Speaking

First name: Renee
Last name: WARD

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: Needs to be attractive things within the city I like the hanging baskets but not at this cost

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close New Zealand Glassworks (save \$10.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 952

Not Speaking

First name: **Caroline**
Last name: **Ward**
Organisation: **Na**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Libraries are a key part of my whānau's wellbeing. Consistent access is important for the community.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Upgrade Whanganui east pool and include facilities that add value, events, space for function hire, cafe etc.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 597

Not Speaking

First name: **Stephanie**
Last name: **Ward**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: Hard to comment when I have no idea what the assets are...

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 162

First name: **Richard (known as Dick)**
Last name: **Ward**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: As long as this allows for the library hubs to stay open. However, there are some individuals who rely on the library for social contact and also have physical need for shelter during the day.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Keep pool open until after feasibility study completed. Investigate financial options such as support from sporting/swimming and educational bodies who make use of pool on regular basis.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: This is a significant historical building for Whanganui and wider district, possibly international significance, given its origins. What outside sources of funding are there? I also note that a Victorian building in a small British town has revamped a local museum instead of closing it, and has increased visitors by about 250% and revitalised the town centre. As a result it is a finalist in a world museum of the year award.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Whilst there are challenges, this is a well-loved facility that is very popular and free to visit. I know that improvements in both animal welfare and facilities are required. How far have these been explored?

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: All these nice to have facilities that are free to view add immeasurably to the local and visiting population's well being, both people's mental and physical health/

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: All these nice to have facilities that are free to view add immeasurably to the local and visiting population's well being, both people's mental and physical health/

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Essential

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: All these nice to have facilities that are free to view add immeasurably to the local and visiting population's well being, both people's mental and physical health/

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts: No

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Option 1 while investigating other options until economic situation improves, and whether town needs an upgraded Opera house (which i am in favour of).

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: No changes to existing road layout but covered information/seating area explaining significance

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:**Asset Sales**

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with

and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 903

Not Speaking

First name: Alan
Last name: Warner

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the Winter Gardens (save \$7.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments: i would like to also see some improvement with the inhouse sound system, I don't believe it is being used effectively. I suggest you bring in an acoustic engineer to have a look at optimising the existing set up ,and work with the current operators to insure a better experience for theatre goers

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 534

First name: zoe
Last name: warren

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: I think the Whanganui East pool should stay open because. It is a place for kids to learn to swim so they are better at swimming go off the diving board and just have fun at the pools. Whanganui East School, age 8

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 457

Not Speaking

First name: Zebedee
Last name: Waterson

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close New Zealand Glassworks (save \$10.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Open Saturdays and Sundays only

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Maintain the current level of funding, which isn't enough to get us to where we need to be. Noting assets will deteriorate further (save \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **1**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **1**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 78

Not Speaking

First name: **Kellie**
Last name: **Watkin**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: I don't know but closing for a day impacts staff and changes their wages. They will lose more than \$2.30

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: The pool is part of the community it creates a safe place for tamariki to meet in the summer holidays. Most of the kids/teens that go there will not access the splash centre. They will swim in the river with no lifeguards

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: The Avery use to be awesome and cared for under Darryl Greeks. Once again council didn't support Avery so left to age

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Hanging baskets adds to the feel of Victoria Avenue. Over all appeal attracts people. Some shop owners paying residential and commercial rates they deserve council to support attracting visitors

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Council wants to buy a hotel to generate funds. How can they get glassworks to generate funds. Had assets then sold

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: If the need is there through a viability study contractors should come. If they don't wasn't needed in the first place

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Implement a new counterweight flying system only within the existing stagehouse building structure (add \$44 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: And you want to buy a hotel!!!

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1556

Not Speaking

First name: Louise
Last name: Watling

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: People can organize going on other days!!!!!! Easy

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: They all come from town and use these facilities!!!!

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the Winter Gardens (save \$7.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Most of these people have money but never donate their artwork. I am appalled by that rusty pit of art by the river in Whanganui East, especially in this cost-of-living crisis when we are all doing it tuff.

Further comments on service cuts: YES, When are we going to see Whanganui Council cut some of the dead wood out of the council staff? Furthermore, we could save money by cutting the number of councillors we have, this should seriously be considered. Didn't we vote for this and you took no notice? Additionally, when are you going to sort out the freedom camping, get rid of it that would save money, this is the worst thing ever!!! why should I pay for visitor's holidays I can't afford a holiday. They should be supporting our campsite THAT PAY RATES. hell, they all have new camper vans. FREEDOM SITE IS A mess and a money pit.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Three waters assets. Did, n't we all vote to scrap this!!

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: This council needs to remember we have not got this sort of money, who is pushing this boys' club!!!

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Why are they not helping our homeless

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: Going to the beach is free for everybody and brings communities together. It should be a safe environment

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: 2.4 million for cycles What a joke we have had enough money spent on cycleways that don't warrant it!!! Make it safe to benefit everyone. This is a good example of our councils wasteful spending when times are tuff

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **1**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: YES who gave the go-ahead to spend money on those speed bumps? Are you crazy? Whanganui Council needs to reform, and the best place to start is internally, where there is a great deal of waste. It is important to strike a balance between resource demands, particularly in these trying times. However, it seems to me that the council prioritises its own sentiments and the interests of the minority in Whanganui over that of the vast majority of ratepayers. Local councils and their CEOs need to remember the people of Whanganui voted out the labour-wasteful money machine and their race-based policies, the only way forward is together. Thanks for listening

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1366

Speaking

First name: David
Last name: Watson

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: I would prefer Option 3 and would be willing to pay \$5 per year for my library card to offset the increased cost. I would also support more ticketed or pay to attend events at local libraries (potentially out of hours if this would disrupt current services), cafes or other commercial opportunities within or associated with libraries, paid for services such as genealogical research or printing and a greater diversity of uses of library spaces for non-traditional purposes. If you do end up closing the library (or indeed any library) one day per week please consider using this space to run the previously proposed Youth Hub and/or as an alternative to the Youth Council.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: I have never used the Whanganui East pool and I don't know how popular it is.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Given that the Opera House is likely to be closed for some time whilst repairs and upgrades take place it seems premature to be closing other venues. My preference would be to deliver Option 2 but retain the building in Council ownership until the completion of the Opera House works, then sell it.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Given the public specifically asked to retain the aviary in the Annual Plan there may be an opportunity for it to be transferred into community ownership. This would allow for the cost saving to Council provided by Option 1 and allow the continued operation of the aviary (presuming someone is willing to take it on). If nobody puts forward a workable plan for running the aviary within say six months then revert to Option 1 and close it.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Whanganui is a tourist and events destination and a large part of our initial external appeal is the main street, venues and market. Removing "nice to have" cultural or aesthetic elements from these areas is not a small loss but will affect the attractiveness and therefore economic prosperity of the city as a whole. I would put 'having a nice highstreet' in the same category as completing the Serjeant Gallery from this perspective. If you want to save money on the hanging baskets specifically there are alternative planting and maintenance arrangements such as using natives and drought resistant species, installing automated watering to reduce staff costs, etc. that could be implemented.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: If the glassworks is successful enough that there is a willing buyer for it then it is successful enough that Council can operate it at minimal cost whilst also providing great benefits to the local economy by attracting tourists and increasing the mana of the city as a whole.

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: There should be an onus on rural users to minimise their waste through at home composting, recycling and other waste reduction. Rural collections should be designed to encourage this, for example by excluding greenwaste from collections.

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: I would also support more ticketed or pay to attend events at local libraries (potentially out of hours if this would disrupt current services), cafes or other commercial opportunities within or associated with libraries, paid for services such as genealogical research or printing and a greater diversity of uses of library spaces for non-traditional purposes.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Currently the Winter Gardens are kind of dull and mostly used to get out of the rain. There are opportunities to make this space more attractive and varied with events or other activities that would make it worthwhile going there more than once.

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts: I have not been able to find much detail on the other services you are cutting without consultation so this is more generic opinion. I would expect that the reductions in vegetation and parks maintenance presume a traditional short mown monoculture lawns and pansies on roundabouts approach that I agree is a waste of money. However, the numerous benefits in terms of shading, amenity, biodiversity, etc. that trees in particular bring should be provided to the whole of our community, not just the more affluent streets. Planting natives and properly planning perennial vegetation structure can reduce long term maintenance (and therefore cost) and this should be the goal of the parks team. If this means short term expense to transition to this approach then I would be happy to pay for that. For example the planting at Rangiora St. I don't know much about the youth council specifically but I think that listening to and engaging with young people in democratic institutions is vital for a healthy democracy. I would expect that even without a formal youth council there would be a regular scheduled opportunity for young people to present their views to council as a special interest / reference group (more than just the generic right to attend public meetings).

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Some infrastructure improvements have the effect of reducing the impacts on other infrastructure. For example the more safe segregated cycleways we have the fewer vehicles will be on the roads and the road maintenance budget goes down. Another example would be in alternate provision, so the more swales, rain gardens, infiltration ponds etc. we have the less the impact on the hard stormwater infrastructure. I would strongly support a "Significant Increase" in this sort of preventative intervention but I would not support it for resealing roads.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: I am not comfortable with Council operating a for profit business. We do not need more car parking. We need fewer cars. Any money for a car park should instead be put into public transport or used to provide a separate high density parking facility close to Victoria Avenue with a simultaneous removal of parking spaces along that street.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: The Opera House is one of the key features of the city and is the main reason anybody outside of New Zealand knows we exist. If you want international tourists we need this venue to shine. We also benefit hugely from international artists both economically and in terms of public profile. Good luck getting Bill Bailey et. al. to come here otherwise.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments: Publically funded building upgrades (both to Marae and elsewhere) should aim to reduce operational costs and carbon emissions as part of fighting climate change. This means when you replace a roof you include well above code insulation, when you replace a kitchen you remove natural gas and replace it with electric, same for heating and hot water. The aim here should be to minimise the long term cost of operating these buildings whilst improving their functionality.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: It is worth including commercial (cafe, surf shop) opportunities to reduce long term operational costs. I would be in favour of providing more than \$1m if this forms part of a wider regeneration of these beaches.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: I agree that we need a safer way to cross Taupo Quay, in particular on market days. I would expect that a pelican or zebra crossing would achieve this at much less cost. As an aside I also think we should put a zebra crossing at the current raised crossing close to Dublin St roundabout so that traffic has to give way to pedestrians rather than visa versa. I am not convinced that we need a more extravagant entrance to Pākaitore Reserve.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments: I am very much in favour of more separated cycle lanes and paths. Ideally this would form part of a connected network of safe cycling routes across the city.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which

Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: I am willing to be convinced in specific cases but in general I think it is a bad idea for Council to sell assets, especially land. Unless Council can guarantee that the land will never be needed, there is a suitable long term alternative and that the amount of money raised is worth any residual risks I would be against this.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: The Long-Term Plan starts off by stating that we are in hard economic times and we need to take tough decisions in the short term until things come right again. This is true. It then goes on to detail how we will permanently remove, sell or demolish services. This is nonsense. If we expect things to come right again we need to keep things going, not demolish them. The tough decision is to explain this to the community, put forwards a 15% rates rise, mothball things where we have to without permanently closing them and put effort into reducing our operational costs through efficiency savings and seeking additional income. This may need greater rates relief for some but that is preferable to losing important assets and harming the status of the city and by extension the local tourist economy. I am also somewhat disappointed in some of the choices being presented here and the phrasing of the cost statements. None of the proposals should have only two options, there is always an alternative. When stating \$X per year from what is proposed some choices appear as cost savings or greater expenses than they are. For example saying that keeping community grant funding is a \$100,000 saving when in fact it's just not spending any extra appears disingenuous. I am also very disappointed at the almost total lack of mention of climate change in the plan. The 2021 strategy mentioned on page 7 contains very little of substance and in many places indicates that the 2024 long term plan will clarify things and fix the tentative proposed emission reduction targets. It does not. There is also no budget allocated for solving any of the issues highlighted in the strategy document such as coastal erosion or flooding (outside of Putiki). This is not the action of a council responding to an emergency. At the very least council should be making it clear it will be moving away from fossil fuel use wherever practical and will be funding replacements and upgrades such as heat pumps wherever this will pay for itself over the long term. I

am hopeful that when this is debated Councillors keep a keen eye on the long term and remain optimistic about Whanganui and it's peoples willingness to pay for its ongoing vibrancy and prosperity.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 841

Not Speaking

First name: **Ray**
Last name: **Watson**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 257

Not Speaking

First name: **Helen**
Last name: **Watson**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Please don't close the library. It starts with one day a week and then numbers start dropping and suddenly the library is permanently closed!

