

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1179

Not Speaking

First name:

Elizabeth

Last name:

Collins-Lowe

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: We are extremely limited for place that children and youth can go, especially disability friendly

Repertory Theatre

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Demolition but only if another suitable location and facility is available

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: Again this is a important connection for community, improve the service and expand what it offers

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: Please don't cut anything that can be accessed by our children

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: Look at what we do have, and improve dont build something new that is only needed 2% of the year.

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:

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: Reduce speed.

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: Some consolidation of venues must be possible? How many places are empty for the majority of the week. Couldn't some places become dual purpose.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 205

Not Speaking

First name: Daniel
Last name: Comp

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: Lets give them a three day 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 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: Explore option of reinvesting into bigger pool 50m next 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: Reinvest into Oprah House but make affordable for the arts to use .

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: Birds shouldn't be caged,I do wonder what the birds who are caged think of the birds that are flying around outside .

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: They have served there purpose ,maybe concentrate on permanent low maintenance plants .

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 the gem 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 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 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: Invest

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?
(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 # 150

Not Speaking

First name: Paula
Last name: Conder

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: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (some of the money allocated to the Splash Centre upgrade to be reallocated to the Whanganui East Pool). The Whanganui East Pool is a vital facility for the Whanganui East community, ensuring there is something for tamariki in Whanganui East to do + helping to keep them safe. It is also important to have an outdoor pool in Whanganui.

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: Don't close the same day as the Davis 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

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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

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?

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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Install a raised pedestrian crossing but nothing else at this stage.

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: Give the project the go ahead but encourage fundraising + external funding to be sought so there is little impact on rates. Also, allow project to begin sooner if funding is available.

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? **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: The click and drag above wouldn't work on my laptop. I would leave the top one where it is, but the second one I would move about a quarter of the way to the right.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 580

Speaking

First name: Paula
Last name: Conder
Organisation: Wanganui Harrier Club - President

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?

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: Wanganui Harrier Club provides affordable events for the Whanganui Community that are focused on health and well-being. As we are a not-for-profit, volunteer organisation, we are in full support of any increase in Community Grant Funding.

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: Wanganui Harrier Club requires safe places to be able to run and walk in order to operate. We are very fortunate to have the new shared pathways available for running and walking around Whanganui. We use footpaths and shared pathways for training runs and walks, small club trophy races, medium sized races (open to the public and other harrier clubs) and large events (such as Masters Games and the PAK'nSAVE Whanganui 3 Bridges Marathon). We have attached a file highlighting some areas of urgent safety needs in our existing footpaths and shared pathways. We would like the Whanganui District Council to consider prioritising these within their LTP.

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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Other - Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, however, if the Kai Iwi Community Group is able to source external funding earlier than the proposed WDC timeline for this project, allow work to start sooner and allow the trail to be completed in stages as funding allows. The Wanganui Harrier Club is always looking for safe places to run or walk for training and small club races. The proposed Rapanui Road Trail would be ideal for this and would be well utilised by Wanganui Harrier Club members.

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 # 569

Not Speaking

First name: Robert
Last name: Conder

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: Close on Sundays

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 a great outdoor facility. Offset costs by reducing the Splash Centre upgrades.

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 feature of Virginia 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 3: Close New Zealand Glassworks (save \$10.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Costing the community too much money.

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 rate payers should pay for their own rubbish collection. Every one of these rubbish drop off points that I have seen in my travels is disgusting and an eyesore.

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 for 2 days per 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: This is another feature of Virginia 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 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Can't afford to increase this amount.

Further comments on service cuts: Do not go ahead with kerbside recycling. This results in very messy looking streets. Support the recycling centres.

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: In speaking to out moteliors, they are often not fully booked, but enjoy the events, such as Vintage Weekend, Masters Games, 3 Bridges Marathon and significant sporting events. If a hotel is viable, let private investors invest in it. As for carparking, utilise what we have got with increase charges in key parking areas.

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 increase in funding is not okay. The Opera House needs to increase events and shows to offset its costs. Or Whanganui Rate Payers get free tickets to shows as we are already putting funds into 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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Provide grant funding of \$1 Million as the Council cannot afford \$3.5 Million.

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: WSLS provides a very good service for safety at our 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: Do only a raised crossing or pedestrian crossing and leave the park as 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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Provide some funding.

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: Council needs to finish existing pathways so it is not bitsy. They need to maintain all existing walkways and pathways as we are lacking in this area in comparison to many other communities.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 772

First name: Tracy
Last name: Coneybeer

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?

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 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?

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:

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?

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 # 1576

Not Speaking

First name: **Wade**
Last name: **Coneybeer**

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: Another option could be to provide 24/7 access cards for paid members and have alarm watch supervise non-staff hour visits via remote camera viewing

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: Let's not lose our older buildings. They help make Whanganui special

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: Don't take things away. Find other ways

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 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 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: If assets generate income, when will that lose of income have a flow on effect to rates increases 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? **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: The more you take away from Whanganui to stop people crying about rates increases will only reduce the coolness of Whanganui. Everywhere is having rates increases. Why do we have to cheaper than everywhere else. Follow suit, and get on with making our city better for future generations. Put re-election second.

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 392

Not Speaking

First name: Jason
Last name: Conlan

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 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:

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

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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 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 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? **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 # 1481

Not Speaking

First name: Susan
Last name: Conroy-Scorrige

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: Lesson the 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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: It would be nice to have a out door swimming area at the Splash

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: The council to support the Avery been turn into a bird sanctuary

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 ground gardens

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: Cut an hour off each day, by half an hour opening and closing.

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: Have a pedestrian crossing instead.

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? **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: Sincerely hoping decisions haven't already been made The general survey does get counted

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1124

Not Speaking

First name: **Freeman**
Last name: **Cook**

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: Public libraries have been one of the greatest benefits in providing knowledge and improving lives worldwide. I would prefer to cut access one day a week to reduction in the provision of library materials by reducing the spending on such materials.

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 do not know as I do not live in Whanganui East and don't know what impact this could have. It may be sensible to look at transport options in summer to the Splash Centre in Springvale to allow access to swimming facilities.

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 cost of retaining old buildings is often prohibitive, so this is a good option.

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 live in Otamatea and walk past this area daily. The number of families that use this and the associated playground is numerous, so I don't think the option to close this is the best option.

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 have been a feature of Whanganui for many years, may be some other options to add colour could be considered. Also with the slow demise of retail shopping thought should be given to repurposing commercial buildings with owners and rezoning them. This may also result in and increase in revenue for the council.

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: Happy with this 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: The last thing we want is more illegal dumping of rubbish.

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: As stated above libraries a one of the great assets of a fair society.

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: I access the winter gardens and think it is great asset for the City.

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 a sensible option.

Further comments on service cuts: Being in the older age group I have been through many changes. Some of the dumbest changes have been due to cutting of services without proper consideration of the downstream effects. I hope the council has sought expert advise on these cuts and how best to monitor and mitigate any downstream effects.

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 roads are in a poor state in many parts of Whanganui, so improving this is sensible as is widening footpaths for cyclists as well as pedestrians. I think that an education programme will be required for motorists with regard to looking out for cyclists when exiting their driveways. The advent of and considerable uptake of electric bikes means some of these can travel at considerable speed

so education of cyclists using roads and footpaths needs to consider this. Safety seminars could be held in libraries or other community facilities and articles could be published in the free newspapers.

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 developing car parking thought should be given to porous car parks, to reduce runoff and storm water flows.

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: Option 1 is a do nothing option and just moves the decision into the future. I support the option the council has chosen.

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 is this not the responsibility of the Marae owners? I would like more information on why the ratepayers should be the ones responsible for the upgrades.

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 really needed as the building is looking very tired.

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 don't see how putting a pedestrian crossing in place can cost \$830,000. What is wrong with a zebra crossing and a few signs to slow down for the crossing. This does not seem sensible as presently suggested.

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 support this 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 assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: I cannot support the sale of assets without knowing what is being sold and what the cost in income stream or the costs are of not having the asset. Asset sales can result in costing more long term than the save and this needs to be carefully assessed before making any decisions. I have seen too many failures from this process to be comfortable with supporting it.

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 think savings can be made by better planning of scheduling of work by the council. I give the example of a new bus stop that was installed at Virginia Lake. The concrete path was poured and within a week this was cut to install either a cable or pipe. My wife gets Whanganui area news and a rate payer complained and was told it was less expensive to do this as otherwise boxing had to be put in place for where the cable or pipe was going. That is a fatuous response as what is really required is for the cable or pipe to be in place before the concrete pour. It just requires proper scheduling! There are so many software tools available for that now that there is no excuse for this level of incompetence.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1008

Not Speaking

First name: Linley
Last name: Cooper

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 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? **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 # 1228

Not Speaking

First name: **Maria**
Last name: **Cording**

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 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 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 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:

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? **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: Don't let the Opera House become like the Velodrome, do the work now instead of paying double in 5yrs time.

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1678

First name: Lisa
Last name: Cornforth

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 used so often. It's a safe haven for some children after school.

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: What was the point of asking for input, and then proposing to close it anyway. There is no way that the amount the council proposed putting into this has been done. We go to the aviary at least twice a week, speak to the workers there, engage with the birds. The amount of people who come in and do this is huge, especially over the weekend.

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: How the heck does removing the baskets cost so much?! They've been looking awful ever since the contract got passed on to Mainstreet.

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?

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: Absolutely ridiculous suggestion that council spend this amount of ratepayers money on it

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:

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?
(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 # 389

Not Speaking

First name: Kate
Last name: Cornwall

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?

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?

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

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

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Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

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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:

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 # 464

Not Speaking

First name:

Mark

Last name:

Cosford

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 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?

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:

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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

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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

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? **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 # 282

Speaking

First name: Youth
Last name: Council
Organisation: Whanganui District Youth Council

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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 # 566

Not Speaking

First name: Lyn
Last name: Coupet

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: No comment

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: Protect this asset

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: No further comment

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: No further comment

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: No additional comment

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: Keep this asset

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Something else (state below)

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

Submitter Comments: Provide a drop off point that rural users pay for town users have to pay for their rubbish to be collected

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: No additional comment

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: No additional comment

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: No additional comment

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 further comment

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 not Council role to development businesses such as hotels or flight schools (which they have done so with little return to ratepayers) these are businesses that if the need is there they will happen

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: This is an icon of Whanganui and should not be permitted to deteriorate

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: No further comment

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: No comment

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: Leave it as 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: No further comment

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: What assets are planned to be 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?
(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: No further comment

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1471

Not Speaking

First name: Karen
Last name: Cowper

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 feel very strongly about the retention of the Whanganui East Pool. It has significant community impact on improved water safety and health and wellbeing. I travel from Turakina most weekends during the summer season with my family to enjoy the benefits of outdoor swimming at the Whanganui East Pools and observe the connectivity the complex provides to the wider community and it's whanau groups. This is something the Splash Centre indoor facility cannot offer and I urge Council to invest in an upgrade to ensure the complex remains open and accessible to the community. I would happily pay more in entrance fees as a regular seasonal user.

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: If both Gonville and Davis Libraries close for one day a week, please consider making them alternate days.

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 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? **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 # 1230

Not Speaking

First name: Whitney
Last name: Cox

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: Appreciate the need for service cuts to limit the rates rise, but I would prefer that the council take a more evidence-based approach to this one. Surely there is data around peak library usage that could be used to find a closing day/time that would be least impactful on 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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Aquatics facilities are costly to build and operate, therefore the return on investment for most pool facilities is not driven by financial returns but by wellbeing returns. Sport NZ estimates that, overall, for every \$1 spent on sport and physical activity \$2.12 of social return is generated and aquatic facilities contribute to this. I understand the need to balance the social returns on the pool with the financial investment, but I think both options are premature. Either closing or investing in the pool BEFORE a district aquatics strategy is developed is risky. Completing a feasibility study during the off-season and revisiting the decision once the need in the district is understood is my preferred action.

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: Closing the theatre for demolition doesn't solve the issue of bank stabilization, which will need investment at some point. We may as well do this now rather than continue the pattern of deferred maintenance.

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?

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: I'm not a rural resident and can't fathom why I should be consulted on this.

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 asset serving an important role in a neighbourhood that needs it - it is not designed to be of relevance to the wider community. People who do not live in Gonville should not be consulted about this. If the council wishes to understand the impact of service changes to the Gonville Library, a more targeted approach to consultation is necessary.

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: There is not nearly enough information available to support Option 1. Surely a business case could have been completed before this was put forward for consultation.

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?

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

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: I'm not sure what value there is to asking ratepayers if we are hypothetically in favour of asset sales. There's no way of answering this aside from 'it depends'. Appreciate that the community will be consulted again once there are details of what assets are being sold, though I would really question the viability of this from a timeframe perspective, since I assume that any sale would have to occur within the financial year for it to have an impact on this year's rates. I would prefer for the council to provide more detail on what the community is being asked, then we can give an informed opinion on the 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? **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 # 678

Not Speaking

First name: Linette
Last name: Cox

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 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?

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?

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 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:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1584

Not Speaking

First name: David
Last name: Cox

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 and 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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Close the aviary and extend the play area

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 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 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 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)

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: Marae owners should be assuming this cost. This is their land, their building and their future. Its not open to the public to enjoy as/when the public wants. Its a private area. Maori have been given a lot in payouts and initiatives its time that they spent that on their people for their people. No other ethnicity gets 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:

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: Sell these assets and they cannot help us in the future. Rates will continue to rise with these assets no longer being able to offset those rates. This is short sighted and should never be done!

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**
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Submitter Comments: Better management and expectations with regards to budget blow outs. This is occurring far too frequently. Listen to the people. To the majority. Otherwise what's the use of electing people to the job if they don't do what the majority ask and expect.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1072

Not Speaking

First name: Leonie
Last name: Cox

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 costs down where possible...90% of the community have access to online reading/and or e-books, for this reason it make sense to reduce open hours and close it Mondays and Wednesdays. This is definitely one area where council could save a LOT of money!!

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: Absolutely close it for demolition

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 KEEP KEEP IT!! THIS IS WHERE THE MONEY SHOULD BE SPENT, A SOURCE OF INTEREST AND ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL AGES!! Such a foolish decision of the council to have put money into an art gallery that only attracts a very small percentage of the population but yet hold back funds to upgrade a bird Avery that is a drawccard to our beautiful city and provides enrichment and education to all ages!

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 to look but not essential...an obvious area to save

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 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Why keep this library operating in this part of Wanganui? Isn't the obvious choice to keep a library in the CBD (Davis) open instead of this?

Winter Gardens

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

Don't know

Submitter Comments: Close this before considering closing the Avery. We need to think of the youth, with so little to keep youth occupied in Wanganui it would be a shame to 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?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts: STOP SPENDING MONEY ON ART GALLERIES AND SUCH THAT DONT GENERATE ROI!!

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:

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:

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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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Don't know

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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**
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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 # 606

Not Speaking

First name: **Warwick**
Last name: **Cox**

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:

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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?

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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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:

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: Bring forward project and begin work on the blind corner, just before the long straight on Rapanui Road, as seen in the Whanganui Chronicle recently and organise crossing over Mowhanau Stream. Both of these parts of the carriageway are narrow and costly to rectify so getting them done sooner will give cost and safety benefits. The crossing over the Mowhanau Stream will benefit the growing number of residents of Galloway Close who choose to walk to the beach or Camp Ground shop. For those who walk the beach to Peat Ave, Rapanui Road, Mowhanau Drive circuit a much more safe and pleasant exercise can be had. The stream crossing lies in a dip of the road with reduced visibility for walkers and drivers. Begin the rest of the trail more quickly once these two areas are completed.

Asset Sales

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

Submitter Comments: Very pleased to see the Coastal Action Plan from the 2021 - 31 Long Term Plan remains a focus however the delivery of the communities chosen option for Kai Iwi Beach needs to be accelerated.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1045

First name: **Heather**

Last name: **Cox**

Organisation: **Whanganui (New Zealand) Masters Games Trust. I**

am the Games Manager for the 2025 NZMG taking place in Whanganui.

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

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Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

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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?

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

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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: The Whanganui (New Zealand) Masters Games Trust supports the Whanganui District Council in leading the development of a hotel and carpark aimed at improving accommodation and parking options to facilitate the growth of events within the district. The New Zealand Masters Games, a biennial event held in Whanganui, commonly attract approximately 4200-4600 participants. The economic impact of the event is significant; for example, the 2023 event injected \$3.9 million into

the local economy. Recognising the potential for further growth, particularly in participant numbers and economic benefits, we advocate for expanded accommodation options to be available in the district. Our advocacy is driven by the observed trend of participants withdrawing registrations or refraining from participating due to accommodation unavailability during the 10-day event period. For instance, in 2023, four 11-Aside football teams withdrew in a single day, and another football team opted to stay in Palmerston North. Furthermore, we regularly receive reports of other participants choosing to stay out of town, settling for shorter stays than desired, or not even registering due to the limited availability of accommodation. This results in a significant loss of revenue for both the Games and the community, through direct and indirect spending, undoubtedly impacting the coordination of sports competitions and the Games Village vibrancy as well. This ongoing issue is exacerbated by the decreasing availability of beds, which are frequently repurposed for other needs. We closely collaborate with the Council on the delivery of the Games and appreciate all forms of support received, including financial assistance. Addressing this challenge is paramount for maintaining the vibrancy and economic health of the Games while ensuring the highest return on investment for all our backers, including the Council and our community.

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:

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 # 1263

Speaking

First name: Terry
Last name: Coxon
Organisation: Virginia Lake Trust Inc

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: We believe that Council is using a sledge hammer to crack a walnut! You previously consulted on this and we supported a submission by one of our Lake Volunteers who also helped at the Aviary, Mike Street. The Council made an interim decision to meet some of the pedantic conclusions of a so called expert, made some refinements, reduction in numbers and other adjustments that enabled it to carry on. Why change that now when the facility could be left alone for some time to come until natural attrition may then seal its fate. A service Club gifted it to you at some cost ...has that be considered? Also has any real investigation been carried out on true usage of the Lake? We think you must consider our belief in a "Total Lake Package" of many components, making up the visitor experience. Taking away one for a modest saving in rates is foolish. Surveys of users may have been done in the past but has anyone really got any accurate idea of total Lake usage. We doubt there is any Council facility that has a higher overall resident & visitor usage than Virginia Lake as evidence by the usually full car parks in daylight hours. Prove us wrong but not with guess work. We obviously support retention of the Winter Gardens which you obviously realise would never be supported by reatepayers or the public, yet it is just one more part of the totality that is Virginia Lake Reserve, al equally adding to its appeal.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

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

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 previous comments re Aviary!