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Outdoor activities and fitness are so important. We should also be running more swimming lessons - we live in a country with so much water (sea, lakes, rivers) that everyone should have access to swimming lessons and currently there are not enough to go round

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Sell the theatre to the company operating out of there and then strengthen the bank. Whanganui's art scene is so important

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: It may be small but everyone loves it. We have no zoos or other animal type education places so small things like this are hugely important

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Flowers and trees are important, but keep the parks going

New Zealand Glassworks

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Again, the Whanganui arts scene is so important

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Don't close libraries!

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: We love this space

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Community grants should increase as higher running costs mean more community groups may need support

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Whanganui does not need a hotel! It will put small business owners out of business and have a detrimental affect on the economy in the long run

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Implement a new counterweight flying system only within the existing stagehouse building structure (add \$44 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments: Please keep our beautiful opera house, but get it updated so we can continue to use it!

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLs as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: We are coastal town with some dangerous rips - we need surf lifesaving

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which

Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1628

Not Speaking

First name: **Melanie**
Last name: **Watt**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Davis Library for one day on the weekend instead of a weekday (add \$0.90 per property per year to the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: I would not have an issue paying extra rates to keep this open. Even though I don't currently use it, I see it as valuable to our community.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Invest in the stabilisation of the retaining bank, demolish the existing building and build a new theatre (add \$10 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Many visitors to Whanganui comment on our lovely main Street. I think it would be a bad idea to remove this feature. We want to look attractive to visitors

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:**Further comments on service cuts:**

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: It would be great to have a footpath out to Marybank to make it safer for the community there to get to town.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments: Sure, but let's also see a footpath from Marybank

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 276

Not Speaking

First name: **Sheila**
Last name: **Watts**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Keep Wanganui east pool open until a replacement is built

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, **3**
and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and
close more services to get the rates lower and 5
being to keep more services open but see a
higher rates rise)*

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
*(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the
lowest possible investment in our core
infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being
to increase investment in our core infrastructure
and long-term projects to future-proof
Whanganui)*

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 348

Not Speaking

First name: Sonya
Last name: Watts

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

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Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1051

Not Speaking

First name: Carole
Last name: Webb

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

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Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Please keep the hanging flower baskets and encourage more wall art in central Whanganui.

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 787

Not Speaking

First name: **Robyn**
Last name: **Webb**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Many libraries in other countries are open for just 6 days a week. Whanganui has been spoilt and the rate payers paid out too much. It is no hardship for any resident of Whanganui to plan which day of a 6 day week to go to the library. It would be much better for all our libraries to be closed for at least one a day a week to contribute to Council cost cutting. I use the library 3 or 4 times a month and it always looks top heavy with staff each time I visit. If I was running the libraries as a business, I would definitely cut back to 6 days and review number of staff.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Whanganui East needs a pool facility for the adults and children. The question is why has this valuable facility been allowed to deteriorate. T

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: There is no info here on how the Rep Theatre users deliver value for money from this theatre and what audience support they enjoy. Has the Council given the Rep people a chance to tell the ratepayers why the theatre should be continued.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: In this day and age is it really appropriate to cage birds in this way for humans to gawk at.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Why is there the 'bad grammar' in this section ie 'cities' instead of 'city's'? The hanging baskets belong to times gone by.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Many libraries in countries around the world are closed for one day a week, so there is no reason why Gonville Library should follow.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Keep Community Funding at current levels in line with the current economic times.

Further comments on service cuts: In line with current economic conditions, the printed Consultation Document seems a beautifully crafted document but very extravagant. I am sure an equally informative document could have done just as good a job for a lot less production cost.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Question - Why has core infrastructure not been maintained satisfactorily. None of the councillors past or present would allow their own properties to fall into disrepair for example, the way our roads and other assets have deteriorated.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: The council should focus on its core business, ie to run Whanganui. Sadly most of the democratically elected council members have little professional qualifications to allow them to make such a huge decision in these economic conditions, wasting money on consultants for several years. Let private developers do that job.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: Why don't marae use funding from their own communities/users as do the rest of us and apply for grants funding as needed.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: Why as the WSLS facility been allowed to deteriorate without planned redevelopment in progress. This is an obviously essential asset to Whanganui.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: The council should concentrate on its core business in these tight economic conditions

Asset Sales

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Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: There is not enough information given

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Not enough financial info given. Council needs to focus on its core business in these difficult financial times

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 219

Not Speaking

First name: **Margaret Anne**
Last name: **Webber**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: A small charge for something the library provides Option 3

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Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Option 1 - keep investment in the Splash Centre - just 1 swimming facility is enough for our population. Maybe the Education Board could maintain Whanganui East pool for the schools over there

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Combine cost with central business owners if they want to keep them outside their properties.

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Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: To offset this do not fund Basin Botanical Reserve Rapanui Road, Not a good investment - limited use. Council (ratepayers) should not fund Basin Botanical Reserve.

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts: Should be no cuts to Sarjeant Gallery. It should be given time to operate and establish operating costs before any cut backs should be considered.

Proposed Future Investments

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Submitter Comments: If big events are to be held in Wanganui but a roof on the Velodrome and make it a multi-purpose facility.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Maori now have investments of their own so I feel they should fund their own properties (Marae) (Treaty claims money)

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Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Not a good funding option until the huge trucks are diverted from this area. It would not stand up to the heavy use its getting at the moment from some very large trucks.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Option 1 - but the public should be notified as to which assets come under this criteria. The public must have the right to object to some assets being sold.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: The Dublin Street Bridge should be left as it is (just maintenance on as required). To shift all the services under the bridge would cost millions. Should be heritage protected like the Mangaweka Bridge. New bridge - State Highway 4 - Glasgow street through to by-pass linking into State Highway 3.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 89

Not Speaking

First name: **Bryanne**
Last name: **Weber**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Reduce Mon hours to 4 hours

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Have sponsors, donations, volunteers

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Remove pride, neighbours day

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Ratepayers should not be funding maraes

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

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Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
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Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Focus on core services

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 128

First name: Philip
Last name: Weber

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Reduce Mon hours to 4hrs per day.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Reduce wages. Have volunteers, donation box

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: See if businesses would sponsor. Volunteers.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Have workshop to offset rates.

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:**Gonville Library**

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Submitter Comments:**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Cut pride funding, neighbours day. These are not needed.

Further comments on service cuts:**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

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Submitter Comments:**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments: Need to know what assets. Can they be used in another way to collect revenue?

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Keep what we have. No added unnecessary projects.

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 120

Not Speaking

First name: **Charlotte**
Last name: **Weber**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: It is a rate payer asset and valuable community pool. We already lost Gonville pool which I have dear memories of as a child growing up in Whanganui and to lose Whanganui East pool as well would be a crying shame. Spend less on woke pet projects and Agenda 2030 "Streets for people" schemes and actually focus on what is good for the people. Like community pools.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Not sure I want to demolish the building but as you say there are other places they can continue operations. Perhaps an investor could purchase the building and do the required upgrades

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: There have to be other ways to keep an aviary this size open without such ridiculously high costs. Sponsor a bird, volunteers instead of horrendous wages should be something to consider. Rate payers built that aviary and if red tape and bureaucracy means we can't have anything nice in a city then there is something very sick going on in this country as a whole.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Get the business to keep the hanging baskets watered and looked after. Just have an overseer. cut costs down. We can't remove all the things that make our city special, unique and pretty.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: If you can't find a buyer then I opt to close. The ratepayers can't afford to keep this open, although very nice to have in our city.

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: If its a toss up between avairy and gardens I choose Avairy staying open. However, I wouldn't want any changes to that beautiful area that ratepayers have paid for. Again dont let red tape price us out of our lovely things.

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: No we can't afford it

Further comments on service cuts: Run the city like anyone would run a household or business. You forecast your income then look at your outgoings. With what is left over you either save or use it to improve your asset/lifestyle/business. You don't go I want to do all this and then work out how to pay for it, make others pay for all these fanciful ideas. Ratepayers are not a never ending open cheque book. We need to first and foremost maintain and make improvements to infrastructure, maintain assets, look at ways to cut how much things are costing, then what is left we come up with the fancy plans. Not the other way around. Totally against rate payers funding a hotel. Totally against streets for people project, totally against funding maraes, unnecessary consultation whether it be iwi or bureaucrats, totally against unnecessary crossings including Paikatorie. Cut our cloth according to our measure and maintain our Wanganui culture, community and our existing assets.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Look at who is running these operations and where we can save money based on inefficiencies, complacency, incompetence. Veolia water for instance we know first hand how much time they waste and the attitude and skill level of a lot of the field operators. There are so many things that could be tidied up and some accountability and checks and balances in place to ensure we get value for money.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: I dont think it is necessary or required and certainly not if the ratepayers are fronting the money, no way. Especially if you think you can trust that shark Dave from Villa Services. Absolutely no way after experiencing how he operates. I am not convinced Wanganui needs accomodation of htie type and it would sit empty most of the time. Costs would blow out like the sargeant gallery and it will never offset our rates in the longterm.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Implement a new counterweight flying system only within the existing stagehouse building structure (add \$44 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments: I think it's important to maintain this iconic building. Make cuts elsewhere to afford the upkeep. Perhaps not upgrades as such but doing what is necessary is very important.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: ABSOLULTEYL NOT. They get tonnes of tax payers money as it is. No way should they get rate payers money. We will have to make do with what we get, they are no different.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: I see it as an important asset but not sure we can afford such a huge expense

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: 100% opposed. Why it will cost \$830,000 for a crossing is absolutely ridiculous. Spend that on the Wanganui East pool. It is unnecessary as well as an unsustainable type of expense. Another example of bureaucracy gone mad pricing things like this out of the market.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: No way, we can't afford this type of expense

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

Submitter Comments: It depends on the assets. However, rate payers have already bought the assets, we need to maintain as long as we run things properly. We can't sell everything to pay debt as that is not a long term strategy, once again a quick fix to a problem that will not go away.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

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Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: As my comments in previous section. Cut our cloth according to our measure, no ridiculous ideas like \$800,000 crossings. Maintain what we have first and foremost. Look for inefficiencies and cheaper ways to do things.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1375

Not Speaking

First name: Sharyn
Last name: Wedtley

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Restore the existing building

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

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Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

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Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 662

Speaking

First name: Pamela
Last name: Welch

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: In gonville we greatly regret the loss of the gonville swimming pool. The more activities available for children the better their spare time is occupied with ongoing benefits resulting from exercise, better use of time and less phone/screen use.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Why can't amdram be a shared theatre venue. More people involved must surely increase funds/earnings and support from members with maintenance.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Wanganui used to be known throughout the North Island (maybe also the South Island) for its beautiful hanging baskets in Victoria Ave. The idea was replicated very well in smaller towns I have seen and they remain proudly kept in other towns. Since the contract has be re let the baskets look shocking, and I have heard many comments along these lines. If we can't do better than has been the situation over several years, the town would look better kept without them.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts: Re Rubbish Collection - Our household have for many years been about 98% recyclers so prefer to remain responsible for collection/disposal of our regular very small once a month bag of true rubbish.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: I would prefer any money available to be spent upgrading existing hotel buildings of heritage value which is a major draw card for visitors.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments: We have to keep attracting local and international shows

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Perhaps local iwi could band together so money already received could be fairly utilised.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: A service providing for the safety and well-being of all.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Unnecessary (as perceived from my frequent use of facilities in this area).

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Endorse further public consultation re which assets could be dispensed with.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 327

Speaking

First name: **David**
Last name: **Wells**
Organisation: **Whanganui Rural Community Board Chair**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Would like investigation into including these sites for recycling pickup.

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: we are concerned the roading allocation is insufficient to maintain rural roads.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Rate payers should not be exposed to the financial risks of large specialized projects such as this.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments: Look for cost savings by including some of the work, with the Mowhanau waste water project.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Discretion essential. Once sold difficult to get back,

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents Yes

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1632

Not Speaking

First name: **Robin**
Last name: **Westley**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Repair the existing building. The retaining wall is urgent, the rest can be done over a period of time. Unfortunately the reason this building is in the state that it is because of a lack of maintenance over a long period of time. The Repertory Theatre Building is an historically significant building. Rebuilding the Theater would lose the character of the building. Once this building is demolished it is gone for good, this is short term thinking. The cost of finding a new home for the Repertory Theatre and then converting it will not be insignificant.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Have an independent trust run it. Sponsorship could then be sort to cover the cost of the upgrades. The birds could be bred and the excess birds sold to cover the running costs. Some of these birds are very valuable.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Where appropriate these assets should be offered back to iwi first

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 876

Not Speaking

First name: David
Last name: Weston

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: The Davis Library is a vital service and should be available for people to access as much as possible. Many people can only access the library outside of their work hours and these may be either during the week or on the weekend.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: It seems obvious that if you did find another location for an outdoor pool it would not be readily accessible to the people who use the Whanganui East pool.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: They are a great attraction for both locals and visitors

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Community Grant funding is vital for the on-going existence of many community groups

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: I do not see this as core council business. If there was a business case for a new hotel and carpark why hasn't a business organisation done something already. I am strongly opposed to this idea.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments: The Opera House is a listed building of historic worth. It needs to be usable for major productions.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments: As has been recognised recently marae can play a vital role in times of emergencies

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLs as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments: While I support the proposal for a crossing the cost seems rather large. How does it compare with the cost of other raised crossings in the city or elsewhere

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments: A bike trail similar to the one out to Upokongaro would be great. and I am sure it would be used by both locals and visitors

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which

Don't know

assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Impossible to agree or disagree without knowing what you are suggesting is sold.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: I was intrigued in looking at the table on pages 56-57 to see that owners of lifestyle blocks appear to pay at a lower rate than residential property owners. On your chart on page 56 you show average rate increases where an average residential property has a land value of \$255,000 and a capital value of \$538,000 compared to a lifestyle o property with land value of \$507,000 and a capital value of \$914,000, nearly twice that of a residential property but the owner pays slightly less in rates. I was under the impression rates were based on the value of your property and fail to see the difference between residential and lifestyle properties in this regard. I do accept the need for commercial and farming operations to be rated differently but frankly I am struggling to see the case for lifestyle blocks to pay a lower rate. Can you provide a rationale for this?

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 65

Not Speaking

First name: Sarah
Last name: Whayman

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Keep open with ways to keep down cost. wages sound excessive - hours involved?

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Can retailers sponsor etc?

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: workshops to offset rates etc

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Cut neighbours day, pride

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 660

Speaking

First name: **Mel**
Last name: **Wheeler**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close New Zealand Glassworks (save \$10.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the Winter Gardens (save \$7.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: At times of hardship we are all in the same boat, community funding is not an essential only serves as an extra burden, preventing essential council expenditure.

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: stop wasting rate payers money on STUPID things, such as useless road judder bars, (6 in Garton road within 150 meters, near traffic lights and roundabouts etc.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Council should be concentrating on essential services first, ie, water, roads, footpaths, rubbish collection etc.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments: Again I feel the council is more concerned in catering for a small section of the community, and trying impress outsiders at our expense.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Again, Council needs to remember there appointed duties, to maintain the city and area for ALL the community, not just a selected few. If Council do there job properly, like, supply normal good services for all there is no need for extra money waisting.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: A much smaller facility than the existing one is much wiser option considering the small amount of public use of our beaches in comparison to other areas .plus I believe is pretty lax in doing there own fundraising,i cant remember any.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: I believe our council has forgotten there duties to there ratepayers, and should be more concerned about doing things they are elected to do. Infrastructure is what we need, not toys like hotels, (that are always a risky business, or owning motels to supply a private pilot training company assistance, as well as many other bad decisions. And don't lose site of the fact that ratepayers are also being hit by Horizons fees, that were promised not to increase when they were first introduced.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1505

Not Speaking

First name: Maree
Last name: Whelan

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: This needs to go, we have other facilities that better suit the community.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: These could be a business sponsor deal

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: I would like to see this retained, so we need to ensure it does & work on feasible options

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

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Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Councillors need to really think hard on this. You were voted into council to ensure you are doing the right thing for the residents of Wanganui. I would like to see an area set up for the homeless, what about the old Kiwi St School? We need to get them away from the riverbank walk ways.

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 539

First name: **tyler**
Last name: **whetton**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: i think the whanganui east pool should stay open because its good to learn new swimming tricks.plus its good to try new things.also their diving board is good to try. Whanganui East School age 8

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 146

Not Speaking

First name: Dale
Last name: Whitaker
Organisation: No

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Approximately 900 people visit the library daily. There is always a mixture of children and adults there. People study there. People used copying facilities. Children are encouraged to read (story time), craft times.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: The pool belongs to the Whanganui East people. The pool in the summer is always busy. Schools use the pools. The youth of Whanganui East will not travel to the Splash Centre, they don't want to use an indoor pool. They have the skate bowl at Kowhai Park. They need this facility in their own area. What else will they do? Decorate the area with graffiti? Join a gang and live the life of crime? Leave our pool alone.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: I will leave this to the people of Whanganui to decide.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Get volunteers to run it. Put a toll gate there, charge for this for those that want to go in. Have part time staff. Yes food needs to be bought and yes vets are required sometimes. Use the people that offer to help.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: Tourists do love them and comment on them. At Wellington Anniversary Weekend they certainly add to the atmosphere.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after

which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSL as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Big changes coming to this area once the new Jystice Centre opens. Then you can look into this project better. If the road needs to be closed for any important event then close it like we do now.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 975

Not Speaking

First name: Gillian
Last name: White
Organisation: N/A

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Libraries are vital community hubs, places of learning, information, support and good citizenship. I would like to see them available every day however cost decisions have to be made to keep rates manageable for our people in Whanganui. As rates rise the cost is a burden to already stretched households. Therefore the logical decision is to close the library for one day.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: A central pool facility with indoor and outdoor facilities is sensible

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: The potential to sell once upgraded seems a good investment and will bring funds back into the coffers

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: The aviary is not large enough to be an attraction therefore closing it is a good idea

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: The hanging baskets bring vibrancy to the CBD The avenue would look drab without them especially with additional shops closing. Suggest we keep until we see if businesses pick up and seek donations and sponsorships rather than add to rates.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Privatisation seems to bring problems,

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: This is an equity issue, rural communities should not be disadvantaged

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Manage all libraries under the same plan

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Make a small charge to visitors. They have a choice.

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: NGOs and voluntary agencies provide vital services which would be non-existent otherwise

Further comments on service cuts: I think the Council have got the balance reasonably well sorted and thank them for the opportunity to have our say.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: I have broken an ankle and a wrist on two separate occasions by tripping on Council pavements. I did not seek compensation although I believe others have

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Seems a ridiculous idea that we cannot afford. We are not into competing with major cities. Suggest helping existing hotels to provide excellent services.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Implement a new counterweight flying system only within the existing stagehouse building structure (add \$44 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments: Similarly we are not in competition with major cities. Let us keep our heritage and uniqueness without costly technology. The Royal Opera House can be promoted as a unique experience and maintenance will be more manageable. Promote community involvement and training opportunities for youth. Sell the idea of a very special theatre within NZ. Encourage acts to perform over two or more days so that the capacity of the theatre is not a deterrent

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: With iwi having the opportunity to seek funding for themselves and with the government support that our taxes have paid for Marae upgrades should be handled by iwi

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: Essential

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Where is the evidence of a cost benefit?

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments: Based on feasibility

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Never in favour of selling assets however would like to see the final proposal

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Some hard decisions will have to be made

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 127

Speaking

First name: **Richard**
Last name: **White**
Organisation: **The Friends of The William Birch Reserve**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Don't know

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

Yes

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 294

Not Speaking

First name: Sue
Last name: White

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Fix the bank and sell to the Rep Theatre for \$1.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Out of date way of living with our feathered friends. The community cannot afford to create a suitable aviary, even if people wanted to retain the function.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Great tourist attraction.

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Can the council provide land to an operator? Sweeten the business case for a prospective operator. Whanganui does need more accomodation, however do not think this is a core council function.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: A lot of investment per household on one art function, that is potentially heavily underutilized. However, investment to date precludes walking away.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 237

Not Speaking

First name: Karen
Last name: White

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Libraries are a treasure and a haven. This is a slippery slope that should in no way be allowed

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: The Whanganui East pool is the only option in the East. Undoubtably any new outdoor pool will not be in the East, and will be a barrier with the travel required, impacting kids learning to swim. the investment of \$2m - is this the one off for refurbishment? then the cost goes down, back to BAU and the rates reduce again. Needs more explanation of the costings

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: The bank absolutely needs retaining - not only for that particular building. there are other theatre / stageoptions in the city - schools halls, the AmDram Hall, Opera House, Musicians Club

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: It is inhumane to keep the birds in this way. the world is moving away from Zoo-like situations, unless they can be very large to enable the birds to actually fly around. Leave the zoo-keeping to professional zoos

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: I don't understand your calculations for the cost of this. How can it be \$5/year when the \$250k for the Repertory bank retaining be 0.60c/year. Maybe you could auction them off - adopt a basket & the person has responsibility for the basket for a year.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Glassworks is a Whanganui treasure & attracts huge numbers of tourists here. More research needs to be done in regards to how selling this might affect not only the tourists, but the significant glass community here. If it is not turning a profit - how can we improve the services it offers to enable it to, while still providing a service for artists at a reasonable price

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: We also need kerbside rubbish collection in the urban area. this is most of the reason for illegal dumping

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: it should be broadened so that other organisations (other than just social organisations) who do not qualify for community grant funding at present could qualify in the future.

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Significant weather events are only going to become more prevalent. We need to ensure our infrastructure is robust for this eventuality.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: There is no way Council should be running a hotel. It is not core business. Do any other councils run a hotel? I suspect not. Give a developer/hotelier a subsidy to build one or redevelop a current one (The Grand anyone?? This has been criminally allowed to deteriorate) How about the old Government Life Building cnr Victoria & Guyton? Perfect location & a beautiful Modernist example. Could be amazing

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Do the stagehouse expansion and address the H&S concerns, but not the flying system. How many productions require this in reality?

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments: Marae are community hubs, and to not help upgrade them when other community things are being funded, and to expect Maori to fund this themselves, when it is known that Maori are generally in the lowest economic bracket, would be pure racism. Marae always open their doors to all in times of need.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSL as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: Our beaches can be amongst the most dangerous in the country. It is imperative that the Lifeguard Service can continue it's excellent work

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Agree that car speeds need to be reduced. Put the speed bumps like on Guyton. Put in a speed camera. How does a raised crossing cost this much?

Rapanui Road Trail

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is

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conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 611

Not Speaking

First name: Lyn
Last name: White

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Davis Library for one day on the weekend instead of a weekday (add \$0.90 per property per year to the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Look at cost effective way of saving the pool. Approach Wanganui East businesses for their support of their suburb

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Can't understand why town rate payers should pay for this service.