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

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

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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?
(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 # 427

Not Speaking

First name: Jason
Last name: Crafar

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 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 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 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: Council spending wastage is not in the majority of these projects. The art gallery, speed restriction devices and the cycle lanes need to be added. I thought this online poll was a great idea and hope the council continues this and promote to increase awareness.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1380

Not Speaking

First name: emma
Last name: crawford

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 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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: depend s on what the assets are. makes sense to sell some if not all of the proposed assets but hard to answer this without knowing 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? **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 # 833

Not Speaking

First name: Erina
Last name: Cresswell

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 a valued service, this should not even be considered as an option

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: Wanganui East pool should be kept running until an out door pool is built at the Splash Center

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: Keep the aviary open and do the upgrades that were voted upon in 2023. While some may say it is only used by a small number of people, same could be said about the velodrome and the art gallery. What is important to one set of people is equally important to that valued by another. Dismayed that this is even being considered given the public out pouring of support in 2023. You voted to keep the aviary going,,,,, keep your word

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: This is easy to reinstate at a latter date when funding isn't as much of an issue

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 unique draw card to Wanganui

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: Let this off set one of the proposed cuts... this can be increased at a later date

Further comments on service cuts: There should be no cutting of and services.... The Council should not be committing to any future big builds (like a Hotel or new cycle track) until things have settled down economically and some of our debt paid off

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 be committing to a new large scale project given the Gallery has yet to even open and the cost of its development was significantly higher than expected. Give Wanganui a change to recover from the Gallery and Velodrome. If having a hotel is such a great idea then a chain hotel would be more than happy to come to Wanganui. We once had a hotel (now housing pilot training students)... why is this no longer a hotel? Because we are not big enough. Should in the future we need a hotel, why not invest in buying the Grand Hotel and bring it up to scratch a excellent historic restored hotel... more fitting to what we present Wanganui as being.... vintage

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 as is until Wanganui can afford 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 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Given that we don't know what central government policy will be beyond 2027 this is an option that should be discussed in 2027 Long Term Plan not 2024

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: Water safety and lives of our community are important

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 would "like" to have rather than a must "have". I do not believe it is high on the list of thing the Council should be looking at to appeal to a group of Wanganui residents when other likes like closing a aviary and the library by one day is being considered. No group is more important than another If this is a must have by parts of our community could we not look at doing fundraising for 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 should not be an option, it will service only a small group of our community and yet another big project that we are committing to at the same time that there is proposals for shutting services/facilities we already have. Again why should one group of people wanting this be put above another group? IF we are shutting down the aviary and the library for a day then there should be NO extra spending on new projects.... it is hypocritical

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: Once sold we can't get back..... Not prepared to support this without knowing what is up 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? **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: Council says it wants to sell assets to pay off debt, close facilities and shorten services to keeps rates lower. Yet at the same time prosing to enter into long terms project like a hotel, which will increase our debt. Invest in what we have and honour the 2023 vote to keep the aviary * keep the library fully running. Don't enter into any other large scale projects until the economy bounces back and we can afford them. No .to Hotel. No to Cycle Way. No to Crossing

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1111

Not Speaking

First name: **Miriama**
Last name: **Cribb**

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: Spread the reduced hours across the week. So maybe 10am - 5pm during the week and close 3pm on a Saturday (or thereabouts)

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: Option 1 would have been my preference if there was more detail to exploring an outdoor pool and if I was confident in Council's ability to follow through on a feasibility study. How many feasibility studies have the Council done in other spaces, only to not do anything? For example, if you had said close Whanganui East pool down and explore an outdoor water park at either Kowhai Park or another park, that would give me more confidence in the Council's ability to follow through

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

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: How about a donation box or charging for viewing?

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: 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: No confidence in Councils ability to develop and complete large scale projects. Furthermore, there were Councillors who opted not to build a new Velodrome, citing housing as a more serious matter to invest in. This seems counter-intuitive to that position, even though housing is being put on the table for the long-term.

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: A nice to have rather than a must have at this stage.

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: Would rather do this differently and more purposefully, as opposed to a 'blanket' approach of providing the funding across the 20 or so marae. A funding model that partners with other agencies and perhaps staging the funding in order of prioritising the more urgent upgrades. What's the point of marae upgrades if the root cause (e.g., climate change) is not addressed? Without trying to pivot marae against themselves, some are in more need than others. Possibly needed more information than the one-page in the booklet.

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: Nice to have at this stage, not a must have.

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: Defer to a later stage

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: This one is really hard to decide on without knowing 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?
(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 # 315

Not Speaking

First name: Hamish
Last name: Crimp

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 well-utilised community asset. It provides a warm, dry space with access to services such as internet, that may not be available to many members of the Whanganui community in their own homes. It is more than a just a library, it is a safe community space. It is imperative that the Davis Library remains as accessible as possible for members of the Whanganui 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?

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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: The hanging baskets are an important component of Whanganui's central city area and they should be maintained. Options for reducing costs should be considered, such as planting with plants with longer life-spans, removing every second hanging basket, or concentrating hanging baskets where they will have the strongest visual impact such as at street corners and by key features such as significant Historic Heritage 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: The glassworks are an important component of Whanganui's artistic landscape and a tourist drawcard. It is important that council, and the community, continue to have a say in their ongoing operations.

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: As someone from outside the region who has moved to Whanganui recently, the things that attracted me to Whanganui are its rich heritage, its diversity of artistic and cultural groups, its 'small town' atmosphere, and its strong sense of community. These are features that have been lost from many other New Zealand cities as they have grown unsustainably over the last few decades and Whanganui must do everything to ensure that these are not lost. These are elements that are core to Whanganui's competitive advantage in attracting new residents and high value visitors, and are at the core of Whanganui's economic vitality. It is, unfortunately, clear that this plan undermines those elements that makes Whanganui a desirable place to reside and visit. When making a decision on funding and service cuts proposed in the LTP, I strongly urge councillors to consider the overall impact on Whanganui's long-term competitive advantage, and on those elements that make Whanganui both a desirable place to reside and visit.

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:

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?

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?

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: There is considerable risk involved with selling community assets. Often these include 'underutilised' blocks of land or reserves. However, with Whanganui anticipated to grow into the future and for residential and commercial development to intensify, this land will almost certainly become vital for community green spaces into the future as the size of urban sections are reduced. Any asset sales should consider the future growth of Whanganui. Any assets sold are likely to be lost to the community forever.

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 # 249

Not Speaking

First name: Lynne
Last name: Cromarty

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 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 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: The WSLS should be supported but not by Progress Castlecliff org. as a controlling board.

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: This would be interesting to see the layout as to horses and cycles on the same path. Taranaki do wonderful things for horse riders in their area. something the city falls down on.

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 # 881

Not Speaking

First name: krystal
Last name: cullen

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: its not much to keep a well loved service open for everyone

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: this will suit more people overall in the future, the current pool will always need updating, better investing in something that works for more people

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 if this is used much but the use of it could be moved to a similar different facility and this space can be used for something more people use

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Make the area into a more profitable space so council recoups some cost - make it more of a tourist attraction, or educational space

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: maybe replace them with a cheaper option that also adds some colour and life to the city - a bit of paint on old buildings, colour the footpaths or more murals down victoria ave, especially in vacant buildings

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: theres no need to keep it if council cant move it forward and sustain the cost

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 live rural and appreciate this service. rural families have the right to have this just as much as in town.

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 community uses this service and is needed for those who cant always get into 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: these gardens a beautiful and are appreciated by many tourists, it brings more people to the area for sure.

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: worthy causes need support

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

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

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

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?

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 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

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)

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 # 255

First name: **Sophia**
Last name: **Cullen Quigley**

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 need to expand our understanding of library services. To our vulnerable, Rangatahi, homeless, children, victims of violence they are more than just a place to get a book. They are warm, dry, safe havens where they can access internet, toilets, entertainment, gather with friends. With no expectations and no expense. Similar to a rural Marae. You only need to look after school and on holidays how many vulnerable children are present. We are talking about a housing crisis and yet we want to remove a safe haven? Even one day a week is too much. We should be extending hours. Supporting our librarians with the correct social supports to provide to the vulnerable that gather in these valuable community locations. VIP officers (domestic violence support), educational support officers, rainbow youth officers, employment and housing officers.

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: While I appreciate the need to close the pool and research other options. This combined with shelving the Kowhai Park upgrade is another service being taken from families. Especially those in the isolated East. How are we going to encourage families (the present and future workforces) to our town if we continue to remove services focused on their needs? Who will provide the support and services to our ageing population (eg healthcare) if we don't focus on growing our younger populations? What services for families will you put in the East instead? Will you extend the bus service to provide truly accessible & affordable transport to services across the river?

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: While we will mourn the loss of this venue. The cost is too high. There however needs to be work done with all our performing arts groups/dance/hall and stage uses to ensure better connection and integration to ensure that all possible buildings are better used by all groups reducing the need to duplicate resources.

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: Unless we can work in with the likes of the Central Energy Trust Wildlife base to provide a high quality animal sanctuary and education centre this Avery should be resigned to the dark ages it comes from.

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: An interesting wet day activity for families and tourists alike. That is central to the Drew's Ave redevelopment.

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: As my comments above observe how or children and vulnerable utilise this service. Ask them and the librarians what services they would like to see placed here to support them and grow this essential community hub.

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: Some activities to include children and families and get them involved in gardening and taking ownership of this resource would be awesome. Some parts are in desperate need of a fresh up and having a more family focused feel.

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: Please try and target funding at children, and families. Access to community childcare, safer streets for walking to and from schools, school community hubs etc

Further comments on service cuts: The focus on cutting services to the young and vulnerable does nothing to grow our community or support or aging population. Scrap the hotel and port projects that

are I'll conceived and focus on growing our future workforces by providing for their present and future needs.

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: To ignore upgrading these services now means bigger costs in the future. When economic and environmental outlook will be worse.

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: Make sure (in a cost neutral way) that council isn't impeding private operators from developing this option but stay out of the hotel building business. That is not the job of council. We shouldn't be reducing service to the vulnerable, children and families to provide for 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?

Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: It is a true heritage building. Either do it all or demolished and build new. There's no point in a halfway job

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: What do Iwi and Hapu need and want? This should guide what council does.

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: If you are set on closing WEast pool. The revenue saved should be invested in WSLS to provide an alternative safe service. Along with integrated affordable transport from WEast and Aramoho.

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

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 long as shell rock accessible for all community groups? Ie strollers, wheelchairs?

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: This is an impossible call without knowing what "assets" the council owns and what ones they intend selling. Sell your white elephant port investment. You don't have the road and rail service to support the traffic volume to the port. It's already over congested and unsafe around schools on our highways. (Ie Carlton, kai iwi, Kaitoke, Mosston, Upukungaro)

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: Long term projects like the port and hotel are of little benefit to supporting and growing our future workforces. I wanted to comment on the youth hub and roads around schools and preschools, along with supporting our of school childcare services for working families but there hasn't been an option.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 571

Speaking

First name: Ingrid
Last name: Culliford
Organisation: Chamber Music 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 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 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 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 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 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

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: As Chairperson of Chamber Music Whanganui (a local organisation dedicated to bringing top quality classical musicians to Whanganui) I am writing to voice our concerns over future price increases for the use of council venues – in particular the Concert Chamber. Chamber Music Whanganui is a non-profit organisation run by a small group of volunteers, in association with Chamber Music NZ and has been in existence for 64 years. We have a very limited financial base. Our concerts attract audience members not only from Whanganui, but also Palmerston North, Feilding, Marton and Hawera, and visitors from other parts of the country. The international quality of our artists brings a high level of enrichment to a city which prides itself on its cultural heritage and artistic environment. In addition, there is frequent educational outreach offered by the artists for coaching/teaching local music students. We usually have an audience of around 80-100 with a peak of around 175 people attending. With a programme of 8 concerts per year we reach a total audience of approximately 1000 per year. I should also add that the musicians who perform rely on concerts throughout New Zealand to enable them to earn enough income to survive. I am sure you will appreciate how hard it is to sustain being a classical musician in New Zealand and they need organisations like us to continue so that they can continue to survive. Increased venue costs will endanger the current system which allows musicians audiences and the WDC to all benefit. Chamber Music by nature requires an intimate setting, and generally involves the use of a piano. The quality of our performers requires a quality piano, and there are very limited venues that have the setting, the quality piano and good parking. The 2 best venues are the Opera House and the Concert Chamber. Sadly the Opera House is far too expensive for the audiences we attract, so that only leaves the Concert Chamber as a viable option for Chamber Music Whanganui. We have managed to keep covering the venue costs through the support of sponsors, but in this current economic climate we are unlikely to be able to increase our sponsorship income to cover extra venue costs. We have just been informed of the increased cost for piano tuning from 150.00 to between 250 - 400.00 and have been told to expect an increase in the hire of the venue. This will make running the series untenable in the future, which will be a loss to everyone, the audiences who won't be able to attend quality musical performances, the Council as there will be reduced income from the use of the Concert Chamber, and the piano will suffer from lack of regular use and maintenance, (you may not realise but any good quality piano must be played regularly to maintain its sound quality.), the people of Whanganui who will lose the benefit of the cultural enrichment of the concerts, and the students who benefit from the educational outreach. Clearly a decision to increase the fees for the use of the Concert Chamber will negatively impact on the cultural wellbeing of the community. It was only this week at an Arts Foundation presentation that the Mayor outlined how Arts Culture and Heritage was an area that differentiated us from many centres in New Zealand and Chamber Music Whanganui is part of that pillar that supports us being such a great place to live. Please don't endanger that by making our organisation

financially unviable by increasing the charges for the Concert Chamber. It would be very sad to see the Concert Chamber empty because it was too expensive. The future of Chamber Music Whanganui is in your hands.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 612

Speaking

First name:

Kathy

Last name:

Cunningham

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: Does the pool need an upgrade? Can you run the pool without it and have no or minimal impact on rates?

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: Sell the aviary and / or have retired veterinarians as volunteers along with others to maintain this local and visitor attraction

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 will buy a basket now for \$5 and ask everyone I know to do the same. Keep the baskets since it adds colour and life to the main street. Limit to Victoria Avenue from Taupo Quay to Guyton. This is another USP that visitors and locals love.

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: If an organisation seeks to find alternate funding from philanthropists, companies, Foundations and Trusts to offset costs, that will be great. Easier said than done - WDC to provide guidance to community groups perhaps.

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: As long as this is done strategically, economically and smart. For example, the kilometre markers along the cycle path on Papaiti Road are not correct - remove them. Also, remove the raised judder bars on Guyton and Wicksteed Streets.

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: Whanganui & Partners identified the need for a hotel in 2015. Why is this taking so long? Council is not equipped to develop a hotel and should not be even considering this option. Enable a developer to build by making the process seamless with land to purchase at a reasonable rate, consents and licensing is fast -tracked. This reduces the risk to WDC and provides additional revenue with F+B outlets, the hotel and an event space for 150PAX. I know the perfect person to engage with and will introduce the CEO and others to Riki Kinnaird who owns the Duke of Marlborough Hotel in Russell and is looking at developing a hotel similar to Whanganui's needs in Whangarei.

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: Is the assumption of 50% funding from external sources built in to Council's preferred option? And, why only 50%, why not more? Agree it needs to be fixed, not certain it needs to be \$38 per property for 20 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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: \$3.5 million does not sound like it will be enough. What about Iwi investment and Treaty claim funding that is matched by Central government and WDC?

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: Co-create an appropriate crossing with no raised platform that Waka Kotahi / NZTA will fund or at least co-fund with Maori street art similar to Drews Ave

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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Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Where did the figure of \$16 million come from? Why not \$20 million? Yes, I agree to selling some assets once the community is consulted. However, why this figure?

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 click and drag did not go to where I wanted it to go. Our elected Councillors have done a sterling job communicating and encouraging people to make a submission. I only hope they will continue to engage during the adoption process.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1616

Not Speaking

First name: Jeremy
Last name: Currie

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: Open the library 2 days a week. OR else merge it with the other library and sell the building.

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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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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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?

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?

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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Submitter Comments:

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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

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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 # 1442

Not Speaking

First name: Damian
Last name: Curtis

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 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:

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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:

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:

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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? **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 # 672

Not Speaking

First name: Alex
Last name: Czerwonka

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: Keeping weekend hours enables Library access for those not able to get there during the 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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Enable a private developer to develop the WE Pool as a spa resort destination including accommodation, shopping, restaurant and café, conditional on public access to the pool being retained.

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: Repertory would benefit from a better venue. The building is at ongoing risk from the bank behind and it would take fabulous engineering to change this. If the community values Repertory they will find a way to retain it and create a new venue.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Close the aviary but invest in creating a predator proof 'island' at Rotokawa/Virginia Lake and other small parks to encourage the establishment of more native birds within the urban environment

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: I'm ok about this. More flower beds in the streets around the CBD would be a trade-off.

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: Fly-tipping is a blight on the countryside and everything possible should be done to discourage it.

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 visit this Library fairly often and really appreciate it.

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 always somewhere we visit with friends and family who come to Whanganui.

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: Expanding the cycling &, footpath network needs to happen if we want to encourage people to make short trips without using cars. Making Whanganui even more of a cycling destination will mean generating benefits from growing tourism, increased revenue from accommodation, restaurants, cafes, cycle-hire businesses, as well as health benefits from fresh air and exercise for residents.

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 support this proposal. Having lived in Rotorua for 12 years, and having been an organizer of large events I recognize how important having not only accommodation such as a hotel, but also conference facilities is to a city. However, I don't think the Council should run a hotel, it should be leased to a quality hotel chain such as Accor, Hilton, Hyatt, or Rydges. Their interest should be secured before a commitment is made to construction.

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 important to Whanganui, but is not in an ideal location, so maintaining it is 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 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: Sustaining the network of marae is important for us all, not just Maori.

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: This project should be a high priority. As a cyclist I would love to use a cycle trail to Bason Gardens and Kai Iwi beach but would not dare to with the present road conditions. The road is

narrow, with no berm and drainage ditches close to the road. I would like to see this work done sooner rather than later please!