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Not necessary. There is a raised crossing from the bus stop to the Backhouse building on the other side. That is sufficient

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1017

Not Speaking

First name: **Chrissy**
Last name: **Whitford**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: We could even close the Davis Library for 2 days a week

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: The Whanganui East pool is way past its use- by date. I have taken our children there and its very old school.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Beautiful quaint theatre however we have Andram and of course our wonderful Opera House. Ghost included. Just demolish the Repertory

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: It would be a tragedy to close the Aviary

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: With the regular bus services available it would be an option for Gonville Residents, like the rest of the suburban residents, to take a bus to the main Library in town

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: A must to keep for all ages and all seasons

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts: I do not agree with Council getting involved in the building of a luxury Hotel.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: I see this as usual maintenance

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Council should not get involved in this

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Maori want to manage their own lives so stop hand outs

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: This area of Whanganui works fine the way it is

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: It will be interesting to find out what assets are being considered for sale

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Thanks for asking for feedback on the Plan. The "strike the balance" circle in the middle of the line would not move when I tried to move it

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1014

Not Speaking

First name: Carol
Last name: Whitlock

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: The aviary is a "point of difference" from surrounding towns. It is educational. Im sure a lot of what needs to be done there on a day to day basis could be done by volunteers. Could have a 'dollar in the slot' turnstile

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Offer this to a private company or organisation (lions/rotary)

New Zealand Glassworks

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: But not closed on the same day as the Davis Library. Staff could be shared between libraries on days when one is open and other closed

Winter Gardens

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Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

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Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: An ordinary pedestrian crossing with speed bumps each side would be sufficient. it is not a high pedestrian area. a crossing at springvale shopping centre would benefit more people. Could do both for the cost of the proposed taupo quay one.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Don't know

Submitter Comments: Cant answer this without knowing which assets are being looked at.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
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Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Need more specific information

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 951

Not Speaking

First name: Lucy
Last name: Whittle

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Lots of places close on Monday

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: I know re build is expensive, but council are so quick to want to demolish everything (Pav,)

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: It would be a shame to see the Avary go

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: Another expensive upkeep, but lovely to have an iconic to wanganui

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Koha. Keep open with no extra costs to ratepayers

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Make recycling available

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: Saves lives

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Should this be included I footpaths, roding infrastructure etc?

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Roads, footpaths inclusive

Asset Sales

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: As long as it doesn't affect public hubs, they are only material assets which could re pay debt

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Ban fire places in homes. They cause toxins to the ozone and planet. Also dirty smoke affects neighbouring houses causing I'll health, COPD, emphysema and other lung diseases. This will also save our trees.

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 808

Not Speaking

First name:

Tash

Last name:

Whittleston

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

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Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
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Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 943

Not Speaking

First name:

Graeme

Last name:

Whitworth

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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Further develop splash center as hub for outdoor indoor recreation facility

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: We need to enhance facilities such as this as a visitor drawcord. It needs much more development focusing on native wildlife with a similar theme to Bushy Park showing how we are dealing with predation around Virginia Lake

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

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Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

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Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts: The cade is a vital attraction at Virginia Lake. Council should do all it can to support this facility remaining open

Proposed Future Investments

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Submitter Comments:

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Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Council should not be funding a hotel complex. There are buildings lying vacant which could be developed such as Backhouse building? Council could support a developer by making viable lease options and fast tracking resource consents.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
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Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: We should grow city facilities to encourage visitors. Long term gain. Think wisely!

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1055

Not Speaking

First name: CALUM
Last name: WILBUR

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: A weekday other than Monday to not disadvantage service staff that have monday off but close on public holidays

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Inline with other library**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:**Level of Community Grant Funding**

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: How can you suggest the community spends extra money people need to start funding their own pass times and lots of other funding available

Further comments on service cuts: Given how much roading and other infrastructure maintenance cost and the poor standard this is delivered to i would suggest that how to deliver this more efficiently is researched rather than service cuts.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:**Hotel and Car Park**

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments: Why would you not suggest the cheaper option from a rate standpoint that gives a better outcome long term?

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: There is substantial external funding available for this not necessary to council fund.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: The reserve board should fundraise to cover this cost

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: You should have included what the assets were in the proposal so we can make an informed decision. In rgwory yes but depends on what assets.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Its an airy fairy document that has no doubt had to much money spent on it and provides to little detail.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 157

Speaking

First name: Kevin
Last name: Wilkie

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: It is a Heritage building and needs to be retained.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: This is a major drawcard for visitors to Whanganui and needs to be retained. Look to establish an artists/community trust for ownership model.

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Council needs to support the creation of a Digital Twin by a Whanganui not for profit community organisation using free to air software tools such as QGIS and Unreal Engine. This Digital Twin needs to be for, as a minimum, the areas that have LiDar datasets. Digital Twins are an excellent tool for undertaking public consultations for projects. Instead of paying consultants/staff resources to do the consultations required for Council projects/initiatives community groups with an interest in the project/initiative could be funded to undertake the task from the project/initiative's budget using the Digital Twin thus providing them with an income source additional to the community grant funding scheme for their areas of interest.

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

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Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Establish a CBD development short term loan fund [using the same model which was used for Asheville in North Carolina] to enable the upgrading of existing CBD property assets to mixed shop/office/residential use thus expanding the rates income to Council.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments: In the 2024/25 year install some extra catchpits/drains to enable level crossing to be established now which can be defined with paint i.e. kerb and channeling to be removed over area of level crossing. Introduce reduced speed zone from Market Place to Bates Rd and control with fixed speed cameras.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
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Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 465

Not Speaking

First name: Carryn
Last name: Wilkins
Organisation: n/a

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Invest in the stabilisation of the retaining bank, demolish the existing building and build a new theatre (add \$10 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: The Whanganui Repertory Theatre (WPT), is a community-based theatre who is affiliated with the Whanganui Performing arts academy (WPAA). Together they provide entertainment, cultural enrichment, and opportunities for participation in the performing arts for the local community. Typically staging a regular variety of theatrical productions, including plays, musicals, and other performances, involving actors, directors, and crew members from the local area welcoming people of all ages and backgrounds. The theatre through WPAA offers workshops, classes, and other educational programs to engage community members of all ages in theatre arts. As a parent of a young actor at WPAA, I strongly believe that the WPT should remain open for the youth of our community. It serves as a nurturing place for young people to be involved in the performing arts, offering invaluable experiences and opportunities for growth. My son (as a non-sporty very culturally minded teen) has found his happy place performing and being involved with the casts and crew at WPT since he was 8 years old – 5 years ago now. This place has given him opportunities that school could never bring him. The community involved with WPT foster a sense of belonging and community among all performers, and he has been made most welcome by all ages from youth to 80+ year olds that are involved in productions. They form lasting friendships, collaborate with peers from diverse backgrounds, and learn to appreciate the power of storytelling to connect people and inspire change. These experiences not only enrich their lives but also contribute to the cultural vibrancy of our community. Keeping the theatre open ensures that our youth have access to high-quality arts education and performance opportunities close to home, but also for affordable theatre and performances for our audiences. It allows them to pursue their passions and dreams without having to travel long distances or incur significant expenses. Additionally, by supporting the theatre, we are investing in the future of the performing arts in Whanganui, ensuring that future generations will continue to benefit from its presence. The WPT plays a vital role in the development

and well-being of our youth. It provides them with a platform to shine, grow, and make a positive impact on the world around them. I strongly advocate for the continued existence of this invaluable institution, knowing that it truly makes a difference in the lives of our children, actors and the entire community.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Something else (state below)

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: I can't for the life of me understand how this is so incredibly expensive to run. Surely a private contractor could keep this open for less than \$10.20 per property per year? Volunteers? Sponsorship?

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Something else (state below)

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

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New Zealand Glassworks

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Don't know

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

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Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Something else (state below)

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: I would not like to see them close but don't like any options above. Volunteers? Sponsorship?

Level of Community Grant Funding

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

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Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

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Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1292

Not Speaking

First name: **Marlene**
Last name: **Wilkinson**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

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Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

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Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Assets gifted by Māori should return to Māori at no cost. Sales of any assets include returns to Māori.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 579

Not Speaking

First name: **Laurence**
Last name: **Williams**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: People especially children, need to learn to swim, this is a basic safety issue. Government should be approached for educational funding. The estimated upgrading works appear excessive and should be further investigated for other options, a Rolls Royce is not required when a Toyota will suffice.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: The front facade to be kept

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: These are a major tourist attraction and enjoyed by locals alike.

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Agree with increasing community funding but this must be targeted and beneficiaries made accountable for the spending. I do not agree with rate payer funding of alternative life style groups (legally self chosen) which is then used to promote same with children.

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Council (rate payers) should not be financially exposed to the tourism industry which is fickle at best. Find and leave it to a professional.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: The "no worse off" funds were a bribe from the previous Government, to accept the failed 3 waters debacle and to hand over the cities water infrastructure. It was Council's decision to spend a portion of these Government funds on marae refurbishment works. It is not the responsibility of rate payers to continue funding these works especially when marae pay no rates!! With respect to civil defense preparedness, there is a review being carried out by the present government to identify selected marae for upgrading based on actual requirements, to bolster our existing civil defense system for every citizen. This is a central government issue, not rate payers.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: In the present poor economic climate, it is outrageous to consider spending this vast sum of rate payers money for a very small number that will actually use it, be realistic with a little common sense, how many are going to walk up the equivalent of two story building and then walk down the other side, when it is much less effort to just walk across the road. If is a safety issue put in pedestrian crossing with lights.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Rate payer money can be better spent elsewhere

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt

Something else (state below)

and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: If council have already identified \$16 mil of assets that could be sold for budgetary purposes, that list including valuations should be provided now! No point in budgeting now, only to be contested later on, of which no doubt there will be contentious assets that if sold would have far reaching consequences for ALL the community.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 733

Not Speaking

First name: Pat
Last name: Williams

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
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Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 39

Not Speaking

First name: **Cassie**
Last name: **Williams**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Business are charged for h to see baskets, they should still be an available option to business, price increase on the businesses not on the rate payer

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

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Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Don't know

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 632

Not Speaking

First name: **Karen Kiriwai M**
Last name: **Williams**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Davis library is a haven and a place where residents can meet with others. Weekend hours allow central city tenants, workers, families with children and lonely seniors to gather in a warm welcoming environment. Our excellent staff can suggest ways that will reduce costs whilst still fulfilling their role as a community hub 7 days per week.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: A feasibility study is squandered funds with no outcome. Do not close the pool, we are a coastal and river community. The projected cost is excessive. I query the amount quoted. A pool liner would stop leaks, solar panels extend the season and community support provide lifeguards and swimming clubs to ensure our children and adults are safe around water. Water confidence of our young people and families goes beyond survival to healthy water based activity, team skills and community engagement. Few child dedicated resources serve this community. Seek Central government funding through the Ministry of Education for the schools in this district who do not have access to pools and water safety lessons. Youth engaged in healthy activity under supervision in that area is paramount. The pool is a gathering place for families and positive interaction.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Preserve the frontage. To undertake work on the bank and sell it for less than the cost of the stabilizing the bank is wasteful. As the bank must be stabilized we could demolish the walls retain the roof and frontage which adds character to the area to create a space for UCOL and community groups to gather.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Close the aviary, re home the paired and individual birds selling the demolished materials to be repurposed will reduce cost to ratepayers.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: \$5 per household? Where do these ridiculous figures come from? Re examine the cost and what plants are used to ensure increased longevity, hardiness and viability. The hanging baskets are a historical feature and tourist attraction. Reduce costs by selecting permanent plants rather than those which routinely need replacement. invite local garden center and garden club involvement and cooperation on a trial basis.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: The glassworks has the potential to become a stand alone entity through improved management, education funding and possible use as a function facility. Private ownership of a major tourist attraction is foolhardy. Examine better ways to reduce running costs and improve viability. Use of an artist's collective with one Council coordinator to reduce staffing costs.

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Rural properties have traditionally dealt with their own refuse. Trial removal of drop off points with rural rates calculated to ensure parity with urban recycle collections. Retention of the recycling centre for drop off by residents both urban and rural will reduce concerns about illegal dumping. Regards concerns about illegal dumping, rural communities are often self policing and vigilant.

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Unless figures of usage and running costs in comparison to the more central Davis library are provided, closing or reduction in hours are subjective. Should council continue mobile services then Gonville library could be served by this service.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Tourism, historical, family usage value and proximity to Virginia lake support retention. Cooperation with hanging baskets and examination of cost reduction to ensure the winter gardens are efficiently run and cost effective

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Cut community funding. Rates are a legal requirement. Council have no right to donate these legally required funds to community groups whose merits are determined on a subjective basis by Council staff not by ballot or community decision. Ratepayers like myself pay tax, rates, give voluntary service and make donations. It is not for Council to then determine groups like Pride and Whatever receive money that many ratepayers must deny to their own families. Ratepayers 2023 supplied funding of \$5000 to Pride - an adult sexuality group whose majority of members are working adults with full legal protection and rights. Sex below the age of 16 is illegal. Why are Pride holding Halloween parties for minors and school holiday programmes? Ratepayers have given \$6000 to 'Whatever' previously called Youth Services Trust who are able to, without parents knowledge, provide advise to children, teenagers and vulnerable adults about puberty blockers and X hormones. 'Whatever' redirects minors and confused young adults to Aramoho Health Centre, a private business, who proudly boast they are opening a Gender Affirmation Clinic. Desperately needed services like St John's ambulance must compete for money from central government. So must our community groups. It is the role of central government to determine which community groups receive additional money given Central government collect the majority of tax and gst.

Further comments on service cuts: Council are elected to ensure infrastructure is maintained and to engage Central government by identifying needs within our local communities.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Infrastructure is the core business of Local government. And accessing funding from Central government for the betterment of this community. It is not Council's role to build homeless shelters, use community money for business ventures or gift public funds to groups selected by council for funding or to private landowners i.e. Māori owned marae No parity equivalent to 3.5 million public funds exists for another (race identified) group within this district to be used to upgrade privately owned and managed land that is outside the jurisdiction of Council or Central government.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: To propose a 4 star hotel during an economic recession when we have an airport with reduced not expanding services is foolhardy. A feasibility study is wasting ratepayer money. Past has shown there has been no interest from investors. Central government are retrenching. We have an economic crisis and debt this country can barely service. There will be no bailout. Building with increasing climate related regulations on structures and economic uncertainty is pure vanity particularly given Councillors on 3 year election terms have no personal financial risk or accountability. The declared Climate Emergency by Council will impact in terms of building requirements. We do not have the ratepayer base needed to support the debt and sustain running costs when hotel occupancy is poor, potentially sporadic and management untested. Low occupancy reduces viability for sale to a private buyer. Council's venture into business - the pilot school - has generated increased debt, increased staffing & business obligations with no financial return. Pilot accommodation reduced visitor accommodation in Whanganui adding to the burden of Ratepayers having facilities to maintain with no

return nor public access. Management of the existing pilot accommodation has been amateur. For example. The restaurant in the College Inn motel could have been a source of income under better management. Facilities bought by Council are not only deteriorating but reduced accommodation options. Until the Sargeant is open and realistic visitor numbers are known the hotel is a fantasy. Instead Council needs to put pressure and lend support to existing accommodation eg The Grand to improve this city's future. This Council has lost ratepayer confidence based on the pilot school, Sargeant Gallery budget blowout and Te Pūwaha still lacking full accountability. Councillors and Mayor need to focus on debt reduction, higher returns on existing investments and more efficiently delivering core services.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments: Investment beyond maintenance and upgrading of the Opera House is not warranted given it will not generate increased return. Ticket sales are finite with an upper limit to affordability. Nor does this town have accommodation for increased visitor numbers. The Opera house is here to serve this community and district not to compete with Palmerston etc. Engagement by community groups who use the opera house and better management to increase profits can be used to gradually upgrade. Health and safety over-regulation and over-reaction have created this situation. The Opera House must be retained despite its limitations until a more viable cheaper solution can be found and our city's economy improved sufficiently to support arts & culture.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Totally oppose. The 3.5 million should be redirected and no further funding given. Many marae are located beside river and sea therefore at risk of flooding. Marae do not pay rates yet ratepayers like myself are burdened with paying for their improvements whilst struggling to meet our own needs. Resentment will create community tribalism. Redirect this money and future funds to existing public facilities immediately available and suitable in an emergency including suitable marae, particularly important up the river. Civil emergency can identify throughout district suitable publicly owned, maintained and managed facilities which can receive funding to ensure ongoing and immediate preparedness. There exists no parity for other private non ratepaying groups to have their buildings and amenities receive this level of public funding. Detailed accountability of spending for the public money of 3.5 million gifted to a race identified group exclusive of other race groups will be sought through LGOIAM and published for the community. Council and maraes must provide full disclosure. Emergency preparedness existing public amenities should be upgraded to include solar power, water holding facilities, maintained generators, satellite contact, heating. Upgrades will reduce running costs. Maintained and under the jurisdiction of Council and Central government. Civil defense can identify throughout the district appropriate publicly owned buildings that are earthquake proofed, have multiple road access for large trucks and helicopter landing areas. For example:- Splash centre and sporting facilities Sargeant Gallery as headquarters and library with addition of kitchen facilities at the library. Cooks Gardens Designated marae up the river - Civil Defence identified. All schools (particularly with home economics facilities) Schools are staffed by a trained and defined hierarchy, are familiar to children with playing facilities to occupy and calm them, family familiarity. Particularly as there is a higher likelihood that in an emergency children will be under supervision until parents arrive. Collegiate halls and accommodation Pilot schools and accommodation - council owned and maintained. Whanganui Girls High school Community halls with cooking facilities. Churches with cooking facilities Quaker community and gardens Churches and marae have fluid management, are not under the jurisdiction of

Council. So preparedness is not guaranteed. Essential equipment may not be maintained, fueled, or available. Defined hierarchy not immediately available unlike school principal, council manager, etc. Tikanga prevails on marae so there is a risk of unknowingly offending. Unlike public facilities which can accommodate multiple cultural needs. e.g. women unable to speak on marae. Tikanga designated seating and protocol. Vested interest in 3.5 million will ensure Council receive a larger survey response from those affiliated to and benefiting their private land, marae in support of further funds at ratepayer expense.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: A raised platform linking river to Pakaitore is a shamefully vain extravagance this community can not afford. Pedestrians will likely not use the walkway instead choose the most convenient option and cross the road. Vehicles assuming pedestrians are using the walkway will lead to more accidents.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

Submitter Comments: In order to have these figures Council must have discussed which assets are being considered for sale and listed them for ratepayers to make an informed choice. This question raises concerns regards Council lack of transparency.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Some options direct submitters to provide the desired outcome due to limited responses. My concern is that options for / against will be counted whereas 'something else' is not included. The above sliding scale cannot be answered. Expenditure on core infrastructure is an entirely separate matter from expenditure on debt creating long term projects eg hotel investment or pilot school currently running at a loss. I am unable to speak in support of submission as I am out of the country. The term of election is 3 years. Councillors were not given the mandate to change democracy and must provide at the next election a referendum on Māori Wards. The consultation process was appalling, bordering on overt bias and coercion. The use of 3.5 million expenditure based on race identity was imposed by a government which was voted out with now cancelled Legislation. These funds must be shared equally throughout this community for the benefit of all. Nor do Council have the mandate to engage in business projects using legally enforced funds extracted from ratepayers. e.g. The hotel. Te Pūwaha costs lack transparency as does the proposed sale of assets.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 295

Speaking

First name: **Nicola**
Last name: **Williams**
Organisation: **Sarjeant Gallery Trust Chairman**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?**Service Cuts**

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

Yes

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1298

Not Speaking

First name: **Evan**
Last name: **Williams**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: I went to the library several times a week as a child, reading is so important for adults seeking to learn, relax, and connect with their community. It's especially important for children to expand their horizons and instill a love of books. Saving a paltry \$2.30 a week on the rates doesn't justify the social and educational degradation of our community stemming from closing the library a day a week.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 382

Not Speaking

First name: **Letitia**
Last name: **Williams**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close New Zealand Glassworks (save \$10.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1373

Not Speaking

First name: Anne
Last name: Williams

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Do basic work and keep pool operating

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1149

Not Speaking

First name: **Tiffany**
Last name: **Williams**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Absolutely worth the cost. The Davis library is invaluable.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: I would be interested to know how whanganui east school will be reimbursed for their historical vestment of the pool to the council if it is sold.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: The company should be supported with this change, and it would be such a shame to lose the building.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: I wonder if this could be a pay attraction, like the fountain? Not sure how that would work. But again, would be a shame to lose it. Closing it is perhaps best.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Bye baskets!

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: It's a gift!

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: This, too could be a service that incurs a small fee. Perhaps the cafe could sell combined tickets or tokens to the aviary and the gardens for 5 dollars a family?

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:**Marae Development**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:**Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:**Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: A lovely idea, but perhaps not needed in the living crisis

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:**Asset Sales**

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Selling properties = good. Trust in the council to actually consult with the community about who owns what and where the assets came from = not good.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 296

Speaking

First name: Nicola
Last name: Williams

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: All along Taupo Quay to the north of Victoria Avenue there is a need to cross the Road. The River markets is a prime example. To accomodate this need would require 2 if not 3 overbridges. The most effective way to keep pedestrians safe and mitigate risk is to install a number of pedestrian refuges in the middel of the road and also implement traffic slowing barriers and road bumps.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents Yes

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 817

First name: **Miriam**
Last name: **Williamson**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Don't know

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 402

Not Speaking

First name: Gary
Last name: Wilson

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

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Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1670

Not Speaking

First name: **Bonnie**
Last name: **Wilson**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: There are many middle managers employed at the library I would rather see a restructure to reduce the number of managers than have a day closed, and if you do decide to close 1 day a week I hope that the managers hours will be adjusted accordingly and that it won't just be frontline staff jobs that are impacted.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: I would like to see the businesses fund the baskets, the council could leave the infrastructure in place so that businesses could hang and maintain their own baskets if they wish to

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Sell ASAP

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Gift the library to the community to run, like the other community libraries, thus saving on wages etc

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Something else (state below)

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Address the health and safety concerns but I don't see flying as being necessary in these tough times

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Waste of money, nice to have but not essential

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **1**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Times are tough for many people and I think that you need to do whatever you can to keep rate rises as low as you can, you can always bring back services when the economy improves, I have worked in a council facility and I saw alot of wasteful spending. I hope you have looked at staffing levels in all areas of council. In my experience there were too many managers and not enough frontline staff.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1209

Not Speaking

First name: Ray
Last name: Wilson

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1035

Not Speaking

First name: Kiri
Last name: Wilson

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments: Its really important to acknowledge that council is not the only entity that works in this space. What would be more beneficial is if council worked alongside those who already invest in this space and work together.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 657

Not Speaking

First name: **Melissa**
Last name: **Wilson**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Add a donations box. Cut staff hours and save money elsewhere. It brings visitors to the lake. And then to the surrounding business.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: By removing the hanging baskets, it would save money in a few ways. By reducing water costs, staff hours.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Why keep this but close the bird aviary? They both get the same amount off visitors?

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Maintain the current level of funding, which isn't enough to get us to where we need to be. Noting assets will deteriorate further (save \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **1**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 868

Not Speaking

First name: Sarah
Last name: Wilson

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

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Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 853

Not Speaking

First name: **Thea**
Last name: **Wilson**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

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Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Don't know

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

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Don't know

Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Don't know

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 754

Not Speaking

First name: Tina
Last name: Wilson

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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Submitter Comments:

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Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1308

Not Speaking

First name: John
Last name: Wilson

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: Pool's opening days have been poorly advertised in previous years, leading us to try and use the pool during summer when it wasn't open and not use the pool when it was open.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: The theatre is a defining character building in Whanganui which should be protected and better utilised by community groups.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: FREE THE BIRDS!

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Plant more hardy perennials in public garden beds that require less watering/weeding/replanting. Natives preferrably.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Add drop off points for rural recycling

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Gonville library is a vibrant community center, more than just a library.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Move towards more sustainable perennial plantings rather than disposable annual flowers in plastic pots. The garden would be more beautiful if all materials used were natural.