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: Some juggling of assets would help with securing a decent block of land for a new hotel. PS who owns the land around Purnell house?

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: In general I support moderate increased rates that can be shown to enable increased benefit for the city in increased well-being, improved environmental care, tourism, revenue for local businesses.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 126

Not Speaking

First name: **Petra**
Last name: **Czerwonka**

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: Wanganui needs an outdoor swimming pool

Repertory Theatre

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

Submitter Comments: Such a unique building, can't it be restored, it's small, cosy + very special you get transfered into a time long gone

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 grandchildren love visiting the birds The birds look happy The aviary is clean, a lot of people stop there and visit the bird 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: My friends from Germany came, we walked down the Avenue, they commented on how beautiful the baskets look and I felt so proud, as it is my hometown now, living here 24 years. Please don't save on the flowerbaskets!

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: Rubbish disposal is too expensive, that's why people dump rubbish

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: It's a beautiful place, and so well kept Well done to the people who look after 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 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

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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

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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? **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 # 554

Not Speaking

First name: K
Last name: D

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 I don't use the East side pool I think it's an important part of a local community, especially if families don't have the means to go across the river to the splash centre. There could be yearly fund raising events for the pool to help with running costs. I'm sure the local community would get behind this.

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: I'm against birds in cages. It should be closed.

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 chosen to keep the hanging baskets. They look fabulous.

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: Although this is an asset to the community it's most likely not used by the average resident. Tourism is all well and good but private ownership of the works would be a better 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:

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 don't often use this Library, but as a Gonville resident I can see how often it is used by other 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:

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?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: As an ex life guard I can see the need for the upgrade. However community fund raising could be an option 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?

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?

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 # 251

First name: **Graham**
Last name: **Dack**
Organisation: **Amdram Theatre - President**

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: Rep Theatre should be offered the option of buying the building once the stabilization of the bank has been completed. They would then have the sole responsibility for upkeep and bringing the building up to code. Whilst it would be an option to demolish and rebuild the building a modernised theatre would likely take up a bigger footprint than is currently available. The building also has some heritage value and adds value to the current stock.

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?

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?

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:

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 am writing to strongly advocate for the allocation of funds towards the restoration of the Royal Whanganui Opera House. As a cornerstone of our cultural heritage, the Opera House holds significant historical, architectural, and social value that warrants preservation and revitalisation. As custodians of Whanganui's rich cultural heritage, it is imperative that we preserve and modernise this iconic venue, which holds a significant place in our city's history. Firstly, restoring the Opera House will preserve a vital piece of our city's history. With its recognisable façade, architecture and rich history, the Opera House serves as a tangible link to our cultural identity and heritage. By investing in its restoration, we demonstrate a commitment to honouring our city's legacy for future generations. Secondly, the Opera House is more than just a building; it is a venue for artistic expression and community engagement. The Opera House has hosted countless performances, from opera and ballet to theatre and concerts, providing live entertainment opportunities for the residents of Whanganui and attracting visitors from far and wide. By ensuring this cultural landmark is fit for purpose and broadening its scope and ability to host touring acts, we reaffirm our dedication to fostering creativity and our city's reputation as an artistic centre of excellence. A modernised fly floor equipped with state-of-the-art rigging systems will provide greater flexibility and efficiency in staging performances, thereby attracting top-tier talent and diverse productions to our city. This, in turn, will bolster our reputation as a premier destination for the performing arts and stimulate economic activity within the local entertainment industry. An improved and upgraded Opera House will attract patrons and visitors from outside of the city. Additionally, the increased cultural activity generated by the Opera House will contribute to the vibrancy and liveability of our city, enhancing its appeal as a destination for residents and visitors alike. In conclusion, the restoration of the Opera House is a worthwhile investment that will yield significant returns for our city's heritage, culture, and economy. I urge the council to allocate the necessary funds in support of Option 3 at the very minimum to ensure the preservation of this iconic landmark. Thank you for your consideration.

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

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1323

Not Speaking

First name: **Graham**
Last name: **Dack**
Organisation: **AMDRAM Theatre**

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: None, keeping weekends is better for families and others who work.

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 newer up to date facility should be looked at that maybe becomes an attraction for visitors as well.

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 building could then be sold back to the theatre at a nominal price, shame to get rid of a historic building and a theatre group that has been operating for many years

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: There are better options to house an aviary, it is quite barbaric seeing larger birds housed this way

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: Surely this can be kept going through other means. It should not be classed as a nice to have more of a need to have as it adds to the city's appeal and attraction. Otherwise it is just another row of shops.

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: For the small costs of \$150k per annum, it brings in around 5 million in visitor revenue, no brainer council keep supporting this venture it is part of the identity. Sell the building and it could easily become something else. Don't leave a legacy of the council who destroyed an icon.

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

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Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

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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)

Submitter Comments: Should include better sound and light 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 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?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: Don't understand why something like this costs so much

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:

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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 # 1223

Not Speaking

First name: Cameron
Last name: Dale

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?

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 # 1288

Speaking

First name: Sumita
Last name: Dale
Organisation: Kai Iwi Beach Community Group

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?

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: Kai Iwi Beach Community Group propose that a shared trail be created to travel along Rapanui Road from Mowhanau Beach to State Highway 3. This trail would form a recreational and ecological link between three beautiful sites of cultural significance in our area - Mowhanau Beach, Bason Botanic Gardens and Westmere Lake. Consultation has been commenced with local iwi, who have shown interest, and this trail would be a great partnership project. The trail would enhance the health and wellbeing of the local community by encouraging them to walk and bike more in their area, and to be able to do so safely. For the wider Whanganui District community it would further increase the popularity of these reserves. Families could make a "day of it", bringing out their bikes and a packed lunch, and enjoying being active in the fresh air as they biked between the reserves. The trail would bring financial gains to the district through increased tourism, supporting local businesses. It could support te taiao through the planting of natives along its boundary. It has already brought our community together as there is much support for this trail, and it would continue to bring us together in our use of it. It will be inclusive as it will be able to be used by people with varied recreational interests, and as it is only just on the outskirts of town it is an affordable activity for a family outing. It links easily to the city via a wide shoulder on State Highway 3 and in the future could extend along Francis and Tayforth Roads. It would benefit Westmere Primary School by providing safe links to the lake and the gardens for its students to enjoy. There are wide grass verges all the way along Rapanui Road and this trail would make good use of them. It could be made from shell rock, keeping it affordable and making it low-maintenance. Kai Iwi Beach Community Group will look for external funding opportunities to put towards this project to reduce the Council's share of the cost, however written permission to proceed with the project and seed funding is required. The project can also be built in stages to spread the cost. Please find attached a report dated August 2023 and supporting documents providing further details of this project. Many thanks for your consideration!

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 # 275

First name: **tamatoa**
Last name: **daniels**

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: please don't close the pool because me and my family swim there everyday

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:

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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?

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 # 143

Not Speaking

First name: Rochelle
Last name: Darbyshire

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: Why should the Rates go up when we have paid rates on this pool already. How can you spend money on a New Motel and not look after your existing infrastructure.

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?

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?

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?

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: You Fucked up why should we pay extra.

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 # 140

Speaking

First name: Nathaniel
Last name: Darbyshire

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: Invest in the Whanganui East pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool.

Repertory Theatre

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

Submitter Comments: Invest in the stabilisation of the retaining bank and rather keep the existing building and have a thought of building a new theatre.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

Submitter Comments: It will be a good idea to keep the aviary and have some work done on it or suggest to keep it close

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

Submitter Comments: I suggest to keep the hanging flowers for improved or remove the hanging flowers

New Zealand Glassworks

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

Submitter Comments: I may suggest to keep New Zealand glassworks but seek a buyer or keep it as a 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: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish

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: Keep Gonville library days and hours as they are so parents and children can come and relax and have a good time sharing a talk

Winter Gardens

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

Submitter Comments: Do not close the winter gardens for council purposes or progress contract

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: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level to a day to day rates rise

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 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 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 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 # 892

Not Speaking

First name: Rowena
Last name: Darlington

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 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: We have enough motels already!

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

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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? **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 # 599

Not Speaking

First name: **Mish**
Last name: **Davenport**

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: It would have been good to know if closing Davis Library one day a week will adversely affect income for library staff. This is unclear, although I guess it is inevitable if Options 1 or 2 are selected.

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: I'm torn between Option 1 and Option 2, but have chosen Option 2 simply because it is unclear what the cost of the detailed business case might be, when that would be completed and, if successful, when building might conceivably start. An Option 1A (Business Case) then Option 1B (If successful, the the business case leads to hotel development)

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?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: I'm afraid I'm not in the area that often other than Saturday mornings, so I'm not best placed to have an informed opinion. What I would like to see is a pedestrian (zebra) crossing at the junction of Drews Avenue across to the market. This can be awful on market days.

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: Overall this seems a reasonable plan in the circumstances. I look forward to learning more through consultation, as it is always a worry that reductions in services, selling assets, etc. will mean job cuts and lead to a longer term downward spiral to cost increases, etc.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 6

Not Speaking

First name: Tania
Last name: Davenport

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?

Submitter Comments: Either option 1 or 2

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

Submitter Comments: Either option 1 or 2

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 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: Gonville library is used by many groups as far as I know. Also Gonville is not that high socio-economic families place in area, so to keep this library is vital

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: Just prioritise, 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: NO. Inflation, recession are not the 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 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?

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: Not very specific. WHATS FOR SALE? Bare land? Nice park? New Zealand International Pilot Academy?

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: Transparency, continue and more (like profits from assets etc)

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1460

Not Speaking

First name:

Sonja

Last name:

Davenport Petersen

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: Closing the library one day a week will have such a significant impact on many parts of the community. It would be a real shame to cut funding on something so crucial for so many people. I would 100% pay an extra \$2.30 a year to keep it 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 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?

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

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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

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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 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 # 542

Not Speaking

First name: Doug
Last name: Davidson

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 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

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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

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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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? **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 # 1171

Not Speaking

First name: Jo
Last name: Davies

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: Closing the main library on any day disadvantages local people and is unhelpful.

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 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?

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 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? **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 # 504

First name: **Robyn**
Last name: **Davies**

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 Davis on Monday is only my preference if suburban libraries are open on Mondays. Option 3 is good alternative.

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 WEP open as is and seek private funding. A name rule could be provided for donors to be mentioned and acknowledged now and for future. This is for upgrade only, Council to cover ongoing costs &/or raise entrance fee.

Repertory Theatre

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Similar approach as noted above. If building is sold, a caveat is needed to protect its use e.g. not a fast food outlet. Must add to historical you and UNESCO status of Whanganui. Option 2 was marked as 2nd preferred option

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 part of whanganui as tourist with children in trust. Remove cockatoo's, add NZ birds!

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 really enhance our CBD. The already approved "branded 'garish' shop fronts" and "signage" is disappointing. Retain as much historical nature of CBD. This is what visitors to whanganui appreciate.

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: Option 1 was marked as 2nd preferred 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: I don't live rurally but support retaining current situation.

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 gorgeous asset to our town, for residents 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 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Would be \$56/year be isolated and only spent on infrastructure. Would this money amount grow each year based on inflation &/or material increases. Would current allocation for core infrastructure (%wise) remain, and \$56? Be added to existing?

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: Seek a private operator to go 50/50 (or ?) with council. Please use existing heritage building facades and create new behind this! Car park should only be for “hotel guests” we should be discouraging locals to drive into CBD.

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: Keep as is, but strengthen where required. Q - Would new “flying system/stage house” bring more shows to wanganui? The technical setup only needs to cater to current seating capacity, otherwise an “overkill”. This should be included in 10.6% increase

Marae Development

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

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: The current government grants should be used in creating future income streams for local iwi. I am not familiar with whanganui iwi’s financial situation but do know that Ngati Awa used “grants” to create multiple income earning entities, and successfully.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Something else (state below)

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: This is an essential service! But I do question \$5-7 million this should be funded through private donors and minimal contribution from council. Whanganui residents could “buy” a brick (or whatever) have their names engraved companies, philanthropists would/could pay more, ratepayers \$50 each up front, not over 10 years

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: When District Court vacates, address this issue with whoever uses this site . It could be ‘part of the whole’. BTW:Good site for hotel.

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: I regularly bike these roads. Most drivers are considerate, but if you are doing well over limit and pass at same time as oncoming cars! This happens everytime! Must reduce limits to at

least 80 km/hr to Mowhanau and add signage to be safe around bikes , walkers etc Tayforth to Kai Iwi.
100kms is a CRAZY speed!

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: Yes sell "unproductive to council" assets, but only after full disclosure & consultation with residents, not just rate payers. Past debt should not be paid for by future rate payers. If selling, why a % increase?

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)

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Submitter Comments: For the above - Keep current services open but see a current 10.6% rates rise Services to the community should not be cut. They should be run more effectively and efficiently. This premise also applies to the running of the council. Incoming council members should use vehicles of out going (at least for 10 years). Cycling to work in CBD should be encouraged by all, because very secure bike storage...

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 483

Speaking

First name: **Tiffany**
Last name: **Davies**

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: Feasibility study regarding adding an outdoor pool to the splash center with discounted bus rates

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 the aviary open and charge an entry fee of approximately \$2?

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: Charge a minimal entry fee

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 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?
(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 would love for Whanganui to have a fully accessible toilet.
<https://www.changingplaces.org.nz/>

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1432

Not Speaking

First name: **Bryn**
Last name: **Davies**
Organisation: **Submitting for YMCA Central, Wanganui Enterprises,**

Wai Ora

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: None

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 the event that the feasibility study were to find that a pool is needed in Whanganui East it would now be prohibitively expensive to reactivate the 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: Nothing to add at this time

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: None

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: None

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: None

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: None

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: None

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: None

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 will at best keep pace with the inflation over the last few years.

Further comments on service cuts: None

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: None

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: Not the time and the council has a poor record with developing such assets.

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: None

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: None

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: None

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 the time to do 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: None

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: None

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 # 1524

Not Speaking

First name: Zara
Last name: Davies

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 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?

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 # 378

Not Speaking

First name: **Adrienne**
Last name: **Davies**

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: My grandchildren and myself love using the pools over the summer. Willing to pay more on my rates (I own 3 properties) to keep it going. It's an asset for the community and I worry children will use the river if it is closed

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: I'm sure you can find cheaper options in regard to the expenses. eg. Volunteers, fundraising, well publicized 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: Find cheaper options to maintain them.

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?

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: It's a wonderful asset

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

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: A raised crossing is all that's required and won't disrupt traffic. Concerned what roads large trucks would use.

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? **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 # 403

Speaking

First name: **Holly**
Last name: **Davies**

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 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?
(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 # 1178

Not Speaking

First name: Cara
Last name: Davis

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?

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

Submitter Comments: Keep the pool open

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?

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?

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? **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 # 411

Not Speaking

First name: Elizabeth
Last name: Davis

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 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 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:

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 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 # 258

Not Speaking

First name: Amber
Last name: Davis

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:

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 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?

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

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 # 1044

Not Speaking

First name: Aaron
Last name: Davis

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: We need more swimming options than the indoor Splash Centre. If Whanganui East Pools remain open, the opening hours need to be longer. Waste of time opening for 5 hours a day during the summer months, and close at 5pm when everyone finishes work (of course associated staffing costs with the extended hours).

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: Where will the birds go though??

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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Somewhere between increased funding and significant increase. No faith in council to get the work done even with significant increase in funding.

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: No demand in Whanganui. Only real demand is for masters games once every 2 years, and they occasional large event throughout the year. We have plenty of hotel / motel accommodation in the city. Some better than others. The only thing is that only 1 or 2 have dining

options available onsite (which could be useful for business travelers). Much of the time accommodation would remain very empty, and cannot be sustained by the occasional large event.

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: While this is a cultural icon of whanganui, the high level of investment and low impact on the general population seems unrealistic. Money could be better spent on roading and other infrastructure that benefit the whole 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: Difficult to comment as a member of a settled iwi. Going through the treaty settlement process while having alot of cons, does provide capital for marae to do a lot of things themselves (if the PSGE is set up to allow that)

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: Its only busy on Saturdays when the markets are on. Changes would impact heavy traffic. I never see people crossing at the proposed site, usually people cross at corner of Bell St and Taupo Quay especially on Saturday. People just need to be more aware when 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

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? **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: Invest in infrastructure and projects that benefit the largest proportion of the District, not just ratepayers.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 956

Not Speaking

First name: Lisa
Last name: Davy

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 rather pay more rates than have the library close any 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 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?

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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?

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?

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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:

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 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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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:

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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 # 753

Not Speaking

First name: Rachael
Last name: Dawson

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 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?

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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?

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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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

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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?

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Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

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Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

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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?

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:

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?
(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 # 323

Not Speaking

First name: Vaughan
Last name: Dawson

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

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:

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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:

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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:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Something else (state below)

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

Submitter Comments: Rural properties should pay their own way just like we have to

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?

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Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

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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?

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:

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?

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? **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 # 1046

Not Speaking

First name: Mark
Last name: Dawson

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: It's a great library offering great service, but we can survive on 6 days a week opening

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: The repertory theatre is a special building and worth saving. I do not think the Repertory Company could survive and flourish without its own home, so I do not accept the "alternative theatre buildings" argument.

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: The hanging baskets were one of the first things I noticed when I arrived 20+ years ago. I am sure I am not alone. \$5 is a small cost, and savings can be made elsewhere to offset it.

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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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?

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

Submitter Comments: A hotel should be a private investment, not the ratepayers' burden.

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: As the 'Sweeney Todd' show demonstrated, the current facility is adequate. There is a question over which "bigger" shows we would attract with a significant upgrade, and a question over how much benefit such shows bring to 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?

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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: Pedestrian crossings are a road safety issue. I am not aware of any deaths, crashes etc happening here, so do not consider a need for extra road safety. "Restore the link between the land and the awa"? They are already linked - I walk from the riverbank to Pakaitore every Saturday market day - no problem!

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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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: Council should consider moves to restore Upokongaro War Memorial Hall - a potential asset of "historical and cultural value" in an area that is likely to grow. There are moves afoot from the community, school and iwi and the Rural Community Board is supportive.

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 201

First name: max

Last name: day

Organisation: i think the whanganui east pool should stay open

because it is really important to learn water safety skills and practice our swimming with school.it's also a good place to swim in the summer holidays because the splash center and the beach are too far away.