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Great initiative!

Further comments on service cuts: Reduce costs of lawn mowing across public parks and lawns by planting more hardy perennials that require little to no care and restoring wetlands. Funds are available for natural restoration projects.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: The future of tourism is unstable in our current economic crisis. Money should be spent on supporting our most vulnerable rather than risky business ventures for imagined tourists.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: We live on a dangerous beach so this the life saving club is essential to saving lives! However, I must note that they always set up their flags in the same place no matter whether it's the safest spot in front of the carpark to swim. Some flexibility here may save people negative experiences getting hurt by rough waves.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Pakaitore is a beautiful park with important history but it not utilised enough to justify this investment. Foot bridges would be better justified near schools on busy inner city streets.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: I would love more paths like this but the cost is prohibitive. The Te Araroa trail between Whanganui and Turakina has been repeatedly reported as one of the worst parts of the whole trail due to the narrow busy road with no space for walkers/cyclists. Could funding be relocated here?

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Don't know

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 802

First name: **Deirdra**
Last name: **Wilson-Anderson**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Its a jewel in the cities crown. Art is one of the things that sets this city apart. Don't throw it away.

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1395

Not Speaking

First name: Lydia
Last name: Wingate

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: This is such an important space for families.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: This is about attracting visitors to our area and making our city something special. It's worth the money.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)

Submitter Comments: If done well, this could really benefit Whanganui and the rate payers. It would need to be nice though- a destination venue

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **1**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1094

Not Speaking

First name: **Dorothy**
Last name: **Withers**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Involve volunteers to plant and maintain the baskets

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1058

First name: **Colin**
Last name: **Withers**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

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Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

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Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 576

Not Speaking

First name: Wendy
Last name: Wood

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Obviously option 1 will impact on staffing and wages. I suggest that over-staffing be addressed by attrition or redeployment

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Unfair that residents in outlying suburbs have to subsidise a facility used mainly by Whanganui East residents. A shame though.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close New Zealand Glassworks (save \$10.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Risk too great - hospitality industry not stable

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Pedestrian crossing only.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1537

Not Speaking

First name: Michael
Last name: Wood

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Invest in the stabilisation of the retaining bank, demolish the existing building and build a new theatre (add \$10 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts: Is now the right time to do anything aesthetic to the town bridge or any other such projects? I would like to see improvements made to outlying suburbs IE Wanganui east, aramoho in terms of simply tidying up curbing and drainage. Going back to basics as it were. There will surely be scope for more grandiose projects at a later time.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

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Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)

Submitter Comments: Look for a buyer when up and running, start another one etc

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 712

Not Speaking

First name: Rachael
Last name: Woodhead

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Its the least used day, as well as wages saving, there is also expenditure - power saving as well.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Increasing the cost to use the pool would also help towards costs.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: The bank behind the theatre is apparently falling apart - as is the building. theatre productions could be moved to the Opera House for a reduced rate?

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: The report provided by the zoologist is not fit for purpose for a bird aviary. We should be looking more closely at how someone on their holiday managed to get \$5000 from our council. Donation box to collect cash and/or bank account details on a plaque to encourage people to donate to the upkeep.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Business who want to keep them could pay Mainstreet Whanganui more in association fees to cover the maintenance. The flowers in the beds along mainstreet could be changed out to bulbs and shrubs instead of wages, plants and waste every season.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Stop community funding entirely until we can afford it. Community funding is not bringing economic benefit to Whanganui and if we were operating as a business with a finite income we would NOT be able to sustain this.

Further comments on service cuts: Mobile Library to be removed to only servicing council flats/pensioners. Arts \$176K per year. Cancel, stop, cease. This is not a must have. Coastal Action Plan - not required and savings can be made here to the tune of \$27K. Climate Change Fund \$110 - this is not to any benefit of Whanganui Residents and likely will be full of consulting and no actual outcome. Streets for People: Cease all work on this. This is not to benefit of Whanganui Residents and you are operating inside an echo chamber. This is tied to central govt and the paris agreement which Whanganui Residents did not sign off on. Even though taxpayer money comes from govt it is our money again in Rates that brings up the shortfall.

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments: Can we also look into the most recent improvements and why more repairs need to be made in such a short time frame?

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Maraes have income via their Iwi - this is where all repairs, maintenance should come from. Just like Churches.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: How much have the local community fundraised? How often is the beach out there used by large numbers of people? Is it actually required?

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: This is not a must have and is a gross mis use of ratepayer money.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: If you were going to spend money on improving - start with the cycle track to castlecliff. I haven't spoken to one single person who is bummed because they couldn't walk out to kai iwi. Not required for locals and tourists have no where to sleep if they came for that. Start with accomodation first

Asset Sales

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: sell everything that doesn't have a ROI.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Business that operate as council does would fail, almost immediately. Ratepayers is not your never-ending money pit and I would like to see a restructure of the roles of the 600+ employees at council and ensure that we are operating as efficiently as possible. Wages and HR is one of the biggest expenses.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1212

Not Speaking

First name: Hana
Last name: Woodhouse

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Find a day that is less popular (not as many people going to the library) and close it on that day. Or opening it later during the weekdays

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Leave the winter gardens open but have a optional gold coin donation available in a box that can only be opened by the council

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Driving down that part of the street can be scary on normal days. Worse on weekends. The last thing that should be put there is a crossing which could potentially be dangerous especially on market day

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 755

First name: Rachael
Last name: Woodhouse

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Invest in the stabilisation of the retaining bank, demolish the existing building and build a new theatre (add \$10 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

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Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

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We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1112

Not Speaking

First name: **Sonia**
Last name: **Wooding**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Reduce staff numbers

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Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

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Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Move the building to another site

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Don't know

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts: The first attraction I take visitors to is the Aviary so please don't cut it.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1040

Not Speaking

First name:

Maia-Jeanne

Last name:

Woolkirk

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: This seems like it would only save money on front line staff, since everyone else would be on a yearly salary. The library provides a wonderful service to so many of the community - if anything I'd advise opening later.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Despite the cost (unless the pool truly isn't functional) these community services are so valuable for people.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: replace with art that doesn't need watering?

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

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Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Great idea!

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

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Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Cutting services I would argue generally leads to a decline in life and options for the local community (except the rich, I guess). I'm glad to see the preferred option to keep some of our infrastructure working. The can has clearly been kicked down the road in the past, and we should do our best not to keep kicking it. Maintaining our assets and preventing community services from being totally private. However, I recognise there is a limit, and I guess we'll find out what that is. However, finding things that are for everyone is best. Maybe the velodrome can make money now and pay the council (lol)

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 981

First name: **Allan**
Last name: **Wrigglesworth**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: This pool is one of the very few amenities for youth.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Invest in the stabilisation of the retaining bank, demolish the existing building and build a new theatre (add \$10 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Maintain the current level of funding, which isn't enough to get us to where we need to be. Noting assets will deteriorate further (save \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Roading - stop doing cheap re-sealing jobs everywhere. Use only good quality tar and other materials. Only dig up a road once - plan to install all present & future services then. Cycle laws - see attached

Hotel and Car Park

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

Submitter Comments: Do not touch councils' parks & reserves.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

Yes

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 35

Not Speaking

First name: R
Last name: Wright

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:**Gonville Library**

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Submitter Comments:**Winter Gardens**

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Submitter Comments:**Level of Community Grant Funding**

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Submitter Comments:**Further comments on service cuts:****Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

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Submitter Comments:**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: seek funding elsewhere.

Marae Development

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Submitter Comments:

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Don't know

Submitter Comments:

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 771

Not Speaking

First name: Julie
Last name: Wright

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 783

Not Speaking

First name: **Les and Alyson**
Last name: **Wright**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: If option 1 is actioned, we will immediately see \$500,000 being spent on a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Wanganui, with a capital expenditure of \$millions at the Splash Centre. Leave it alone and improve the asset

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: If you close the Aviary you may as well close off all entry to Virginia Lake. This beautiful Lake and its attractions has been a major part of many peoples lives growing up in Wanganui and many visitors praise its attractions. Council should have a policy of preserving our attractions as a major part of Wanganui's heritage. These features and many others throughout the City are all part of Wanganui's uniqueness and should be maintained, not closed down. You were advised in the survey that Wanganui was "truly unique" and yet you finish up with a proposal that suggest removing a lot of this Cities historic beauty.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Doing away with these hanging baskets because of the cost of \$93,000 indicates Council has lost its vision for beauty. How many staff have laid off who get that and more? Look again at

salaries and W&P. Personal experience: We have been dealing with Council staff for almost 3 years on a Building consent case. We asked for evidence that a condition of the RMA had been signed off. First Senior Planner, YES. Acting CE, YES. CE, YES. None produced evidence. The inquiry took from Sep 21 until Dec 23. We knew the RMA condition had not been met, so in Jan 23 we wrote again to the CE requesting the same under the Official Information Act.(must get response in 20 working days.) On the 3/3/23, we were asked to attend a meeting at Council and were told we had won our case and that Council had made a mistake. Remember this is RMA condition applied by Council, but not inspected by Council staff. We were asked what we wished to do. House and vehicle crossing were completed in June 20 and we widened the crossing at our cost in Feb 22. We therefore opted for reimbursement of costs. Costs have been met by Council but today May 24 we have not been satisfied with what will appear on our property file at Council and be given out on LIM reports. We consider we will be left with a report that will make it difficult for us to sell and Council is just covering up a mistake made re RMA. We have been fobbed of by all your Executives, many Senior staff and about 10 admin and inspectoral staff and still no final resolution. Too many Bureaucrats, check them out like other Councils have done nearby. Too late for us.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: This another unique feature of Wanganui and Virginia Lake. Keep it as spectacular as it always is.

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: The same old ones getting a hand out while many others managing what they believe in.

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: We prefer Option 2. It is a waste of money having nice to have ideas above ground, if below ground and roading of our City is not being maintained. This includes hanging flowers and a number of street gardens are essential for beautification.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Hotel is not Ratepayer business or Council. It is a specialist business, please leave it alone. Underground Carpark, Check with those people who were attacked when we had one under the Museum. Today people don't feel safe in their Supermarket or corner Dairy. Council should facilitate not own every thing they think about and budget for. Don't waste our money by even investigating Option 1. WDC can't build a Gallery, on time and within budget or our Waste Water system, 2 try's to get 1 and I believe that is not working correctly. The Gallery is a disgusting waste of funds. Mayor Main got it through by stating it would cost the Ratepayer nothing, now the total is \$72million, not \$30million, and ratepayers \$17million not nothing. There is a lesson here to be learned by Mayor's. Had Council put up \$9million a few years back for the Velodrome project, it would have been under construction by now. With the Velodrome development, we believe a private enterprise 4 Star Hotel complex was arranged to be built in the Central City. We understand it is still an item when the Velodrome is actioned. We also understand that Govt funding is not available unless the local Council has the project concerned on the LTP. Note again, the Govt Audit Report places uncertainty on the section of Council wishing to get involved in a Hotel and carpark.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments: Oh Dear, How has my generation had so many years attending great entertainment in what I have witnessed to be a well maintained building. I hear so often these days that members of the public are not impressed with our new CE. Every thing he reports on, which makes Wanganui what it is, he finds something wrong and it is very expensive to fix. With the budget proposed and all the nice to have ideas, what will be the price to go to the Royal Whanganui Opera House, in the future?. Even the Audit report indicates the uncertainty of Council's proposed Option.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Every citizen who gets into problems with their housing and accommodation in times of disaster need support. It is not only Marae that give support in this City. There are dozens of Churches throughout the City and caring groups who help out when needed. Churches and Church halls, Public Halls and schools. We are surprised to note that Council has made a decision to give funding from the "Better off Funding" contribution to Marae, when many Public Halls over years have been demolished when funding for them was not available, or the community have done the upgrades themselves. Why continue to give funding to one race when we are all One People and all have needs to maintain and improve our community assets.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: We support Option 1. It is a Public Safety project, and we don't know who will be the next to need it.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Spending this amount \$830,000 is a non essential dream. It would be better if it was proposed for Housing for the Iwi. The reason given for this proposal is pathetic in todays experiences. "Restoring link", history shows it was never closer. "Viewed from River", what has changed?. "Safety benefits", It will not be a pedestrian crossing. It will just be another interference in the movement of all vehicles, emergency vehicles in particular. If this doesn't comply with existing law, don't do it.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: This idea is another dream. This road has been too narrow for decades and needs to be brought up to date to provide safety for all users.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: We agree that some of our assets are not returning revenue to the Ratepayers and too many of these are assets acquired in Ratepayers name in recent years. We note that Council is proposing to consult with the community on specific assets. However we would favour a policy that, all future Sale and Purchase of assets in Ratepayers name, should be done by Referendum to all Ratepayers as Shareholders. Ratepayers currently own , without our consent, Pilot School, noise and air pollution and currently no revenue return but still more capital spending. Motel, top line 70+ beds which Whanganui needs now. Council has in recent years sold "Harbour Endowment Assets" which were Ratepayer owned Operation that provided a revenue return to Ratepayers, which we believe is not now providing any return to help in the development of this region. Referendums would generate more questions from the Ratepayers. Have Councilors considered sale of some pieces of Art in our collection, which may never see the light of day, but be used to ease the burden of many ratepayers. It is also interesting that the Audit report, noted the uncertainty in the Asset Sale Option.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: The last two questions have set up answers which we could not give you, with confidence, the nod in either direction.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 247