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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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 # 1036

Speaking

First name:

Rene

Last name:

de Jongh

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 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 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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Cut all community grants and other optional spending

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: Good morning I oppose the proposed rates hike and the "big ticket items" in the proposed district plan. In my everyday life, and I have been working and paying tax for well over a half-century, when my costs rise I don't automatically walk around to my employer and demand more money to meet my increased costs. If I did that, I wouldn't have a job... What I do as I look at what is essential to have an budget that first; everything else that is nice to have gets looked at in context; and above all I try very hard not to spend money on things that are not my problem. Firstly, Whanganui District Councils like very many others have for far too long funded nice-to-haves which are either simple virtue signalling and pushed as a personal preference by a number of councillors (you know you are...) and / or the responsibility of central government to whom we already pay taxes and I do not wish to have my rate money increased and expropriated to pay for your personal feelgood ambitions. A couple of councillors have commented on public recently (and again you know you are) that committee has an will do some good, and that you don't want homeless people to be homeless. Good on you, spend your own money on your charities or get elected to national government and sort those priorities out. My belief is that I am entitled to donate to the charities of my choice and not have you take money off me so that you can donate to the charities of your choice. Further, your priorities are skewed. A relatively cheap open-air

pool remaining accessible to the youth of East Whanganui in a similar extension for the Aviary are an order of magnitude cheaper - and in turn benefit two orders of magnitude more individuals and families - then throwing money at for example the art gallery, so the occasional art luvvie can waft through its corridors and a sense of perfume and smug. Further, while the council claims that committee housing and homeless housing initiatives are not a large direct cost to the ratepayer, that is simple nonsense on stilts. Of course they are, even if the money is held in some other financial instrument there's an awful lot of paid for council staff time going into managing and overseeing these projects. Not to mention a lot of relatively invisible money spent on guards for the homeless camps, and a lot of money lost because people don't want to come and can buy the longer the river when they have to share that location with people who sell sex and drugs. In short Stop paying for things we don't need Stick to repairing and maintaining the basic infrastructure for ratepayers of "potholes, pipes and parks" If you want to settle your virtue to all and sundry then do it with your own money If you want to engage in supporting particular national political and ethnic goals, get elected to central government. I research the charities I give money to come to make sure that they help people who need help in, that they spend wisely, and that they meet needs not preferences. You, the council, are a charity to which I do not wish to donate.

Hotel and Car Park

Something else (state below)

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: There is no case for the ratepayer to directly or indirectly fund such gambles. The alleged economic impact analysis is mythical; events and spending in Whanganui will take place whether the hotel etc. exists or not. This proposal wastes more ratepayers' money to the benefit of a very few. If the economic benefit is that good, put your own money into it or find a financier take the risk to make the profit you seem so sure of.

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: Charge user pays fees.

Marae Development

Something else (state below)

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: No money. User pays.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Something else (state below)

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 money. Beach users pay.

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:

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: User pays

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 the Sarjeant Gallery. If it's that great a facility it'll fetch a price that will back all the ratepayers who you forced to fund it. If it does not get a good price that shows you again your rationale for investing tens of millions of ratepayers' dollars was fundamentally flawed.

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

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Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 367

First name: Elizabeth
Last name: de Vegt

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: Should be accessible for all, every day of the 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:

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 can't be demolished. Important part of our history and heritage.

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: The baskets are currently very average and not appealing.

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?

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

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts: Instead of service cuts for the people, can you restructure the staffing within council to save \$.

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: Not council core business, find an external developer to do this and run it. Why isn't the Collegiate Motor Inn used to its full potential?

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: Just paint a pedestrian 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:

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 # 1164

Not Speaking

First name: Mel
Last name: Deacon

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 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?

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?

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? **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 # 584

Not Speaking

First name: **Brian**
Last name: **Deadman**

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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Put in a turnstyle coin operated to help pay costs maybe see if volunteers could help with running 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:

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**

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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 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 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 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 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? **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 # 708

First name: sheryl
Last name: Dean

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?

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

Submitter Comments: The aviary is a valuable asset for our community with many visitors from all over our country and overseas visiting every year, make a bigger more visible donation box and explain funds from this will help feed ,care, and maintain the birds and aviary. Also consider a dispensing machine, could maybe approach Grumpy Old Men or Menshed about building a coin operated feed dispensing machine to also raise funds feed would be suitable for all birds including those on lake which in turn will help maintain the bird and lake health.

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: Our lake and ALL its facilities are an important asset to our community and brings visitors into our town.

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

Submitter Comments: If this is actually a viable financial option there will be no problem finding a operator to build such a facility in our city. Councils do not run hotels or motels.

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:

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?

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 # 406

Not Speaking

First name: **Evette**
Last name: **Deans**

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 my job I have realized that a lot of our elders still use and enjoy the library but I feel that closing on a Monday would be the most beneficial as our seniors get benefits on the other days of the 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?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: I think the youth and residents of Wanganui East need this to be kept open due to various financial/family limitations to get 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: Amdram theatre is perfectly feasible for an amalgamation of the two

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 excellent visitor attraction for residents and travellers alike

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: While these are very beautiful and well kept they do not attract visitors to 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: We have given away far too many classes/industry courses to Palmerston North

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: Keep these, we have enough rubbish dumping in our city as it is

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: Residents of Gonville and surrounding suburbs need this also due to family/financial restrictions in these areas

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 (as a rate-payer) of Whanganui would like to see Horizons council disbanded. The areas that this "council" could be absorbed by our main council saving our rate payers substantial amount of money. I, personally, do not see the sense in having two charges for services when they could be all under one umbrella.

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: Council needs to check out it's contractors ACTUAL plans and workload, so many projects (reading, building, maintenance) are "blowing out" because people give the wrong figures or dates then the job needs to be done again in 4 months because of inferior materials or unrealistic time lines

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: Whanganui needs outside investors that have realistic knowledge of our area. We are well located in the country for a sports hub, which, if the velodrome had been done correctly the first time, could be an excellent draw card. We have sporting areas that could bring people (money) to our city. For example, Jubilee with it's Roller/in-line hockey, Hatrick Greyhound track, Race course, Rugby clubs, Softball park....the list goes on but we need investors to get behind Whanganui and not be half-arsed about investing AND promoting

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: I have no issue with this but making the iwi/hapu accountable. Maintaining buildings and grounds need to be kept up by users of the facilities.

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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: GET RID OF HORIZONS COUNCIL

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: DISBAND HORIZONS COUNCIL. TOO MANY CHIEFS NOT ENOUGH INDIANS.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 220

Not Speaking

First name: Lynette
Last name: Deerness

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: Only outdoor pool in Whanganui. Important summer destination for community and families.

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: Keeping birds en masse in captivity feels unwise. The cost to ratepayers could/should be directed toward services/infrastructure.

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 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?
(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 # 1246

Not Speaking

First name: Peter
Last name: Deighton
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: N/A

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: N/A

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: N/A

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: N/A

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: N/A

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: N/A

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: N/A

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: N/A

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: N/A

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: N/A

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: N/A

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: N/A

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: N/A

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: N/A

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: N/A

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: N/A

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: N/A

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: N/A

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: N/A

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 658

Not Speaking

First name: Carissa
Last name: Demchy
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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: While option 1 is better, why don't you have one day that starts later? Or shorten each day by a little vs closing a whole 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:

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: Create a volunteer program to help upkeep the aviary, or do a gold coin donation (and optional donation box) to enter

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 are nice but an easy thing to get rid 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: I've never heard of Glassworks on relation to what wanganui is known for

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: Same as Davis library, could shorten the days instead of one whole day

Winter Gardens

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Leave open but have gold coin donation to go towards upkeep

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: Making the new recycling system optional. Making the food waste bins optional (meaning can opt out) we won't use them very likely. We have no where to put the bins and plan to make our own compost bin

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 to improve footpaths for parents and also people with mobility issues

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: Yes a new hotel is a great idea but don't think it's something the council should spend money on

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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Don't need a raised crossing. Just do a painted one. Should be much cheaper

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 # 974

Not Speaking

First name: Rachel
Last name: Dempsey

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?

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?

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?

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 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 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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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 # 156

Speaking

First name: **Vaughan**
Last name: **Dennison**

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:

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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

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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: Please see our written submission attached

Supporting documents

Yes

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1673

Not Speaking

First name: Alyssa
Last name: Dent

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: \$2.30 PER YEAR is minimal and it is the biggest and most central library, therefore presumably providing large benefit to the community. Keep it open as is currently please

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: Great time to review the whole outside pool concept, especially for an asset that can only be used by the whole community for three months if the year.

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: 0.60c is minuscule, and if it can then be sold for \$250,000 then we regain all the costs to stabilise the retaining bank. If we can sell it for more, then we have A PROFIT! And if no buyer, then we can just demolish as a back up. Option 1 as a default just seems silly. Option 3 to rebuild it is just spreading money to thin when we also need to upgrade the opera house, which has already had millions spent on it

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 rid of it. Free the birds. Despite what people say, IT DOES NOT bring thousands of tourists to this city! It's not even mentioned when you google what to do here. No one is travelling hours with the main draw card being a broken down aviary. And if people really want to see birds then they can buy a bird feeder, research birds and what they eat, maybe plant some natives in their backyard, and attract birds to their backyard! Kids learn about what birds eat, we get to see them, and the birds aren't kept in aviaries with questionable husbandry

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 for beautiful hanging baskets is a bloody good deal to me! Keep em!

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: Find a buyer if possible, with a clause they can't relocate it for 100 years maybe. Not bad if it isn't sold though

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: Unlike the aviary, the winter gardens are an ACTUAL tourist attraction. Keep it. It adds something extra to the lake as well

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: Option 1 seems most balanced. Spending too much will increase inflation, but if we just stop investing in infrastructure then it will cost much more to bring up to standard later on

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 there is sufficient scope for it, then hotel businesses should be happy to invest here.

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 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

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? **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: Appreciate the effort that council has gone to in reducing the rates rise. So thank you. You're getting hit with comments about commitments the previous council made and I can see you're doing the best you can to be responsible

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 906

Not Speaking

First name: Polly
Last name: Devane

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 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 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?

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

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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?

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?
(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 # 1133

Not Speaking

First name: Kora
Last name: Deverick

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: I don't use the pool, however, would suggest listening to the community who uses it and consider the impact to their social wellbeing - if the pool disappears, is there a viable alternative?

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 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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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 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

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Submitter Comments: important

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 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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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? **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: prefer prioritising spiritual, physical, social health and wellbeing, and future proofing rather than short term and immediate profit-making gains. This includes maintaining the 'look' of places, e.g. the hanging baskets; maintaining community-building activities/locations; (importantly) the impact that any action has on the environment - e.g. streets for people

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1662

Not Speaking

First name: Zoe
Last name: Deverick

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?

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: If the council is planning on attracting more visitors to Wanganui, including building a big new hotel to accommodate them all, then it seems foolish to get rid of one of the venues where events can be held to attract visitors

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: Those birds don't look very happy anyways

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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: I would choose option one or option two but I don't know enough about the preference of people who actually use the glassworks or rely on it for their income to make an informed decision. Definitely not option three as it is an amazing asset to our town

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: Absolutely support this in it as I cannot think of anything more important to the health and well-being of our community then continuing to fund and increasing the opportunities for funding for groups who are already making a positive difference

Further comments on service cuts: I'm concerned about the decision to no longer fund te ngaru /the tide bus service. As a Castlecliff resident in a three adult household with one car, we use the bus on a daily basis to get to and from work. I don't know if the council decision to no longer fund the service would affect its operating schedule, but if this were to happen it would have a massive tangible impact on us. I'd like to know more about what will happen to the bus service from June when the funding ceases

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: Seems like an important thing to invest in

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: It seems like an odd decision for the council to invest their own money in what is essentially a luxury service, during a recession and a cost of living crisis. Events all around the world right now, but particularly in New Zealand, are struggling to remain financially viable because of the economic conditions. My fear would be that The council pays a lot of money into this project and the hotel then stands empty because people can't afford to spend money on recreation and events in the way they have done in the past. If a commercial operator is bought in, presumably they would only invest in such a project if they found it to be 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 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 the council has plans to attract more visitors to Wanganui for events, then it would make sense to invest in the venues that would hold said events, especially if these venues are already special and unique, which it seems like the Opera house is. If it were up to me I would choose option for an invest the maximum amount, but I can understand that other people who might be in more financially precarious situations might be unhappy with a \$74 rate increase per year.

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: If we are looking to improve the resilience of our communities as we face threats such as climate change, the cost of living, and rising inequality, it is crucial that we support and uplift the organisations and venues who are already serving important functions within the community - and that includes 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 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: It makes sense to me that we invest in this important service and infrastructure.

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: If you're wanting to attract more visitors to this region – including walkers and cyclists - then this project makes perfect sense.

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**
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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 # 1195

Not Speaking

First name: Rachel
Last name: Dew

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 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 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

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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 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? **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 # 644

First name: Chris
Last name: Dibben

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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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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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 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:

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Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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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 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: Safety is a huge issue here and this needs to be completed asap to eliminate accidents and loss of lives

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? **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: Kai Iwi Beach Rockwall maintenance Fund ongoing maintenance of all the rockwalls around the main beach area including the seaward side of the playground previously the local Marae where there was a rockwall, Invest in an engineers report to install a basic groyne say 30 - 50metres an be added to over the years as need arises,

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 890

Not Speaking

First name: Rita
Last name: Dibert

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: Keeping libraries open on sunday and saturday supports those who work getting to use the facility and also supports caregivers accompanying their children to the library to establish good reading habits.

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: People continue to drown in new zealand so pools within communities are essential. Raise entry fees by a small amount and request in a pool study by some invested community members to find which neighborhood would most benefit from a pool. Suggest birder between Gonville and Castlecliff as most residences with less transport. Possibly gonville domin as very under-utilised or near south mole with additional aspect as tourist attraction.

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: This is a Whanganui tourist draw card...are you folks living somewhere else? This is also a valuable experience that fosters awareness and love of birdlife. There were a lot of flaws in the original study done. This and the winter gardens are two of my favourite Whanganui sites and when i taught they were also some of my (adult) students favs as well! Start a training program for high school age and up to act as guides within the aviary

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 local garden centres and flower specific clubs the opportunity to hang the baskets on a rotation throughout the year with their names on their baskets. Theme to holidays and plants in bloom

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 nod to the successful program started through Whanganui COMMUNITY regional Polytechnic. There is very little left of the once successful teaching institution which lifted Whanganui from a gray regional backwater to a sparkling jewel of creative endeavour. There needs to be a history plaque on the outside stating the history of the building!

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: The ref to page 25 gies to the whole proposal not to pge 25. Does not state if this is a pay waste station as the two city ones are? If so i suggest propose to raise the rates to those dumpers In those areas. I am not subsidised when i use the tip by Mitr 10.

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: Only those who live in our area of gonville should have a sy on closing our community library. It is always busy and offers much more than just books! Best coffee in the area, locally based workshops and interest groups, daily newspaper, etc. 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: Dont be rmeembered as the council that closed the beloved winter 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: Again this does not go back to the specific page. It would have been helpful to list the grants received over the last two years. I have no idea what i am actually voting on.

Further comments on service cuts: Virginia lake and surrounds is a whanganui treasure. Continue to support all aspects. It is a great stop for tourists in the area. And someplace i take all my visitors.

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: Water utilities need to be put front and center. Some of our pipes are 100 years old!

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 idea that is about that this should be a four star hotel does not really reflect the type of offering that abound in Whanganui throughout the year. Possibility a small percentage of actual art buyers coming to Open Studios (if it were to be upgraded to a juried festival as it is currently on a downhill slope quality wise) might wngge with the cost of a four star accomodation but certainly , not the majority.... Think the cemetery circuit crowd.

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: "Improvements" to a cultural icon can often mean eliminating the look of the place that establishes its place in history. However it does need more womens loos! (I cant speak to the mens needs)

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: To insure Maori are aware of this the council should have taken this survey to all marae. Note should be made of the role iwi took in the most recent hurricane and flood disasters where they did what councils were not geared up to do!

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: Better facilities would hopefully mean better training and more community awareness of safety aspects to being in the water. should be able to accomodate community events such as picnics, classes in swim safety...maybe this is wheere a new pool would logically be as could do training in office hours and off seson when cimmunity swimming is limited.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's

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

preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments: Only in concert with iwi so it is a proper aspect, protocol, 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?

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

Submitter Comments: Why is this not a highway upgrade funded by national roadfunding.

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: We are buying a “pig in a poke” without knowing what the assets are, their current costs and evaluations. And what might, conceivable replace them insitu were they to be sold and then the facilities removed.

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 assume the number of regestered vitors who fill out this form will be revealed? I know of only the Womens Centers form filling workshop which was well advertised. My home does not get either free paper delivered and the chronicle is not worth the paper it is printed on. If less than 50% of the vitors have not responded this is not a mandate.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 386

Not Speaking

First name: Emma
Last name: Dickinson

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: With the current hours, open and/or close 30mins earlier each day. Consult and communicate with staff on the floor who see the value of this public space being available everyday. Consult and communicate with staff to negotiate a other ways to save costs. Eg power saving hour each day? Close earlier or open earlier on a few days of the week. Ask staff on the floor, what they think would work best.

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: Keeping families and children active is a struggle now days. This pool still provides a space for various income families, and a safe space for many youth to keep active. Any way to fundraise and create events here?

Repertory Theatre

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: There is value in this community setting for various groups. Another pocket of community expression and connection. I'm not sure of the answer here.

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. Is there another way to support costs? Fundraising? Volunteers? Family events? Is there a bird community group in Whanganui?

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: Sell baskets to businesses or public?

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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Similar as Davis Library. Ask staff if there was a way to lower costs either open 30min later or close 30min earlier. Power saving or quiet hour each day. Make an event.

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 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: Is there another option to a crossing that is more affordable yet still effective and safe? Does it actually need to be raised??

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

Don't know

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 # 688

Speaking

First name: **Bruce**
Last name: **Dickson**

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: Research Further Options

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: This is an icon in Whanganui . Look for community involvement to fund as was done in the early years of the baskets .

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?

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: Broaden the scope to allow arts organisations to apply particularly in relation to heritage activities

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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: See my attachment - there is little information about this proposal to establish that it is actually needed and if there is a shortage of hotel rooms what other options are there to cover the shortfall

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: Refer my attachment . Would like a further option to be explored -somewhere between Options 1 and 2

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 # 1458

Not Speaking

First name: Keren
Last name: Diprose

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: For people who work the standard 30-40 hour week closing on a Monday makes the most sense. And I would suppose they are still the majority

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: a walk round the lake is incomplete without the aviary. It is almost an 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: if shop owners really wanted to they could take responsibility for their own baskets.

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: There's a lot of people in the area who aren't independent transport-wise and it is a neat 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

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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 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 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 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? **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 # 1461

Not Speaking

First name: Trevor
Last name: Diprose

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: These baskets are a hazard for taller people.

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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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:

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 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: Am strongly against this crossing, it will slow traffic unnecessarily, cause heavy vehicles to find a longer route through town, waste a heap of money. It is not needed now anyway. At the most paint a simple crossing 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

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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:

Supporting documents No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 900

Not Speaking

First name: **Doug**
Last name: **Dixon**

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 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 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 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 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 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:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1082

Not Speaking

First name: Anj
Last name: Dixon

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: Just keep them on Victoria Avenue

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 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 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? **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 # 705

Not Speaking

First name: **Emily-Louise**
Last name: **Dixon**

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:

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: Closing the theatre is a shame but with the fact we have a dram and the Opera house perhaps the best option is to demolish the building

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 glass works is a major attraction for Whanganui. My children have a great interest in glass blowing because they can just rock on up and watch the creations come to life. I strongly believe the glass works holds an importance for the creative children of 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?

Submitter Comments: If you closed the drop off points for rural rubbish what is to be done with the rubbish??

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 mean why close the city library for a saving of 90cents when you can close the Gonville library for \$1.

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

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 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

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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**
(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 # 165

Not Speaking

First name: Lorraine
Last name: Dixon

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: closing the Aviary would be a big loss to Wanganui..we LOVE taking our Grandchildren there ...it is a Wanganui icon

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 a iconic feature of Wanganui

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: ANOTHER ICONIC FEATURE OF WANGANUI & IS BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED

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?

Submitter Comments: IMPORTANT

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? **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: it WOULDNT LET ME CLICK & DRAG the above 2 !!!...wanted to do both slightly to the right

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1201

Not Speaking

First name: **Shelley**
Last name: **Dobbie**

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:

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?

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?

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 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 # 400

Not Speaking

First name: **Cassandra**
Last name: **Dodds**

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: My family have been involved in life saving for many years. Our son was a qualified surf lifeguard (patrol captain) and pool life guard (team supervisor) before losing his jobs because of vaccine mandates. He spent many hours pool side at East pools. They are fantastic for summer as not only do they offer deep water experiences, have more flexibility in terms of water play (bombs and off board) and the colder water provides a more natural experience of water situations. We need more pools not less so that children can learn to swim and to save life's

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 awesome we own an accommodation business and so many of our guests who visit Virginia Lake particularly lose with children just love the aviary. It is close to the playground too. We have lived here for 23 years and have visited several times a year but have never set foot in the art gallery. All over the world aviary's are such an attraction. We will often visit them in Palmerston North. What could be better on a nice sunny day than parks and bird watching.

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: Great tourist attraction and beautify the town. Adds to the heritage look and creates such a point of difference that can be marketed

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?

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

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:

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: But if it comes to a toss up between this and the Wanganui east pool keep the pool

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

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? **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 # 1482

Not Speaking

First name: **Coco**
Last name: **Doehler**

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 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 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 **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 598

Not Speaking

First name: Lesley
Last name: Dolling

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: Keep the Repertory Theatre. With minor repairs and maintenance. Build a retaining wall behind the theater. It is a wonderful place, a community place, where young and old can be part of these shows. It is a busy, fully booked small theatre.

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 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 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Crazy 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 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?

Submitter Comments: Yes, funding for Marae's, which are away from natural hazards. And same funding applies to Community Halls. That's what community halls serve a purpose for.

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: Repair and maintenance on existing building.

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: Have a zebra crossing, a less expensive 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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: What are the assets? List the assets and have a referendum

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 # 916

Not Speaking

First name: **Belinda**
Last name: **Dolman**

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

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 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 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?

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 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: Place normal zebra crossing here, do NOT needs raised road or such, FAR too expensive

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: Remove the ridiculous dangerous unnecessary judder bars in Guyton, why are they there. They're not in Ingestre St - stupidity - please email me dolman@xtra.co.nz to explain why they have appeared there. Thanks Belinda Dolman

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 917

Not Speaking

First name: David
Last name: Dolman

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 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?

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 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

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 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: Give the local whanganui artists or kindergarten to paint the white strips on the road to create an adequate safe road crossing. NO fancy expensive stuff

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? **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 # 1675

Not Speaking

First name: Bronwyn
Last name: Donald

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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Ask for volunteers - there wld be many people happy to help. This would reduce the cost of keeping 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?

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: Don't get into a business which is different from yr core activities. Grow the cities basic like roads water waste and a developer will 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 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: It is not a core thing

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

Submitter Comments: Widen road at sides. Get speed reduced. More bikes cycle Tayforth Rd circuit - this area needs widening by laugesons and speed reduced. We have lots of other cycle ways - which are seldom used. Look at the ones around Taupo and Rotorua you seldom see cyclists on them. Just fix the road and reduce the speed

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: We need to be encouraging developers and businesses to Wanganui - so we will need more houses - let areas close to town move from rural lifestyle to residential. Encourage more retirement villages - currently a long wait list for independent care units. Rates for rural people who do not have water supply, waste water, no footpaths, no rubbish collection, no street lights - but rates keep going up - farmers can't afford it!

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 331

Not Speaking

First name: Robert
Last name: Donald

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 close. And reduce hours on other days. Do a survey and find out when 60% or more use

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: Ask locals to volunteer - even students at WCS doing their Duke of Edinburgh. Heaps of people would help

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 Whanganui, but get sponsorship like mitre 10, Matthews nurseries etc and volunteers

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

Submitter Comments: Get volunteers. Put more contracts out for all work - downer gets all major work in Whanganui -!!!! Not good

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: Really need to cut the number of staff at the council. There is a manager for so many departments within departments. Most too busy to speak to you any way. Stop getting the newest vehicles - council needs to make massive staff cuts like government departments are you are too top heavy

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: Focus on core 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?

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: A separate gp should not be given money. Spend so all people are equal

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: Fund raising

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. Not a necessity

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: Fix roads around Tayforth, Rapanui. By school. Get speed reduced to 60. Cars travel too fast. Not enough people bike

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: Sell as many assets as you can

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: Reduce staffing levels at council. Way too many staff. Spread over so many buildings. Many other government agencies and businesses are doing this - heaps of money could be saved

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 147

First name: **Grant**
Last name: **Doney**

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 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?

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?

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?

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 # 843

First name: **Peter**
Last name: **Doney**

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?

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?

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 # 1273

Speaking

First name: **Fiona**
Last name: **Donne**

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 this is the best option in the present economic climate. Hopefully as things improve we can look at this again.

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: How much does the feasibility study cost? and is the cost of that included when proposing a new outdoor facility? In the present economic climate I would be happy to have \$9.0 on my rates to keep it open in the meantime.

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: Maybe the Amdram Hall could help out with a venue for hosting future productions?

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Is there a possibility of some other organisation being willing to take on and care for the Aviary? Whenever I have visited the lake there are always people going through it especially with children.

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: Keeping the hanging baskets is a must for me as they add so much colour and vibrancy to the city's streetscape. They are appreciated by our community and visitors to the city alike. They are worth \$5.00 on my 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:

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: To me this facility is so important to Virginia Lake as a whole package! The displays of flowers etc. inside are always consistently stunning and a pleasure to view, there are always people walking round the area discussing the beauty and peace of the place. It is always a place we take our visitors to and "wow" is often their reaction.

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 find the proposal to cut the Youth Council out is a very retrograde step. Young people are our future, and their views on what they need and enjoy about our city is very important. The Youth Council helps to inform, and form our citizens of the future on how our city operates, it is a great learning opportunity for those who take part in it. Please think again Councillors. Take a look at yourselves how many of you are still young (at heart hopefully!) enthusiastic and have ideas for the future of this city. The Youth Council does help fill that gap. My wish list for them would include a Bowling Alley (such a family friendly activity) A climbing wall, a community room in the city centre in one of the empty buildings where they could meet to talk face to face, play music, games etc.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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

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: The state of the footpaths in many parts of the city need quicker attention than option 1. There were 382 fall injuries in an average year a percentage outside New World and Woolworths supermarkets due to the tree roots rising through the pavement. I am hoping to get data from the hospital as to how many end up in the ED. Dept!!

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 think the Council has enough future expensive ideas without the addition of an hotel which could be funded by a private developer when the economy improves.

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 an important Heritage Building which needs to be up to today's standards in order to attract shows. Hopefully the assumption of 50% funding from other sources will eventuate!!

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 hope that by 2027 most marae will have taken advantage of the Gov. funding as Te Ao Hou marae has done.

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 cannot believe we have to spend \$830,000 dollars on a crossing, purely something simpler in design would achieve what is desired namely linking the Reserve to the Awa and safety for pedestrians.

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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Submitter Comments: In the present economic climate will these assets actually sell? I would like to know what they are before deciding to support Council's 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? **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 have added \$98.00 to my rates with some of the options I have chosen but feel they are worth that. I would like to draw the Councillors attention to the state of many footpaths in Whanganui. I would also like to comment on the state and cleanliness of many of our bus shelters. Horizons builds them but we are left with the maintenance. The present budget allocated by Councillors is inefficient to do the job. Graffiti and broken glass panels remain for months before repair because of

the expense. The cleaning of the glass panels is supposed to occur every 6 mths I have never seen this happen. Whoever has the contract needs more funding to do the job properly especially now bus transport is being encouraged. The shelters are a necessary part of our infrastructure and need to be well cared for. I would like to speak in my submission on footpaths, bus shelters, and the Youth Committee cut.

Supporting documents

Yes

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 184

Speaking

First name: **Carla**
Last name: **Donson**
Organisation: **Women's Network Whanganui 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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: The team at the Women's Network has a valued partnership with the Whanganui District Library team, notably during our festivals, La Fiesta and the Winter Wonderfest. We also know how vital all of the library hubs are across our community, not only for facility use but for social connection. With the upcoming opening of the redeveloped Sarjeant Gallery and the opportunity that this brings to the potential of strengthened relationships across the Pukenua Queens Park facilities, it is vital to maintain the availability and accessibility of the Davis Library to capitalise upon this. In recognition of our UNESCO City of Design status and the Sarjeant Gallery being named in the National Geographic 'top 20 best cultural spots' for 2024, the close proximity of the Davis Library is perfectly placed to benefit from increased activity and visitation, with further opportunities for other project and event partnerships possible over time. Seeking direct feedback from the operational team and regular service users [if this hasn't been undertaken already] would provide useful insights into other ways to generate savings. This could include purposeful 'quiet hours' such as those implemented across some supermarkets for the benefit of neurodiverse customers, whereby there is reduced lighting and other stimulus during certain advertised periods. There is also the potential to consider a slightly reduced open or close time daily, perhaps by 30-60 minutes, which could reduce overall costs over time and still enable the library to be open and available every day. We believe it is important to ensure that the Davis Library maintains daily opening hours, even if that means a slight reduction in the hours available - either through a reduced time each day or lesser hours over the weekends or on days that have proven to be 'quieter' in the long term. So many people in our community derive a sense of place and belonging through their interaction with facilities such as the Davis Library and its diverse activity programme, and as such we must foster this connection.

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: We would support the opportunity to conduct a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui during the off-season [winter months] before moving to the decision to close the Whanganui East Pool; and potentially investigating in partnership with key stakeholders whether there are other opportunities available for active exploration. We know how important it is to foster neighbourhood identities, facilities and connections as a vital part of developing and maintaining thriving communities. Whanganui East is home to many diverse families who have a strong sense of connection to the local facilities, with not everyone having access to transport that enables them to access the Splash Centre or other facilities across town. It is also important to ensure that we continue to develop a

comprehensive Awa Safety Plan to ensure that any potential pool closures don't result in increased unsafe swimming activity along the awa.

Repertory Theatre

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Outside of my role as the Manager of the Women's Network, I contributed several years of service to Whanganui Repertory Theatre on the committee as well as President from around 2003-2010, and remain a continued supporter of the theatre's activities. During this time the theatre celebrated a 70th birthday and completed a significant refurbishment of the theatre auditorium including the removal of old seats and the installation of new seats, and improved technical equipment. These involved hundreds of hours of voluntary contributions as well as active fundraising activities. Continued improvements have been made to these facilities at the expense of Whanganui Repertory. What was also significant during this timeframe was the divesting of the Council's community building portfolio under then Mayor Michael Laws, of which Repertory Theatre was one, and years of neglected building maintenance. This has significantly impacted the deterioration of the building exterior. The theatre society was offered the opportunity then to purchase the building for \$1 and after many robust discussions agreed to decline this due to the complex geotechnical issues with the bank which were beyond the theatre's remit and the cost estimated to repair the building due to the deferred maintenance on it. Investing in stabilisation of the bank must be a priority for the site regardless of whether the theatre is retained in situ. The geotechnical issues surrounding the theatre building have never been adequately addressed and have been compounded by the resulting deferred and neglected maintenance of the site over decades. A theatre as a society of people can exist anywhere. It is people that bring theatres to life. However, they do need appropriate facilities in which to conduct their activities and to produce performances which are of benefit to the community. The intangible nature of this benefit is priceless. Dramatic theatre performances by their nature are perfectly suited to smaller venues [with capacity seating for 100-150 people] providing audiences with opportunities to experience an intimate connection. This is an important consideration as larger venues lose the connection between the stage and the 'fourth wall', [that being the audience] which provides the true magic in the small-stage theatre experience. Whanganui lacks options in this range of venue capacity and it is a valuable consideration in ensuring that we can meet a wide range of needs that could attract other entertainment forms such as music, dance, comedy, and the potential for community or corporate hire for presentations, digital screenings and other meetings or activities. It may well be that Whanganui Repertory as a society decides that a contemporary purpose-built facility, potentially in partnership with other groups, is desirable. This would certainly add value to Whanganui and enable greater diversity across the creative and cultural potential. Having said that, it is also important to consider options for preserving the theatre building itself, regardless of its role with Whanganui Repertory as the long-term tenant and partner. The significance of the building to our unique history and heritage as the original town library is an important part of our Whanganui story. The recent focus on preserving our history and heritage through the Whanganui Regional Heritage Trust has highlighted the unique identity that historic buildings have as community treasures. Proposals to demolish the theatre building would result in lost heritage as well as a host of other intangible benefits, notwithstanding the decades of voluntary contributions made by Whanganui Repertory Theatre members and millions of dollars of their investment contributions over the last 85 years. In summary, it is important to invest in stabilisation of the retaining bank and to investigate the potential to refurbish the existing building, whether it be in situ or for removal to another site. Supporting other opportunities for the development of a purpose-built theatre in partnership with key stakeholders would be a useful consideration also.

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 idea of an aviary seems attractive, it requires adequate resourcing for its care, notably the welfare of the animals which we have observed many people raising as concerns over the years. Encouraging natural wildlife habitats through considered planting of bird-friendly trees and environs could add greater value to the surrounds of the lake.

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 flower baskets have become something of an attraction in their own right in adding beautification to the town centre. Visitors we speak to regularly comment on them. We would support retention of the hanging baskets and wonder if there are other ways to fund them through Mainstreet levies or other such revenue options through business sponsorship or donations.

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: As per previous comments about the Davis Library and our active partnership with the Whanganui District Library team, we know how integral the Gonville Library is to our community, and especially to the people of Gonville. It is a special place for fostering identity and social connection and fulfils this in partnership with many diverse groups across 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:

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: As regular submitters to the WDC's Annual and Long Term Plan processes over the years, the Women's Network has consistently advocated for improved community funding. Whilst we value the ongoing support that we have received via the Community Contracts process, there are many agencies like ours which operate completely independent of government funding and which deliver

significant benefit to our community across the four wellbeings of local government. The Department of Internal Affairs completed its 'Strengthening Our Approach to Volunteering Report' in June 2022 and it contains some key themes that are important to reflect upon in consideration of the contributions of many community and voluntary organisations:

- New Zealand has a high volunteering participation rate, with 49.8% of the population aged over 15 years volunteering with an organisation or directly in their communities.
- New Zealand also ranks consistently high in the Charities Aid Foundation's World Giving Index, being the second highest country in 2019. 56% of New Zealanders volunteer with an organisation, make donations, or help strangers.
- Volunteering provides cost benefits to approximately 115,000 not-for-profits, and government agencies in New Zealand whose work involves volunteering. Registered charities rely heavily on volunteers, especially those that are smaller and less well-resourced.
- Significantly, more women volunteer than men, in terms of percentage of population and hours spent.
- More older people volunteer than other age groups, but middle-aged people volunteer the most hours.
- The economic value of volunteering is estimated at \$4 billion a year.
- If the output of not-for-profits was counted towards gross domestic product, they would have contributed \$8.1 billion, which is around the size of the construction sector.
- The statistically discernible positive impact of volunteering on wellbeing and social cohesion is equally important. Further to this, the recent impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and the ensuing financial and political context has resulted in:
 - Increased community demand for services has exacerbated pressures on voluntary sector budgets and wellbeing, and volunteer numbers are reportedly falling with many older volunteers being more cautious about their health and wellbeing.
 - Attracting volunteers is one of the biggest challenges the sector faces, so it needs to find meaningful ways to attract and reward volunteers.
 - The nature of volunteering is changing away from long-term commitments to episodic involvement that is often project-based. Younger people tend to connect to volunteering via new channels, including online volunteering platforms.
 - The pandemic also impacted fundraising initiatives and revenue streams, and organisations continue to experience challenges to these under the current cost of living pressures.
 - The pandemic also showed that Māori work effectively in crises to assist their community when they are sufficiently supported. However, current voluntary infrastructure and resources are not sufficient to support them.