Not Speaking

First name: **Malcolm**
Last name: **Wright**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts: No further comment

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 593

Not Speaking

First name: david
Last name: wright

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: invest in the kids they need to learn to swim. exercise and have fun

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Its not a good thing to cage birds its not a good attraction get rid of it

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: its attractive for the town but not really that nesassary

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: this is needed

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: forward thinking

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Its good to have a say

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 883

Not Speaking

First name: **Margaret**
Last name: **Wright**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Prefer we focus on birds in the wild.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: The baskets are iconic Whanganui. Very special and still give a buzz to the city. They complement the architecture.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: It seems that these drop off points are abused by non rural folk. Good idea but need a rethink on how to police the facility.

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: I live at Castlecliff, reduced hours are fine. Online services to order and renew books reduce need for physical access 24/7

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: There is a huge volunteer force in the city. Keep them supported.

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Good infrastructure is well worth this investment.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)

Submitter Comments: A flash hotel would serve the city well. Prefer the private option but if not forthcoming, council needs to step in.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: Opera house is a jewel in the crown. Worthwhile investment.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: It would reflect poorly on the city not to provide this facility.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: I cant understand the high cost for this. I use the area frequently and never have difficulty crossing.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments: As a cyclist who uses this road frequently I fully support this project. It could lead to a new "great ride" for the region with all the financial benefits.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Agree in principle but only after seeing the list of assets.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 650

Not Speaking

First name: **Niki**
Last name: **Wright**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts: to whom it may concern it is of extreme disappointment to learn the council has proposed to axe its own youth council. It is imperative that our youth is represented. Please reconsider this and the detriment that it will have on many youth in our community.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1218

Not Speaking

First name:

Larissa

Last name:

Wroe-Doyle

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close New Zealand Glassworks (save \$10.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Maintain the current level of funding, which isn't enough to get us to where we need to be. Noting assets will deteriorate further (save \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Demolition of the Royal opera house

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **1**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **1**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1117

Not Speaking

First name: **Fiona**
Last name: **Wyatt**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Close the pool, no feasibility study

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Proposed funding to go to schools or jubilee stadium for those places to be upgraded. Would reach more of the community that way and in the event of a disaster the community would feel more comfortable entering those areas than a marae

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 517

First name: **Mary**
Last name: **Wyley**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts: Qs 5 and 6 = If I felt any ratepayer protest had any outcome I may bother. Let's see ALL Council members from ALL Councils on buses to Parliament in protest. I will support THAT.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: My submission relates to the Flight School, Parks & Reserves, The Port, Sargeant Art Gallery - and more. See attached.

Supporting documents

Yes

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 69

Not Speaking

First name: Titaha
Last name: Wymer

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Davis Library for one day on the weekend instead of a weekday (add \$0.90 per property per year to the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Everybody needs to take time off. One day isn't enough, everyone has families that they hardly spend time with as it is.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: It's been there a long time but it did get closed down. Schools have pools of their own now. We don't have the money to support this kaupapa.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: If somebody buys it maybe and can be put up for sale.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Our town is so pretty with them. It's made Whanganui the talk of everywhere.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: ?

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Have seen fly-tipping happen in the Waikato.

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: They can choose what day they'd like to stay open.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: ?

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Haven't got the money to increase.

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: ?

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments: Necessary, especially for the old people crossing the road.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Would like to know what these assets are.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 284

Not Speaking

First name: Xiaoting
Last name: Xie

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 104

Not Speaking

First name: **Wen**
Last name: **Xiong**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: The library provides an awesome service for our tamariki and people all ages. They provide a safe environment for people who don't have access to internet and also a place for community apart from a bank of knowledge. I often see the library is packed with people on Mondays and weekends.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: The Repertory Theatre is such a treasure for Whanganui to have. It provides heaps of fun and opportunities for our tamariki from entertainment to education.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Lots of people out of town gave compliments to the beauty it brings.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: It's Whanganui's proud and icon! It will be very sad to see it being sold and owned by a big company or organisation out of town. This is the treasure of Whanganui and to let more people know Whanganui and come visit Whanganui!

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts: The library and Glass Whanganui are very important to Whanganui and our community! It brings people together and promote Whanganui!

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Maintain the current level of funding, which isn't enough to get us to where we need to be. Noting assets will deteriorate further (save \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

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Submitter Comments: New hotels won't bring more visitors and tourists to Whanganui. Only the art, the heritage and the people bring more people!

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 462

First name: Greta
Last name: Y
Organisation: Whanganui Surf Lifeguard Service- Senior Guard,

Patrol Captain.

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 292

Not Speaking

First name: Jack
Last name: Yalden

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Davis Library for one day on the weekend instead of a weekday (add \$0.90 per property per year to the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1473

Not Speaking

First name: **Katie**
Last name: **Yang**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: My children and I go to the library a few times a week. while we are there, we see lots of people using it. In my opinion it's not an option to close the library. There are no free community indoor areas in Whanganui for families, people to meet up. We use the library to meet up with people, play board games, browse and read books. I see lots of students and families going after school everyday. It's not just a library, it's a hub for the community. I think the library should be expanded and offer a quiet room, or at least a meeting room where workshops could be held.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: I'm not sure how much this pool has been used. But here are no other pools but the Splash, which is indoors. If it's not being used often enough, this pool can be closed. If it's being used a lot, it should stay open.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: I think closing everything in Whanganui would make it an ugly city and no one would want to visit. Right now it's known as the beautiful little town on the river. By cutting budgets means that we will become an ugly and boring city by the flooding river.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Many visitor and families go here to look at the birds. It would be a shame to close it.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Removing the baskets would make the city look ugly and not as lovely.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: This one is obvious. Why close something that is used or needed.

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: For people that live in the area they have somewhere to go to for books and community connections.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: This is a lovely space that people enjoy. Why close it?

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: This depends on who the grants are approved to and given to. As long as they do the mahi and not waste it.

Further comments on service cuts: In general I do not agree with cutting services. Though, I see large buses running in Whanganui and hardly anyone on there. Is there not an option to use smaller vehicles and cut expenses for the buses?

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Roads need to be maintained.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: We need more not less funding for Surf Life Saving. Many people are drowning and hours of life guards are not long enough in the summer, and shoulder seasons. I think during school holidays there should be life guards in the spring & autumn too. These life guards usually volunteer a lot of their time for free.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: No need. It's fine there. I walk there often.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments: Ourdoor trails should be encouraged to be built for future health and wellness for all.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Surveys should be done on what is needed or not needed, or how many people use certain facilities. Should a hotel be built just because of one event, The Master's Games? How much profit is brought by this? will it help to cover the costs? Will the hotel stand empty the rest of the time? Or will it be used as it's needed in Whanganui?

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1410

First name: **Nadia**
Last name: **Yanowsky**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Invest in the stabilisation of the retaining bank, demolish the existing building and build a new theatre (add \$10 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 874

Not Speaking

First name: Chris
Last name: Yates

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1069

Not Speaking

First name: Zoë
Last name: Young

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Perhaps close the Gonville library one day week also, on a different day.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Having used the pool regularly through the summer, I was amazed at the number of people using the pool. People who without its availability would not be swimming. probably too far to get to the Splash. Having grandchildren who have have issues with the chlorine smells at the Splash it was lovely being able to take them swimming in an open air pool. It definitely needs an upgrade, I am sure a lot of the work could be supported by the local community. It is the last of our outdoor pools, it should be retained and upgraded.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: I walk around the lake at least 3 times a week. There are always families enjoying the park, aviary and gardens. The aviary brings a lot of pleasure to many people, and is free, not many things are these days. if there are welfare issues for the birds, reduce the number. Perhaps in future look for a private benefactor??

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: All ratepayers should have some element of support around rubbish disposal.

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: A different day to the main library.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after

which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)

Submitter Comments: this is a great idea, forward thinking to support the city into the future.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments: If we want to attract 'Acts' to Whanganui we need to have an appropriate venue. The Opera House is an iconic building we need to retain and upgrade at a level we as a community can afford.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments: Knowing the expectation of community use in times of need, this would be an excellent investment.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSL as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: Much needed.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Although this would be nice, I don't think the funding should come from council for this.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments: Another forward thinking plan.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is

and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: generally this it appears to be a well considered LTP

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 50

First name: Tracey
Last name: Young

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: when days start being cut - it can be a downward slope - if it had to be a day - make it Monday! Keep 1 library open either day if closing a day.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: *Create better natural swimming. -river, lakes (Wiritoa). Remove weed. Bigger area.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: *Have a building for theatre to meet. Use another theatre for performances - Andram -Opera House -local high school halls - Cullaneine

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Invest in Bushy Park Invest in Gordon Bush - Rodents/Pest proof fencing

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Have businesses pay for the Baskets and care. Or 1/2 business 1/2 ratepayer:: + get sponsorship - local - supermarkets/garden centres. + community involvement - (possibly create more work!)

New Zealand Glassworks

Something else (state below)

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: 1/2 buyer & 1/2 council - so it stays at good standard with option for new buyer if one closes. *get a power company involved = tax charity relief. + sponsorship + tourism operator involvement

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: All people have right to rubbish services. Or we could end up with illegal dumping

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: *This is a vital life live for this fragile community a mix of poverty stricken families and elderly living in difficult circumstances - the library is a safe warm friendly - supportive space and a place of "light" for a lot of people - please keep monitoring youth behaviours as this is a deterrent in the holidays for enjoying this community space

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: This is a great place - could be made more enjoyable with places to sit - in the warm gardens.

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Vital for the public use and public support. And ever increasing-needs.

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Vital to keep ahead of this. And be well maintained + awareness of natural disaster probability and hoping improvements keep this in mind - ease of repair and services in the event of earthquakes etc.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: *Keep info centre operating with offer of accommodation. - vintage weekend + master games Make this an easy process

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments: * get external "Arts" funding - "lotto" * get local enterprises involved and sponsored. *get a better process - solution.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments: Marae are important, and as a civilized society we need to take part in the care for Iwi and Hapu.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

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Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments: Beautify and encourage use.

Asset Sales

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Submitter Comments: Depends on what assets! generally not good practice to sell assets and "who" are the interested parties pressing for this? What "land" reserves? If for elderly housing yes. If for rich housing estates No!