Volunteering remains important for New Zealand's 115,770 not-for-profits, as 89% of them have no paid employees. The majority of not-for-profits are small, informally structured (except for registered charities) and have modest budgets. In a 2021 survey, 70% of respondents reported an annual operating budget of under \$75,000, while half operated on less than \$125,000. This would be likely be relevant to many of the organisations across Whanganui, including the Women's Network. Funding pressures remain a prominent issue for the community and voluntary sector, along with the precarious nature of how it is funded. For respondents to sector reports, funding has not matched growing community needs, placing pressure on budgets, staffing and service delivery. Short-term funding means that paid staff are often offered only fixed-term employment, posing recruitment and retention challenges. In one survey, only 18.4% of respondents reported having funding for more than one year. From our experience, this would also be significant to many important organisations across our district, despite all of their best efforts to secure funding. Funding criteria can often favour innovative short-term projects over ongoing service delivery, creating sustainability issues. This in turn can result in organisations having to make repeated applications that take time away from delivering core services and activities. The funding environment also remains competitive with many community and voluntary organisations competing for funding annually. Lengthy, complex application forms disadvantage applicants with English as a second language; they can also disadvantage smaller organisations with less resources and more time pressures; and there remains a lack of comprehensive Māori and Pasifika representation in most governance and funding models. Funding professional development opportunities for paid and voluntary staff remains challenging, with many organisations being unable to invest in and recognise the contribution of their staff in this way. Most grant funding has limited availability to support the specific cost of volunteer infrastructure, such as police vetting, first aid training, reimbursements for transport and mileage etc. Whilst the DIA report acknowledges that central government has no overall strategic approach to volunteering and no shared mechanisms to enable government agencies to understand the impact of their interventions, there is the opportunity through local government to address how they could further support and improve the contributions of community agencies to the four wellbeings.

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 recognise the need to be ambitious and to identify ways to capitalise upon Whanganui's unique assets - its culture, history and heritage; facilities; events; and environs. However, we believe that activating other partnerships are key to our ongoing development. Encouraging the development of local business and key stakeholder relationships remains important, as does our ability to engage with and attract external interest. We also want to ensure that we are developing in consideration of our unique identity which includes a recognition of our iwi partners in our bicultural heritage, the status of the awa, and our ability to be responsive to climate change through moving away from car-centric activities to those which encourage active and public transport initiatives.

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: As important St Hill Street neighbours and partners with the team at the Royal Whanganui Opera House, we continue to maintain a keen interest in the heritage significance of this area of the street, with an understanding of how this could best be optimised. Having worked in partnership with the RWOH over many years on many activities and events, and also having actively advocated for the relocation of the box office to improve accessibility for patrons, we appreciate how significant it is to retain and appropriately develop an international asset and icon like the RWOH. Investing for the long-term will be of most benefit for our community over time and will enable the RWOH to not only be used to its optimum for a wide variety of local productions and performances but also to be competitively attractive on the national and international stage. With significant event and theatre production experience, we know how often front of house aspects can be overlooked in the delivery of events. Providing facilities that are accessible, that are welcoming and warm, that enable appropriate merchandising opportunities, and that can also deliver a more contemporary and boutique suite of hospitality services is significant to the theatre experience. Without these being fully optimised the RWOH isn't able to deliver to its patrons a service that it is truly capable of delivering, and which promoters and performers also deserve. We believe that a building of such historic and international significance deserves to be developed for the long-term benefit of our community across the ages.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to

Something else (state below)

2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: We are fully supportive of delivering grant funding to Marae and acknowledge the important role that Marae played particularly during the pandemic and in response to emergency events. They also play a key role in fostering connection across our community and it is of fundamental value for us to recognise the bicultural partnership that we have with mana whenua. We wonder if there are other funding opportunities available working in partnership with Horizons and/or with potential iwi funding that can help to support important Marae development and maintenance, as well as possible ratepayer contributions. Further to this, whether there is also the potential to lobby central government for continued funding.

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: The significance of this site and its relationship with the awa is of importance to Whanganui iwi and our community as a whole. Given some of the recent learnings derived from the Streets for People projects and other important co-design projects in partnership with iwi, there is the potential to consider other traffic calming and wayfinding measures. We would encourage an exploration of further possibilities to develop this important area, particularly with the continued development of the riverside through awa recreational activities and the Whanganui River 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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: We are supportive of this development but would prefer to have more detail via a feasibility study first that could provide a variety of options for development that takes into account the needs of all potential road users. We certainly acknowledge the need to create safer shared pathways and to encourage greater opportunities for a variety of active transport that link the town centre to our rural communities and attractions.

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

Something else (state below)

return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: We would prefer to have more detail on the specific assets considered for potential sale before agreeing in principle to a 'wholesale' asset sale approach from the outset.

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 # 816

Not Speaking

First name: Terry
Last name: Dowdeswell

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 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 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 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: I believe strongly in making improvements where needed for long term gain and sustainability. Emphasis should be put on potential to show both economic and social return. Focus more on potential benefit and less on costs. The opportunity cost of not proceeding with an innovative design or project is usually overlooked and underestimated. We need to be progressive

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 814

First name: Terry
Last name: Dowdeswell
Organisation: Chair, Bason Botanic Gardens Trust

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?

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 proposed cycleway is fully supported by the Bason Botanic Gardens Trust. We have already looked at managing cyclists should this proposal become a reality and see great possibilities for attracting yet another cohort of visitors to the gardens and park. People and families cycling to the gardens, or Mowhanau Beach for a picnic, or just a day out, is to be encouraged. We feel it would be a significant benefit and increase patronage from both family and fitness cohorts

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 # 85

Not Speaking

First name: **Gaye**
Last name: **Downing**

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: Make the aviary operate under a volunteer system. Also apart from the cockatoos the rest are pretty uninspiring

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: Make the winter garden's user pays and or open it up to garden volunteers to operate

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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Stop putting the over priced and unnecessary speed humps around the city!!! They do nothing but annoy EVERYONE

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 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?

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?

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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?

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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, 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 # 433

Not Speaking

First name: Jas
Last name: Dragicevic

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?

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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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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 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:

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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 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

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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:

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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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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? **3**
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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 # 1208

Not Speaking

First name: **Sheryl**
Last name: **Drayton**

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 libraries in suburbs serviced by the library bus. Introduce \$20 annual card system for all residents except children and community service card holders. reduce staff and staff on a paid plus volunteers basis.

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 as an essential social justice and facility for children who should be our priority. Seek community help in refurbishment to a modest standard using volunteer input.

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: Do your costing correctly as it is a part time position and don't spread costs across council departments. Use community management and sponsorship. This is a valued asset available to people of all incomes plus visitors and is well used.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

Submitter Comments: Leave it to business owners.

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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Reduce to 2 days per week and reduce staff to a combined paid/volunteer basis.

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: For the same reason as the bird aviary. More people enjoy that than the museum and art gallery.

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?

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

Submitter Comments: Absolut nonsense that a council builds a hotel. If it is so attractive why are private investors not lining up to 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 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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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: Absolutely not needed. Far to elaborate and costing far to high. See Auckland mayor's response to a similar crossing in his suburb!

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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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? **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: More user pays needed for facilities. Reduce museum expensive staff and examine the amount spent on attracting displays. Use a mix of paid/volunteer workforce.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 639

Not Speaking

First name: John
Last name: Dryden

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: Keep open and investigate cheaper and only necessary upgrades along the line of must have rather than nice to have. Important that children have ready access to a facility to learn to swim. If there was a regular and cheap bus service available to the Splash Centre, and provided the Splash Centre could cope with the increased patronage then closure could be considered.

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: Assist the Repertory theatre in finding an alternative existing theatre. Discuss with Andram a shared use of their facility

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 bird aviary along with Virginia lake and the Winter gardens and the Funky Duck Cafe is part of the attraction to visitors to Whanganui and locals alike of what can be viewed and enjoyed at this venue. The aviary is viewed not just by bird lovers , but by the public generally.

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: Council should look at alternative funding, i.e contribution from businesses.

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: Seek a buyer is a must do

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: Important that rural areas have access to drop off points for the collection of rubbish for important environmental reasons.

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: The Winter Gardens is a valuable asset to the attractions at Virginia lake area.

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: Option 1 is a sensible approach. Our core services are vital and its important that they are maintained in a reasonable state provided and do not deteriorate that results in the costing the ratepayers more to fix in the future.

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: The Council could facilitate rather than build a hotel. There is not enough information provided to allow ratepayers to consider the viability of investing in building a hotel. What is the assessed room occupancy, how many beds are being envisaged and would this number result in more national events coming to Whanganui. Given the probable beds available (60??) I would doubt it. I would need to see the calculation that led to the claimed \$4million profit from such an investment before approving such an investment. One questions why if it is a viable business investment that private enterprise have not invested in a hotel build and lease the hotel to a major hotel chain.

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 a unique and historical building that is well used and should be maintained and improved so it is attractive more promoters of shows. its an existing facility and is one of the gems 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 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: If its considered necessary, then funding should only be provided to specific maraes that are able to provide support to the wider general public.

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 important that this community organisation is funded to allow their important safety work to continue.

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: This proposed works falls into the category of nice to have and not must have. I am sure it could be installed cheaper than the estimated \$830,000. If the Council are serious about limiting rate rises in the future then it should be just a basic crossing similar to those in Wicksteed Street. The effect on the important over dimension vehicle route is an overriding factor to consider. In my view the consideration of the connection between Pakaitore and the Whanganui Awa can be achieved by sight and doesn't need a raised physical crossing to achieve the same result. If a crossing greater than a basic crossing, then it should be funded privately and not by ratepayers.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a

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

feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments: Agree provided further funding is available from non - ratepayers otherwise just focus on road safety 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 assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: No information as to what specific assets are to be sold. If an asset is not being used or returning a positive benefit to Whanganui then, yes sell. But selling assets are only a short term fix. Debt repayment is a one off once an asset is sold thenand There is no information as to what assets the council is considering selling. If an asset is not being used and costing the Council, then yes sell it if its profitable at this time to sell. Selling assets to reduce debt is a one off benefit and future Councils need to be prudent and responsible with future borrowing otherwise the future benefit is wasted.

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)

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

Submitter Comments: Funding on core infrastructure should be to the level that I recorded earlier in this submission. My submission is a quick response to the Long Term plan. While it wasn't a subject of the LTP I would support the introduction of Maori Wards, but with the election of Councillors generally under the present format. ie electors on the public role electing all councilors and not under a ward system.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1599

Not Speaking

First name: Nicole
Last name: Dryden

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:

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

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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:

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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 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

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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 # 744

Not Speaking

First name: Kelly
Last name: Dudson

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?

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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 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 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:

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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 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 # 1617

Not Speaking

First name: Sharon
Last name: Duff

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: Don't like birds to be caged

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?

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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 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

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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?

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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: Yes it is very important to keep the plan for Māori Wards and realise it is a local decision not a central government issue.

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1000

Not Speaking

First name:

Dawn

Last name:

Duncum

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:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Don't know

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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?

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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:

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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?
(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 # 330

Not Speaking

First name:

Darryl

Last name:

Dunford

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 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

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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:

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**

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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

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 # 1424

Not Speaking

First name: Jennifer
Last name: Dutton

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: library access for community for learning/connection/education so important. Attended weekly for 5+ years.

Whanganui East Pool

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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:

Repertory Theatre

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

Don't know

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

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Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

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

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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?

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**

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Submitter Comments:**Royal Whanganui Opera House**

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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:

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Don't know

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? **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

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 822

Not Speaking

First name: **Matt**
Last name: **Dutton**
Organisation: **Parking submission from Renata's Art & Framing**

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?

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?

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: Austerity is a lie. Stop telling 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?

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 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?

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: Once they're gone, they're gone. Why is anyone pretending that privatisation has ever improved anything, anywhere?

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 # 61

Speaking

First name: **Graham**
Last name: **Dyhrberg**

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 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: Council should not own businesses

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 rubbish should not be subsidised by urban ratepayers both should be user pays.

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?

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: Council caused the accommodation shortage by purchasing the Collegiate Motor Inn for the Flight School. Close the money draining flight school. See the hotel, this will also reduce emissions in the line with the council's climate emergency declaration.

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?

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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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: As this crossing is largely symbolic - paint design directly on the carriageway with pedestrian protection on the shoulders - cost \$50,000.

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?

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

Submitter Comments: Building on shellrock path would be a massive ongoing maintenance cost for council. Road widening has already started on Rapanui Road and should be continued. This is a vanity project for aging cyclists who are already well catered for. Council needs to return to the first principles of shared pathway projects.

Asset Sales

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Submitter Comments: A robust consultation process is required around selling 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? **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**

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Submission # 43

Not Speaking

First name: Russell
Last name: Eades

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: Based on the info provided in the consultation document, Option 1 is the most suitable.

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: Complete the feasibility study first - then you can make a properly informed decision

Repertory Theatre

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: If the building is demolished, what will happen to the land? Can the demolition be tendered out so there is no cost to ratepayers?

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: Another "nice to have" but at \$190k the decision to close the Aviary is 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: Yes - a "nice to have" but not a ratepayer cost. Will commercial businesses take this rest on? As a residential ratepayer, there is absolutely no benefit to me in spending money on 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: Given the level of visitors/tourists that come to this facility, it would not be a good decision to close a popular attraction such as this.

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 do not have any information on the level of contribution that all ratepayers make to general rubbish collection to compare to. However, I agree that for the reasons outlined in the consultation document, that this service needs to be retained - rubbish collection is a core/basic expectation for ratepayers, wherever they live.

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 agree that this should be kept open. The consultation document mentions 7 library facilities - do we need them all?

Winter Gardens

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

Don't know

Submitter Comments: A free attraction that costs \$140,000 to run? How many people visit these 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: In an environment where cost-cutting is a necessary evil, increasing Community Grants is a must, as investment back into things that can be seen is important.

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: With the current and ongoing pressure on cost of living that we are all aware of, I think it would be irresponsible for council to "lead" this development in the way Option 1 outlines.

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: While it depends on 50% external funding, it is the best of the options, and H&S issues are dealt with. How do you demonstrate ROI for residential ratepayers?

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: Leave as is with no impact on rates, BUT, review each year. If funding pressures ease, then this needs to be looked at at least annually.

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 another "nice to have" item. 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: Self explanatory!

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: There is not enough information to properly contribute to discussions on this particular item. ' Which Assets? Would the Repertory Theatre land (following demolition) be available?

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: When do debt repayments for the WWater Pond finish? This was a large investment, with a specific additional rate levy. When it finishes, should rates not go down by that amount? When it says an additional \$x per property, is this actual per property or the effect on the average?

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 832

Not Speaking

First name: **Morgan**
Last name: **Easton**

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 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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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?

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

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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 # 1533

Not Speaking

First name: Louise
Last name: Ebben

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

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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

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?

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?

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 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

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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? **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? **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: Stop paying all those consultants fees and specialists fees, and save millions per year that way.

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 742

Not Speaking

First name: Phil
Last name: Edgecombe

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?

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?

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 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: Got to spend money to make money, and this would benefit many generations to come.

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 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? **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: Has anyone mentioned increasing parking meter costs in the city? Ideally, Drew's Ave would be vehicle free completely, so too with Lower Vic Ave (despite all the business opposition). Parked cars ruin the feel and way we can interact with the city so they should pay more if we aren't going to be bold and design pedestrian only blocks of the city.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1513

Speaking

First name: Peter
Last name: Edmonds

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: Consider closing 2 days each week, staffing economy for 5 day work rotation, suggest Monday/Tuesday

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: consolidate swimming facilities to splash centre, develop outdoor pool to compliment indoor pools, year round availability for everyone.

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: substandard and dangerous building with limited opportunities for thespians, plenty of alternate venues

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: retain the structures but develop community avian enthusiasts to run the facility pro bono for council

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 small change for the pleasure bought to both locals and visitors, often in town for the heritage values

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: what would a buyer get? The Glass works are dependent on the resident artists, is there a valuation?

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: consider closing 2 weekdays each 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: outstanding well managed facility

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: times are tough for everyone and funding level is ok

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: infrastructure service providers need to be subject to competitive open tendering process.

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 contemplate development of a hotel and carpark. Refer to the financial disaster this sort of activity happened to Hutt Valley 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?

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: upgrade is 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: this is a central government issue, there is plenty of time before 2027 to initiate upgrades of power and water resources.

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: the current facility is not fit for purpose. WSLS is a vital community activity, and training and participation hugely valuable to young people

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 a heavy traffic route. Council could consider closure of both Somme parade/Taupo quay and route traffic around existing roadways to Pakaitore, creating unlimited Awa frontage to Pakaitore 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 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.

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

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: Hopefully Council can raise much more than \$16millions.

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 # 577

Not Speaking

First name: Graeme
Last name: Edmonds

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 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?

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

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 669

Not Speaking

First name: Ingrid
Last name: Edwards

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 really important to so many people across all ages. Also I have heard rumours about the mobile library. This is extremely important to people who are older and can't get into town; it is well used by pensioner flats. Parking at the library is another issue especially for families or older people who cannot walk far especially with a lot of library books.

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 pool is somewhere in Whanganui for all to 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:

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: So many visitors visit the Aviary even if they are not bird fans. They come to the gardens and see the Aviary and therefore visit.

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 know it costs however this is part of our cities image to visitors and so many people remark on our hanging baskets. Many towns and cities have copied what we have.

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 draw card to 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?

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 very important to the local area.

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 visitor draw card also.

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?

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?

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

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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:

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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?

Don't know

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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Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Please don't sell the pensioner flat complexes to private buyers where the rents would increase too much and therefore result in more homeless people. I have heard a trust is in consideration. My concern as well as fellow pensioners as rent increases that are closer to market rents which become unaffordable. It causes a lot of anxiousness.

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 # 1534

Not Speaking

First name: **Debra**
Last name: **Elgar**

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: Amend so that the Library is only open 4 days each week - closed on Sunday and Monday Tuesday, and users may book an additional weekend day once a month to facilitate out of area users. The facility is retained but has reduced service hours - users can adapt to reduced hours and not lose the service entirely, and ratepayers secure an appropriate reduction in associated rates.

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: Investment in current assets is always more economical and desirable. Please provide better maintenance plans for existing assets, rather than abandoning them and then citing cost to maintain as a reason to reduce the usability of the asset. Feasibility studies almost inevitably cost significant funds but do not provide an outcome, merely make some recommendations ... at the end of the study the owner is usually out of pocket for significant sums of money and has not addressed the issue that has presented - and this MUST NOT HAPPEN. An investment of \$2-5M in a property infrastructure asset is acceptable and retains a well established asset that needs further maintenance and promotion.

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 stabilising the bank, and upgrading the building. This should be an opportunity to co-manage a facility that should become a revenue earner once it is improved.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Gift or sell (\$1.00) the Aviary and all associated aspects (not staff) to another organisation to manage. WDC costs are much higher than they should be due to high staffing and overhead costs.... these are much less in a NFP or SME environment.

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: These are a nice to have not a need to continue and historically were funded and provided by the local businesses - it should be left to those businesses to implement or continue with the baskets if they wish to do so.

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: close the Gonville library and consolidate the resources into 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: Enhance community engagement by operating with a "Friends of .." option who can provide support, labour, funding application resources, etc. Council does not need to be the sole agency that operates the resources for the Community. The NFP "friends of .." model engages the community and reduces cost to the owner (WDC)

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: Putting small amounts of money into community funding is less efficient than a Co-management model alongside any NFP or SME. Regrettably this does not seem to have been properly explored as a methodology for cost reduction. There are a number of other Philanthropic agencies who will continue to provide funding that are better suited to supporting the community agencies work than the WDC.

Further comments on service cuts: 1) do not reduce maintenance into assets 2) significant staffing restructuring is essential and long overdue !!! This has been an operational failure that keeps compounding year on year, as focus is lost on outcomes and becomes inward and "busyness activity" focused. 3) explore alternate operating models, in partnership with community agencies, Not For Profit (NFP), SMEs,

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: Improved infrastructure supports popn growth - incoming and relocating individuals / families / businesses NEED better if they are to recommend and encourage others to locate to Whanganui.

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 Council Core business and is best left to those businesses who already have expertise in this space.

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: 1) Reinstate the Fly floor within the existing building. 2) Actively engage in a Community Co-Management BOARD who can seek additional external funding, employ staff outside of the WDC, and support revenue and ROI. ie this should not be managed by WDC alone. 3) Recognise that this is an Historic Building not a Commercial new Build and adapt accordingly. 4) Engage a management team who can work with the Community to support the use of this resource (and remove the current barriers to engagement behaviours) 5) Seek feedback from users independently of the existing operating team as the increasing dissatisfaction impact will deliver a reduced return from users far more than any structural and constructural matters.

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: Failing to identify which Marae will receive this funding renders this series of recommendations invalid. Investing in infrastructure to support civil defense is advisable but is preferable for it to be mobile rather than fixed to one or two Marae (and others missing out on any investment) is not best planned expenditure. Support the investment but not to be confined to one or two Marae.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a

Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)

contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: This is an external and National service and is NOT core business of WDC. Surf Living Saving will source funding through philanthropic support and Sponsorship endeavours. Investment by Council is NOT supported.

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 falls under the NICE TO HAVE category but is unlikely to provide any meaningful connection to the awa - provision of a crossing minimises access to the awa to a restricted and confined space ... this does not meet the outcome that is sought - DO NOT SUPPORT this proposal.

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: Introducing any additional hard space is counterintuitive to supporting any greenspace activities (walking, cycling, horse-riding etc). Retain the roadside greenways and level them up.

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: Until the Council can define what assets are to be sold then I cannot support and will engage in continued debate on this matter. Asset sales do not make a ROI, do not support future generations, do not honor the historical investment of the tipuna and ancestors. Unless there is a clear identification of which assets you wish to relinquish, I cannot support this 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?
(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 does not seem to have been adequate focus on the area of highest cost - staffing. A restructure and overhaul of services and staffing is overdue. While no doubt staff are committed and hard working (and no-one ever wishes to consider redundancies), it is essential that the high cost of staffing and the staff intensive current model be added to the table for consideration. The focus of the employed staff needs to be that they are engaged with outcomes, with the community, and serve the needs of the Ratepayers.

Supporting documents	No
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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 933

Not Speaking

First name: **Matthew**
Last name: **Elgar**

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: Can we do this for more council operated organizations? e.g., Museum, other libraries, glass works, etc.

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

Submitter Comments: I think keeping beautiful things is good for the city and we should expand the 'beautification' of Whanganui.

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: Having free services are important attractions for Whanganui to have. Keeping this council owned will mean a unique Whanganui staple can remain accessible and not kept behind a paywall

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: Dumping rubbish is a concern. I would want to ensure that everyone has the ability to remove the rubbish to keep the region clear of waste.

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: Keep projects funded so Whanganui citizens have the ability to complete projects in/for Whanagnui.

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 would be good to have more hotels and motels in Whanganui. It would happen eventually. I think that for profit businesses should not be council run. I think council should put there

resources towards services that offer social improvement and not monetary return (e.g. parks, museums, roads).

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 an important and historic landmark. It has significant importance to my family and i want this to succeed. Theater and Arts are important aspects of society that shouldn't be sidelined. Many individuals are more interested in performing arts and there should be space for this. The Opera house needs attention and I think an investment of this size is warranted.

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: I am Pakeha. I am part of the dominant English culture, everywhere i go is my culture, Māori people do not have this privilege. Marae are spaces for Māori and Non-Māori to experience Māori culture and i think council should support 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:

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.

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 # 788

Not Speaking

First name: Paul
Last name: Ellen

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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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:

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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

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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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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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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:

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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

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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 # 291

Not Speaking

First name: Wendy
Last name: Elleray

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?

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 feel this adds to Virginia Lake as a free tourist attraction. All visitors I know have enjoyed the total experience lake, aviary and winter gardens

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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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: Free tourist attraction that all of us can enjoy

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: This is what Councils should be doing with our rates...not Hotels

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 Hotel is rate payers responsibility nor do I want my rates being invested in such ventures

Royal Whanganui Opera House

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Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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Submitter Comments:

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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: Why sell our assets only to sink into a hotel costing a further 41 Million of dept. No thanks

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 # 118

Not Speaking

First name: Karen
Last name: Ellingham

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

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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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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

Don't know

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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?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

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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:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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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:

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?

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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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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 # 119

Not Speaking

First name: **Matt**
Last name: **Ellingham**

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 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 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

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**
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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 # 1140

Not Speaking

First name: Sue
Last name: Ellis

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:

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: Get funding fr9m business owners so at least the victoria ave looks good

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

Something else (state below)

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

Submitter Comments: Make it pick up every 2nd week

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: Even consider 2 days closer 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: Be nice to see the cafe continue too. Nice 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:

Further comments on service cuts: Reduce the need for consultants at council. Reduce costs

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: Avoid flooding and damage

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: Should be in victoria ave to assist shop owners and dining outlets

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: Get self funding.

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: Seek outside funding sponsorship naming rights

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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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: Manage council as if it was a business. Providing for the majority of rate payers

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1241

Not Speaking

First name: Marlen
Last name: Ellis

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?

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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:

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:

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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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 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? **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 hot water at public toilets

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 717

Not Speaking

First name: Haylee
Last name: Ellis

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 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 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: Ridiculous idea. There's plenty of perfectly good accommodation options currently being used as emergency housing

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? **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: People first

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1242

Not Speaking

First name: Paul
Last name: Ellis

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?

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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:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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Submitter Comments:

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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:

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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

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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

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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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:

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? **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 # 23

Speaking

First name: Duane
Last name: Emeny
Organisation: Air Chathams Limited Chief Operating Officer

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 # 413

First name: **Megan**
Last name: **Emerson**

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 pool is widely used by the community. A lot of the community would not be able to afford to commute into town if a new pool was built elsewhere. It is also important for the students at Whanganui East school as they learn to swim here. The cost to bus them to the Splash would be huge, if they could even get a time slot! An outdoor pool is essential, why not upgrade and utilise the one we already have.

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 # 440

Not Speaking

First name: Christina
Last name: Emery

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 a vital community resource, not just for the books and DVD's but for connection of the isolated, students without a quiet place to pursue their studies etc.

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 valuable community resource that should have been invested in from the start.

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: Animals are not meant for cages.

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: This is not Council's domain. DO NOT invest this ridiculous amount of money just to ascertain if it's viable. Stay in your lane.

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?

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? **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 # 1159

Not Speaking

First name: **Orlanda**
Last name: **Endicott**

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: Birds are not meant to me in captivity. This is an act of kindness. Please liaise with the Bird Trust in rehoming of the 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: Assuming maintenance is the major portion of this cost. Request the retailer who receives some of the benefit of the plants, if they choose plants to be placed in front of their business, to maintain 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: A private buyer will obviously need a return and therefore fees for access. Will be sad to see this likely leave free public access so would attempt to include this in buyer negotiations.

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: Have some type of incentive per property (ie coupon in their rates notice) for free access or some other limited access type to rubbish removal. Townsville City Council had this for all property owners with a rates based coupon for waste.

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: Stagger closing days of the libraries.

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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: NO TO THREE WATERS!!!!!!! DO NOT FLUORIDATE OUR WATER SUPPLY!!!!

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: Do not get involved in business options at this time. The market is too risky. Stay local and love the locals.

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: Nice to have but not necessary at this time. Seat sales will be down significantly anyways whether flying performances or not.

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: Yes, yes, yes, Invest in our future together. These will be key infrastructure, resilience and community spaces for all in the years to come.

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: The building of infrastructure and community resilience to focus on Maslov's basic level of needs is my preferred focus. Invest in food, shelter, transport, and equity and together as individuals we will build a strong community on top. Applause for sharing the information and requesting our involvement in this very important mahi. Well done team. Ko au te awa, te awa ko au.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 667

Not Speaking

First name:

Anne

Last name:

Englebretsen

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: Close the pool - Don't do any feasibility study just have Splash Centre for now and start upgrade & maintenance on this Centre as it is in need of some work.

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 needs attention - it is a tourist attraction and our community visit it on a regular basis.

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: Community organisations have a place in this community. What is happening more is double up of services organisations are offering - possibly Council could or (may well be doing already) consider this when funding organisations.

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: Council could if they needed to (or should) focus on Whanganui's infrastructure before fund tourist attractions etc. Council need to concentrate on the community we have and get this community up to date with all the infrastructure before the add ons - tourist attractions 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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Council have dropped proposal for homeless on Taupo Quay but want to own a hotel & carpark!!! (priorities Council) What I have already stated - Council need to focus on immediate

community needs - infrastructure is or should be No 1 - not hotel & car parks - Council is not in place to be business owners - look after the community first!!

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: Once again - if this can not be funded by outside of Council resource - leave alone and get the Opera House steering committee? try and bring in benefactors of the Arts etc. Think outside of council funding.

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: Like many organisations, clubs, interest groups etc. Marae are no different. they need to source funding for themselves - council have helped but they, like others need to be proactive for themselves.

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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: People have been walking, running, cycling for years on the roads we have - Infrastructure is needing repair maintenance not having more infrastructure to be added to the list of maintaining. People should be more encouraging to each other and more tolerant of all that use the roads.

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? **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? **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: What is Council's purpose?? Basic needs of Whanganui community need to be met. Infrastructure - eg. water, wastewater, sewerage etc need constant attention - council seems to want to spend alot on making Whanganui an attractive place for tourist but I feel Council has forgotten the basic reasons local Council were put in place - Community first!!

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 298

Not Speaking

First name: Lindsay
Last name: English

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: Close it on the 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: Close the Aviary but but retain the Winter Gardens attraction

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 visual dynamic that supports (when maintained) Whanganui's Heritage status...a tourist drawcard.

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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Yes...it is a great attraction and facility but would be concerned re Council assuming 50% of funding will be found from external sources? What if this level of external funding if any can not achieved?

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?

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: Would prefer to have knowledge of any SPECIFIC ASSETS the Council would target before making any comment.

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 # 778

Speaking

First name: Jim
Last name: Ennis

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: The building should be kept and the repertory theatre group helped to take ownership.

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?

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Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

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

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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?

Don't know

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 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**

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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?

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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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Taupo Quay and Somme parade should be retained as arterial roads with heavy traffic encouraged as these are the safest the current raised crossing are too sudden and create unnecessary wear and noise. A structure over the road could be created to identify the 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?

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: need to identify specific assets and affect on 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?
(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 # 757

Not Speaking

First name: **Hanna**
Last name: **Eriksson**

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 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?

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 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 # 1634

Not Speaking

First name: Dana
Last name: Ettema

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: Prefer these over the aviary.

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: I do use these and recent upgrades have been good. Better than 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?

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

Submitter Comments: I don't mind this, but it's easily the first thing people online complain about when the council actually does something positive

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 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

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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 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? **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: Good luck. I'm fine with my rates increasing as long as services are accessible. I understand that some households will be affected worse than me with rates rise, so I understand some beloved services will be cut.

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1600

Not Speaking

First name: **Robyn**
Last name: **Evans**

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 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?

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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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

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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 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?

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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 # 1033

Not Speaking

First name: Michelle
Last name: Evans

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 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 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?

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? **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 # 1015

Speaking

First name: Jillian Momona
Last name: Evers

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: close on a 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?

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: while visiting Whanganui in 1940's for the first opera school concert. One of the lasting impressions was the beautiful flowering hanging baskets in the Victoria avenue precinct. Cost should be evenly spread over all rate payers, not 50% split between business and property owners and 50% to residential after all hanging baskets benefit the whole of whanganui

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: Reduce spending on public art that has no longevity such as murals, wall painting, footpath and road painting which in 10-20 years will be faded and unsightly, not to mention particles flaking off and ending up in the awa. (our existing artworks are an asset. eg bronze sculpture by paul dibble)

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: the sooner necessary infrastructure improvements are completed the cheaper it will be in the long run.

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 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: an absolute essential asset to the safety and enjoyment of swimmers at castlecliff beach

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 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: land and reserves suitable for housing is a positive step. zoning, consents etc need to be stream lined by council to assist developers. I believe central government are moving in that direction

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: some councillors are conspicuous by there absence at public council events and meetings. the majority of our councillors are had working and very approachable.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1403

Not Speaking

First name: Rachel
Last name: Eves

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: Sell the property

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: Have businesses sponsor baskets & cover the costs

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

Something else (state below)

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

Submitter Comments: This should be covered by rural rates instead of residential households covering the costs

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 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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: With all the events that happen here - how is this building not self sufficient and able to cover the cost of its own upgrades? This should be the focus surely? Getting it to be self funding?

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 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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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 # 795

Not Speaking

First name: **Mary-Ann**
Last name: **Ewing**

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: All of the libraries in the Whanganui region offer more than just books to read. A library is a community service. It is a democratic institution, open to all, regardless of income. It is a digital hub, open to all ages and non-judgemental as to who uses it. Other options could be explored rather than just shut down the Davis Library for a day or cut back on the book buying expenditure. For example, a subscription could be introduced, and could be asset-based, compulsory or voluntary. If one day a week HAS to happen, then Sunday would be a better option than a week day. A last resort would be to opt for Option 2 but to reduce the library's opening hours on a weekend to two half days. The library enriches our society and helps make books and digital services available to children and the elderly, in particular, who do not have the opportunity or the finance to avail themselves of these services any other way.

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: More research is needed on this topic rather than just offer Options 1 - 3. However, Option 2 does keep the door open for the Repertory Theatre to perhaps buy the building as it is well used by them and no reason why this won't continue in the future.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: I suggest that the community (schools/Rotary and Lions Clubs and so on) be involved with this project. A voluntary system of helping to look after the aviary, supervised by the WDC, could be a possible solution. It is a significant visitors attraction to Whanganui, particularly by families and it adds character to our city. It seems to be an easy target to remove this feature without fully valuing what it adds to our city, all in the name of cost-cutting.

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: They are a tourist attraction and are well known as an attractive feature of Whanganui city. They complement our surrounding Heritage buildings and are well loved by Whanganui citizens. I feel that other options could be explored, to keep the hanging baskets. Service clubs could be approached to maintain this feature, for example.

New Zealand Glassworks

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

Submitter Comments: Options 1 or 2, definitely.

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 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 but broaden it so that other organisations (who do not qualify at present) can be eligible to apply for this funding. There are many worthy community groups who would benefit if the criteria was broadened, eg. the Repertory Theatre, the Literary Arts Festival, Heritage Month, the Quartz Museum and the Whanganui Musicians Club.

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 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: Nothing is broken with the RWOH so i do not see why we should opt for Options 3 or 4. With Wellington 2 hours away and Palmerston North only one hour away, I do not see that big shows will come to Whanganui. The Whanganui public who buy tickets for these sort of big shows is small, it is the same people (as now) who buy tickets for shows so there is a finite number of people who are willing to or can afford to buy tickets for events. Also, if the structure of the Opera House was extended, changed, made higher or whatever, the essential character of the Opera House would be altered and this would be outrageous. Forget the millions of dollars it would cost to put in a state-of-the-art renovation. Just concentrate on the realities of the situation and make improvements within the existing stagehouse building structure.

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: I feel that this is entirely a central government funding project and should be faced up to as such (by the central government). We should put our energies into lobbying for this rather than making it a responsibility for local governments. I see it as an important issue but I would worry about the inequities on many councils if it became a responsibility for them alone and it would worry me that many maraes would not be upgraded as a result. This should be led from the top.

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: I do not see this as a priority in these times of cost cutting.

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 # 918

Speaking

First name: **Mary-Anne**
Last name: **Ewing**
Organisation: **Whanganui Regional Heritage Trust**

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?

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: The hanging baskets are part of the intrinsic heritage character. Perhaps cost reductions or contributions from businesses or community sponsorship could assist.

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?

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: The Winter Gardens has heritage value and is a visitor attraction for all ages.

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 agree with increasing the pool of funds but only if the criteria are broadened to enable heritage, arts and cultural organisations to apply. There is currently almost nil funding anywhere for administration and other needs of these sectors. Eg: Quartz Museum

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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: The Trust is concerned there is very little information about the impact of the hotel and car park. If it's in the center of the town, we would be concerned about the impact on heritage and character of the center. The height of the building could be out of character and dimension to the other buildings, there might be risk of demolition to existing heritage and the design may clash with existing heritage character.

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: We believe further investigation into keeping the existing theatre building but enhancing its capability needs to be exhausted before either Option 2 or 3 are seriously considered. We are concerned the community cannot utilise the expanded theatre to the extent the cost of Option 2 & 3 will cost. The building is what it is and has other limitations throughout the building which are self limiting and will always be an issue unless Option 4 is approved and then you might as well build a new building. The Opera House is not broken and outstanding events can and are still held. The Whanganui community is not huge and whilst the Opera House might at times attract a sell-out crowd, this is very occasional and cant justify the cost for renovation and the impact the new higher and wider exterior rear section will have on the aesthetics of building. It is likely the cost of Options 2, 3 & 4 will increase beyond that envisaged once building work starts due to complications in marrying old and new and ground site issues.