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: My main concerns - Elderly housing - Affordable housing // beautiful parks, reserves-seating. - River and stream beautification and flood proofing. - Monitoring of Heads Road Factory air/water pollution. Ban sale of "copper" wire -> toxic buring of win - stop plastic

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 870

First name: Shinnaye
Last name: Young

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

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Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1608

Not Speaking

First name: Kayla
Last name: Young

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Davis Library for one day on the weekend instead of a weekday (add \$0.90 per property per year to the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Personally I think it should be sold, in hopes an investor picks it up and gives it the much needed upgrades it needs. The splash centre is far too small, it doesn't cater to enough people. Almost everytime we go there it is jam packed full of whanau having birthdays (which is great) however they are there all day. A scheduled time should be put in place. And the big pool should only be booked to those that swim lengths during school hours. This would allow for far more people to be at the centre. The best thing about the Whanganui East Pools is how much space it has. The abilities to have BBQs, shelter and seating.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Again I think this is a building that could be sold to a private entity. The country is full of entertainers. There is bound to be someone whom may invest.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: I'm not for closing the aviary. I work near by and watch hundreds of people walk through there daily. Could donation boxes be placed at the entrances. Or gold coin entry? Or some kind of event be held to raise the necessary funds, within the bowl? I feel alot more could be done to find other ways to fund this.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: At this stage, with the cost of living. I highly suggest not increasing any funding for things that are unnecessary. Again something else that groups and clubs that the council is funding could be doing more to raise funds for themselves. There seems to be a very heavy reliance on the council to do this and it is NOT the council funding. It is the ratepayers. Encouraging these groups and clubs to be more inventive and come up with much better ways of fundraising self sufficiently ensures those that are interested in that particular thing to contribute to. Instead of forcing ratepayers to do so. Right now is not the time to be doing such things.

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Personally I don't see the value in this. We have many many locations and venues to host events in. That literally sit around untouched. Unless we are going to utilize these facilities to their potentials. Then there is no point building hotels and carparks. This city needs to work on reasons for people to come here. Our one off heritage weekend is currently our only decent draw card. Pull off better, bigger events and utilize our venues better, such as cooks gardens, bason reserve, Virginia Lake, speedway and memorial hall then sure.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments: Leave it as is. There are other venues within whanganui that can cater to these needs. However they do not get used. The Opera house is fine the way it is. The shows there are great. Something that would provide flying round a venue shouldn't be on at the Opera house anyway. Cooks gardens, speedway or the memorial hall would be much better venues for these VERY FEW events.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Personally I don't think so. I feel these particular things are catered by the government enough. To have upgrades should be the responsibility of the iwis that are responsible to maintain them.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: Agreed. Probably the most important thing in whanganui.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: This is an area that doesn't get used much as it is. This is an unnecessary expenditure that this town very much doesn't need.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: There are plenty of roads in Whanganui cyclists can use. Riding on this road is dangerous on its own. And again there is NOT enough people utilizing that particular road on a daily basis to warrant spending that kind of money. Again something that would cater to very few. With the cost of rates, I would not be happy endorsing this. Realistically kids and families are not going to bike or walk along this road. Would be happy to have a few vehicle bays along the road though. Incase of popped tyres or the like.

Asset Sales

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **1**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: There needs to be major focus on what the city NEEDS vs what it WANTS. I do appreciate what the council is trying to do. But putting it's citizens in a financial crisis to obtain it right

now. Is not ideal. Once we get past this financial crisis, by all means. But right now. The people of Whanganui need to be put first. And they NEED a break.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 656

First name: Ian
Last name: Young

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?**Service Cuts**

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: "Investing in the Future" I am writing to object to any reduction in the Councils' commitment to the Sergeant Gallery Trust. My stepmother the late Ngaire Young left a legacy of over \$500,000 to the gallery and I am the Trustee for the said Legacy. I was born and bred in Whanganui and still have a special affinity with the City and the Trust. Acknowledging that the Gallery has been named by the National Geographic as one of the "Best Cultural Spots in the World" and the UK's "Time Out" as one of the most significant reopenings in 2024. The opening later this year is a great opportunity to put the Gallery and the City on the World stage and any cut in their funding will be catastrophic! The benefit for the redeveloped Gallery and the City cannot be underestimated. It needs the Publicity.

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 610

Speaking

First name: Ellen
Last name: Young

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Assets like this are bigger than an economic proposition. In a society where community connection is disappearing and kids aren't getting enough physical time away from devices this is an incredibly intrinsically valuable asset. It needs to be retained to ensure continued community health. The whanganui east pool is a very different pool from the splash centre, it is much more pleasant as it is outside and it provides kids in Whanganui east with a healthy activity close to home. The charm of the pools needs to be valued, Whanganui's character is embedded in its older assets and getting rid of them removes uniqueness.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Retaining these buildings means retaining Whanganui's point of difference. So an effort to keep it standing is warranted but council can't do it all.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: The aviary is not a key community asset, it is small and pretty grubby and unpleasant. We have other more important things to preserve that are directly related to our identity.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: The hanging baskets should be retained but planted with succulents. There are a few already planted this way and they require little upkeep as they are very hard wearing. They actually

look better than flowers as they have a more interesting and unique character. Be creative in your solutions!

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: This is an important establishment that contributes hugely to our reputation as an arts capital and Unesco city of design. It must be retained in some form.

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: I think often community run projects and services give us more bang for buck and better outcomes. The community know what they need and have the networks to deliver in a unique and locally relevant way. Council often limits possibilities where as Community

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Council should not run a hotel. The way in which council has run the Opera house and other assets makes it clear they should not be in this business. They do not understand their key clientele and business stakeholders.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments: The way in which the Opera house has been managed in recent years is abysmal. I have been to a number of shows at the Opera house and the technicians that are being Brought in from Palmerston North did a terrible job of sound and lighting, so much so that we couldn't hear half of 2-3 shows. This is disappointing for the groups hiring the venue, the people involved in the show and the audience. It doesn't encourage usage to increase. Whanganui has many talented and capable musicians, creators and technicians that could do a better job but the council is terrible at networking or valuing the expertise in their own city. Even though procurement policies require a preference of local providers the council shoots themselves in the foot by preferring outsiders to do these jobs, paying more and getting worse outcomes. The fees involved with the Opera house are now prohibitive for many valuable touring acts. The services provided to those hiring the Opera house are not professional. There has also been a lack of appreciation of local cultural contributors and volunteers, who are the backbone of a healthy community. The Opera house is iconic and beautiful, the experience of going there is unique and awe inspiring. The fact that our communities kids can grow up seeing shows and being in shows in such a magical building is significant - I wish the council staff interacted with that side of our community more.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: We are a coastal city and having a functioning surf life saving club is of paramount importance. Having said that council should enquire with the surf club in Whanganui about whether they are taking full advantage of surf life saving nz 's funding. Castlecliff life saving club needs more resources for sure

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:**Rapanui Road Trail**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: This is very hard to answer given we don't know what assets the 16 million is made up of.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: I feel there are some fantastic staff at the Council in Whanganui but there is also a culture that doesn't value the key character of Whanganui and the communities identity and skill set.

Some of the decisions pushed for/shut down by staff show their lack of ability to look at things holistically and understand the intrinsic nature of value in things. I would like to see more support for local peoples expertise when it comes to council projects and operations. A more regenerative and collaborative, grassroots effort to evolve this place, rather than risk averse and limiting. Staff need to upskill and understand that they are literally shaping reality in our town. I highly recommend that council gets staff to participate in the Regenerative Practice courses run by the Regenesi Institute. This course would help staff understand the potential, meaning and regenerative potential that their role as a civil servant provides to them and their community. Upgrading their mindsets upgrades our town and its capability.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1113

Speaking

First name: **Catriona**
Last name: **Yule**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Invest more into the splash centre. Funding for outdoor pools.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Invest in the stabilisation of the retaining bank, demolish the existing building and build a new theatre (add \$10 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Invest in Virginia Lake Aviary and surrounding area. Cafe needs updating. Make the lake a lovely family area.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: We do not a large car parking building. We need accessible (for elderly) car parking, ground level like farmers.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSL as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 624

Not Speaking

First name: Victoria
Last name: Zangel

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 110

Speaking

First name: Peter
Last name: Zolno

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: this is less than 10¢ a day. do it

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: If this helps kids stay busy and happy, I'll pay for it, even if I don't ever use it.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Invest in the stabilisation of the retaining bank, demolish the existing building and build a new theatre (add \$10 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Whanganui is known as an 'artists' community. Closing down one of its best small theatres dings into that flailing reputation severely, hurting tourism and general sense of possibilities and hope for kids. \$10 is so cheap! Let's go!

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Want to become the next Wellington, with sewage in the streets? Then definitely go cheap on infrastructure! (Sarcasm)

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Don't know

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: Beaches are unsafe because of people driving on them, many of them dangerously. It's insane. Address that.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments: Making Whanganui more attractive to anything other than more loud, polluting cars sounds good to me. Adds value to mental health and properties

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: need more info

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Listening to short term thinkers only suits to damn everyone in the short, medium, and long term. Investing in mental health now and long term sustainability is the only option that will make sense with 2035 (and beyond) hindsight.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 585

Not Speaking

First name: Azian
Last name: Zulkifli
Organisation: Unity Food Charity General Manager

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

Submitter Comments: Selling assets is short term thinking and will cost future generations

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1312

Not Speaking

First name: Li
Last name: -

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

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Don't know

Submitter Comments:

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Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 12

Not Speaking

First name: **Katie, Amelia, Eva & Ann**
Last name: .

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: We love the birds but don't want to pay the fees.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: But new baskets and no fee's

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Don't know

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Because some people use and others don't

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: It's a great experience for kids

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Maintain the current level of funding, which isn't enough to get us to where we need to be. Noting assets will deteriorate further (save \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: We don't need them

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: It's free and a good option.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments: Because in the past we would do plays with my friends!

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: Because we need to keep kids safe

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments: cause we need them to cross safely

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments: cause people are going to die

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Sell it maybe because you can buy another one. Rent it - if you rent then you can get more money then the regular payment you would have gotten if you sold areas

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

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Submitter Comments: We want the city of Whanganui to be at its best But we all want the financial ways to be adapted to the way that people of Whanganui can be able to pay - Ann, Katie, Eva, Amelia

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 790

Not Speaking

First name: **Hendry**
Last name: .

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: I firmly believe with the use of the WE pool - we should retain it and upgrade it

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close New Zealand Glassworks (save \$10.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Include control of leaves and regular trimming of trees.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: absolutely not after all WDC purchased the excellent hotel for the pilot scheme - how much did it cost? how much has the Indian flying school make for us?

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **1**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **1**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

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Submitter Comments: The silver birch trees in London Street cause us constant ill health (chc. has removed these trees from the city) and the autumn is a nightmare. Leaves cover our property kill our gardens and blow under building depositing a dangerous layer of dried combustible vegetation, they also fill our spouting requiring hours of labour weekly to remove. If the trees were regularly trimmed and the leaves regularly collected, our street would be much more appropriate for our fine reputation. Meantime the unmowed verge reached record height this year (waist level) can you inform me is it true the railways own the verge and trees as 9 have been informed and choose to do nothing. Surely the WDC could take action with the Railways. No 2 I made a formal request to improve health and safety on glasgow street to the yearly plan and would like this included in the 10 year plan. I would also like to acknowledge the support and concern of Mr David Lane with this ongoing issue of health and safety. Submission made in the name of myself Valerie Welton and Niquole Atkinson if you have no access to this submission I can on request supply a copy.

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 18

Not Speaking

First name: Rade, Aaron & Hannah
Last name: .

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Davis Library for one day on the weekend instead of a weekday (add \$0.90 per property per year to the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close New Zealand Glassworks (save \$10.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Option 3 is the one we picked

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Don't know

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: I think that option 1 is the best for us

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)

Submitter Comments: We pick option 1 is the best so we can make the money.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments: I pick option 3 is the best for us because a changing room is a changing room

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments: We pick option 1 is the best for people

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSL as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: We pick option 1 and to keep people safe

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments: I pick option 1 because of the people that came before us.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments: Option 1 is good for the people live down the roads.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: I think that you tell us what you are going to sell and sell some stuff

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