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: The Heritage Trust is available as a advice group to assist with advice as Council work through various options that affect heritage. Heritage is undeniably one of Whanganui's key attractions and it may pay Council to update its economic study on the value of heritage. This would aid future applications to Lotteries etc in support of community projects such as the Opera House enhancement.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 198

Speaking

First name: Michelle
Last name: Excell

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 the library should aim to reopen all days within a set period of time, i.e. two years. It should publicly share how much money is required to reopen on that seventh day and ask for donations from the community - or donations in-kind such as volunteer time - to reach it's goal. It could also look at other ways of making more income. In parallel it should do a better job at promoting its services and attracting more regular visitors, especially from groups willing to pay! Audible (from our evil Amazon overlords) costs. Joining the library does not. Free streaming services. Free computer usage. There are so many wonderful services. I'm going to guess that some people rely on the library being open every day - or at least on the day it may close - and if that increases the quality of life for those residents then we should aim to reinstate it. This should not be a longterm closure.

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: You have not provided clear financial information in any of your documentation. How long would the rates increase for the pool last? Surely we are just paying for the 2m investment to upgrade it - you don't indicate how long that will take by the way - and once that's paid off then it will be removed from rates again? If the council does not make the full \$250K to operate the pool each year it should increase the costs for those who can afford it. The pool provides an opportunity to learn to swim for lots of kids. That's invaluable. I imagine some schools who don't have pools use it, like Whanganui East School? It would be a shame if they lost access.

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: Unfortunately I don't think this affects as many people as the library or pool, but there does seem to be benefit in fixing that area up before selling it - at which point I imagine the 60c increase will be removed when Council make their money back? It's confusing that you aren't transparent with how long the 60c increase will be for. BUT it is important for youth to have community theatre spaces and it can launch careers of many types (acting, writing, AV, promoting, etc). So I would hope that the equipment and chattels could be sold or gifted to another theatre and some effort made to set up another space to be used in its place - either an existing theatre in a school or perhaps upgrading another community space to the level the Rep Theatre is now with it's good seats, stage, lighting and AV room.

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: Have you seen how many birds are at the lake?!? Aviaries are outdated. And cruel. I saw two Canada Geese in Mexico City zoo (don't go, it's awful) and it was the saddest thing I'd seen that year. Incidentally, does Whanganui have a council run bird rescue sanctuary? If it doesn't, the aviary could be turned into a rescue? Even temporarily as I saw there were some volunteers able to offer their vet and volunteer services. And can you offer proper food that doesn't give the freed, lake birds diabetes and pollute the lake? Could be \$1 or \$2 per bag for "feed" and be done in partnership with Animates or some other chain.

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 financials provided don't help anyone make a decision on this. 93k a year for watering and maintenance doesn't seem reasonable. It may seem simpler to say keep them or scrap them because flower baskets are seemingly pointless, but they are lovely and I don't think anyone thinks they're BAD - even if they don't love them as much as others do. They are part of the town's appeal, and Vic St too given so many other issues with the street with Council allowing so many landowners let their buildings go into disrepair with no consequences. The flower baskets help obscure that a little. So, I think it's worth council asking some garden care specialists how much it really costs, getting more competitive bids - OR - reducing costs by asking Mainstreet to put in more (on behalf of biz owners) or for profit business like Mitre10 or garden centers who can then put sponsor signage up on certain blocks. If council employees are making up this cost, how does what must be approx 1/5 of a full time job (among other garden/park maintenance), even with overheads how does this equal 93k? And how much more can be saved by getting sponsors and biz owner funds for hard costs?

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 big draw for not only tourists and people like us moving here from major cities that don't even have facilities as awesome as this. AND for local artists, or attracting artists to move here. But a roundtable on how it could turn more profit isn't a bad idea. See if we can't reduce that 192k per year and make it even more visible within the community and country.

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: They're a bit lacklustre but they're nice enough. And you always 'pop in for a look' when up at the lake or showing friends around.

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: Infrastructure like this costs more if you don't stay on top of it. Not raised crossings and shit like that, but road sealing, clearing, retaining, signage etc. Roads here feel pretty unsafe in general having moved from California - where roads were AWFUL and not maintained, but didn't have half the number of unlit sections, narrow passes, or goddam blind corners that exist here. Seriously, there are so many opportunities for accidents here it is INSANE. You need a road safety review of blind corners, safe turn-offs 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: I almost have too much to say about this. I'll talk about it at the hearings. But in short, if it's not financially viable for an operator to be here, then why does the council think it will make money? We don't have enough consistent demand to make it full (enough) often enough. If a restaurant went into it it wouldn't be full enough regularly enough to operate. It smells of depression. But there are likely other ways to make it work! Council can give breaks to an operator if they do a study that shows how it will positively impact tourism and money-IN to the town. Making it worth it for council to give rates or tax breaks or gift land/property (for an investment of course that would return when the property turns a profit). Can it be half condo/half hotel and get residents to buy in with the commercial operator? And offer longterm stays alongside short term? Can it have a world-class (or even countrywide-comparable, not even close) restaurant? Something this city DOES NOT HAVE. There has to be a plan for when the hotel is less than half capacity. Council has no business running a business like this. And given the current state of hospitality in this town I don't think anyone here is capable of running something to the standard required.

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: This needs to be better communicated. 43% of our under 15 youth in Whanganui are of Māori ethnicity so I would imagine that having strong Marae is essential to their well being and development. And if it's not, then there should be outreach by Marae to these young people - all young people regardless of ethnicity - to participate and make use of facilities, knowledge and connection. This is also infrastructure and underfunded infrastructure costs more in the long run or falls into disrepair, which doesn't help anyone.

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 totally needed, our beaches are so f*cking dangerous!

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: This is sort of like the hotel (bear with me), in that we only have a ton of people crossing here *sometimes*. It feels like overkill. There are safe places to cross further into town. But that whole corner from Somme around to the Waimarie is dodgy to cross and traffic needs to slow the F down. Can you not put in something to encourage cars to slow here, making crossing safer in the meantime and then we reassess this in a few years? Also is there any impact info you could share if this is indeed a high priority? Accidents? Time it takes to cross (and showing that is a major issue)?

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: I mean, you totally need the study first before anyone can comment on this, but it would be great to have this earlier!

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: But also could you please look into condemning and forcing sale of some buildings on Vic Ave that you've let fall into total disrepair? It totally sucks, from George's Fisheries, to the buildings on the corner of Vic Ave and Guyton + Vic Ave and Ingestre. These buildings suck.

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 # 961

Not Speaking

First name: Sandy
Last name: Fage

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 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: This facility is not just a library - it is a community hub and needs to be open 5 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:**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: Hotel - nice to have "want" - it is not a "need". No really benefits or trickle down, to most rate payers.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)

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

Submitter Comments: Option 3 is the very least that needs to be done. Yes it will bring bigger shows to the theatre. But patrons will not come if it means sitting in 26 degrees and above temps.. Changing the current orchestra pit is a difficult and dangerous task. If not fixed during stagehouse changes - when?... If the fly floor was dismantled due to major H&S - then this too should come under that scrutiny. Loud outside noise can break the magic of any shows quieter moments. Promoters want a suitable area for merchandise sales - not just - making do.. This is a chance to ensure this theatre is able to provide an amazing experiences for promoters, performers and audiences. for the next 100 years. I believe this theater gives far more back to our community than the Sargent art galley ever has or ever will do. Do the right thing...

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 in need of some TLC, they provide huge benefits to our communities. This is a 'no brainer'.

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 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: Been waiting for this too long - Just get on and 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: Another - 'nice to have' - not during a cost of living crisis..

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: Just need to ensure that the asset have no possible future value to the WDC

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 # 1404

Not Speaking

First name: Amy
Last name: Fairhurst

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: Keep the library open and find cuts elsewhere, rather than a free, safe community resource

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?

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

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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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Look for funding avenues or volunteers to maintain. Reduce costs elsewhere

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:

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Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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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?

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?
(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 # 590

Not Speaking

First name: **Charlotte**
Last name: **Falloon**

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?

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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?

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:

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 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

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: Seek other quotes for work needed to be done, surely it doesn't need to cost this much!!!?

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? **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 # 286

Not Speaking

First name: Vicki
Last name: Fanning
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?

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?

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

Submitter Comments: If you want tourism to stay and increase in Whanganui you have to support this business. It is a draw card. It also supports lots of local and national glass artists....the later ,staying in

the town and support other local businesses. Whanganui is an Arts city. And along with the Sarjeant will add to the tourist experience, 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?

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: 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?

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 # 122

Not Speaking

First name: **Melita**
Last name: **Farley**

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 vital infrastructure in Whanganui. It provides opportunities and support for thousands every week and does so in an extraordinarily cost-efficient manner. Libraries do not become less important in crises (whether cost of living or any other) they become MORE important. It is one of the few non-commercial venues left in the city and one where non-judgemental friendliness and support is extended to all. For the many in our city who need to access the internet, learn how to use a particular piece of software, create a CV, be in a supportive environment with their children, do their homework or study, learn a language (including English and Te Reo), meet people in their new city, find a place to expand horizons limited by circumstance, and so much more, the place people turn to is the library. As someone who is currently doing a Masters degree in Information Studies I can tell you that research overwhelming shows that libraries are the most important contributor to community resilience. If we're serious about community wellbeing (of all kinds) then we cannot cut library services in any way.

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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: I think arts facilities are important in Whanganui, but if it comes to a choice between the Glassworks and the Library keeping it's current hours I'm voting for the Library every time. The library serves all, the Glassworks serves a few.

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: As noted above - Libraries a vital infrastructure.

Winter Gardens

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: I enjoy the Winter Gardens, but if it comes to a choice between the Winter Gardens and keeping the Library's current opening hours I'm voting for the Library.

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: Please keep the needs of all Whanganui residents in mind. The Library is vital infrastructure for all our residents and becomes more important as times get tougher.

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 an operator can't see a business case for developing a hotel in Whanganui is the demand/need (at least for a higher end hotel) really there? What is the Council's exit strategy if the demand turns out not to exist in the future? In addition, why have a covered car park? How does that match with considerations of climate change? If a hotel is vital surely it should be sited in town so people can walk or take the bus places while they are here?

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: I suspect many providing feedback may not understand the necessity of doing this or the vital role Marae play in communities' lives, especially during disasters. I do hope such feedback is carefully considered, especially given the fact that racism is currently being fomented in Aotearoa making some people feel it is acceptable.

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?
(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 drag bars above are far too simplistic and I have consequently not used them. I would like to see us think carefully about the services the Council provides in light of the needs of everyone in our community and what we might anticipate in the future. I'd like us to keep services that help us develop a more resilient community so we can face an uncertain future from a place of community strength and interdependence. It also makes sense to ensure that we don't waste the public money that has gone into many of our community facilities over many years (e.g. Whanganui Opera House) by not maintaining and upgrading them when necessary.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1210

Not Speaking

First name: Linda
Last name: Farley

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 on a Monday would be less restrictive than any other day. Most parents are available to their children after school or early evenings and those on superannuation are most likely to visit the city on a Tuesday.

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 believe that considering an outdoor pool facility near the splash centre is not a good option. I think that Whanganui east is a great site, but renewed facilities. With global warming, outdoor swimming will almost certainly have a longer season.

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 aviary is not a quality facility.

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: Explore the original concept of asking businesses to contribute, but perhaps subsidise the costs. The baskets are a tourism attraction.

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: A huge tourist attraction and learning 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: There are so many fly tippers that cause problems, but rural residents deserve a facility that they are prepared to pay their bag stickers for. Rural residents are also expected to take care of their own recycling....and I hope they do!

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 lower social economic area of Whanganui, so needs access to information.

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: In tougher economic times, there needs to be more local 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: After too many years of sub-standard attention I believe our infrastructure needs more support and attention.

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: We hope that investors will find whanganui and the events attractive.

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: Support the council preference

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

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: With knowledge of those assets to be 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:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 425

Not Speaking

First name: Jaiden
Last name: Farmer

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: Your not closing that volunteer built aviary that should be volunteer run all family's appreciate it add a gate charge of 50 cents

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?

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: Also to appreciated by family's that can not close

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: Leave the family attractions be library doesn't need to be open everyday as it's elderly during the weekdays

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: If we are offering charity to local moari We should expect charity from local moari back

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: They really do save 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?

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

Submitter Comments: Why fix it if it's not broken

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.

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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: Pay your debt of correctly thank you

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: Review your options there is no quick fix don't remove the facility's that family's frequent remove less visited locations keep funding for surf live saving as thousands of people frequent the water in the summer cheers

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 307

Not Speaking

First name: M
Last name: Farmer

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: Love the atmosphere of the library, the wonderful staff and the outdoor area. Its a shame we've lost parking there

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: Perhaps pass it back to Whanganui East School and the MOJ could support them with getting the pool up to a good standard?

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 a vintage building - part of what makes Whanganui beautiful - please do not demolish any more of our heritage buildings

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: Unfortunately it is just too small for 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:

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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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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: Fly tipping and the burning of plastics in Whanganui is a problem that you need to work on with Horizons, please don't add more to the current issues

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

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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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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Don't know

Submitter Comments:

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Don't know

Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments: Asset sales are short term solutions

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: Look after our heritage building please

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 715

Speaking

First name: Lacey
Last name: Farmer

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:

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

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts: Keep doing the great job your doing, thanks.

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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? **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 # 408

Not Speaking

First name: Camille
Last name: Farr

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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Submitter Comments:

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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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Don't know

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

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Submitter Comments:

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Don't know

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Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Don't know

Submitter Comments:

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Don't know

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
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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 # 1034

Not Speaking

First name: Clare
Last name: Fearnley

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

Submitter Comments: Not everyone can pay to go to the Splash Centre. Deaths from lack of water knowledge increase each year.

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: Makes best financial sense

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:

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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:

Further comments on service cuts:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

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Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

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Long-term investment

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

Submitter Comments: I could not find the place to submit re the following: Putiki climate adaptation plan: I support this plan as we need to future proof our city against climate impacts. Management planning for Waitahinga Block: \$5,000 for volunteer pest control and forest restoration, vital for environmental restoration. With the cuts for DOC we need to fund this. Funding of core infrastructure – roading footpaths and three waters: significant investment in future proofing our city infrastructure is needed so I prefer option 2 ‘a significant increase’. Would whoever reads this be willing & able to ensure my contribution on these matters reaches the decision makers? I am sorry that I was unable to find the correct place to submit these and ran out of time :).

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1640

Not Speaking

First name: Jess
Last name: Feist

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

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Further comments on service cuts:

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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:

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, **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 # 1284

Not Speaking

First name: **Katja**
Last name: **Feldtmann**

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 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 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 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 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? **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 # 946

Not Speaking

First name: Mitchell
Last name: Ferguson

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 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 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?

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 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 # 747

Not Speaking

First name: Trevor
Last name: Ferguson

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 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

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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 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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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? **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 # 334

Not Speaking

First name: John
Last name: Ferguson

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 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 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

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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:

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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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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: Rates are getting too high = unaffordable. Have to reign spending in somewhere. Sacrifices have to be made! It is too much of a burden with the cost of living.

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 684

First name: **Iain**
Last name: **Ferguson**

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 too important to close, even partially. It is large enough not to need extension. Some years ago, during a council debate about library hours, a councillor whose name I won't mention, asked "do we really need a Public Library?" that was an ignorant remark.

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: It would be a pity to see such a historic Whanganui landmark be destroyed but it's a fire trap, it would cost more than estimated to retain And we would hope that the space could be put to good use. The Albion hotel on the opposite corner, was no less a historic building but is now gone, remembered only in photographs and in the memories of a few older who used to drink there.

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

Something else (state below)

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

Submitter Comments: Definitely keep the glassworks. We're not given enough information to know the effect of selling them. Thus it's hard to decide between options one and 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: We seem to have invested plenty in our three waters in the last 30 or so years. separation, sewerage ponds & renewal of water pipes from Kai Iwi & yet we seem to never catch up.

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 previous question referred to core infrastructure and enormous increasing costs. A big-nothing project like a hotel is not the councils business and can only lead to tears (for ratepayers) counsellors can shrug and disappear.

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: This proposal leaves the hotel idea for dead. The Opera House is as much a Whanganui cultural icon as the art gallery and upgrading it is a far better idea than some recent ones like a roof over the velodromes.

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: 3.5 million over 7 years is only half a mill per year , not much, and probably a good 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 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'm past swimming myself but have always admired the young lifesavers

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: Is the proposed crossing in the right place? Why is it so important to aim it straight at the Moutua monument so that the monument has to be removed? Refer to L.P. Hartley – “the past is a foreign country they do things differently here”.

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 road is uncomfortable for cyclists. A new trail would be excellent like the one from the cemetery to the Upokongaro low bridge.

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? **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 are always told that our rates will trend downwards next year, or the year after but they always seem to go up. For example my rates increased by 30.3% last time, excluding horizons rates. That's not very encouraging, I would like to see CV rating.

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 834

First name: **Nathan**
Last name: **Field**

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 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?

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?

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: We run the risk of losing even more touring shows and performances - upgrade the facility to be industry standard - bring that revenue to our city!

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 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?

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? **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 # 490

Not Speaking

First name: **Adrianna**
Last name: **Firaza**

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: Cost for feasibility study will end up more cost and then don't have anything. Keep the pool and invest in it so families can continue to enjoy this. Outdoor space and healthy lifestyles important for the community wellbeing.

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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Keep the aviary open and include this as part of the volunteer group that supports 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: They add beauty to the city. I'm sure other costs could be cut such as consultant fees that would save a lot of money to the council.

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 is very popular and supports that community. It has become the hub of Gonville with the health services also there. Great community collaboration which is supported by the Davis 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: Great investment in the community.

Further comments on service cuts: I'm sure more money could be saved within council by looking at consultants, work groups etc

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 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: Beach is an important aspect of Whanganui and needs to be supported

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?

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)

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Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1290

Not Speaking

First name: **Wayne**
Last name: **Firmin**
Organisation: **Putiki**

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?

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?

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

No

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Submission # 1568

Speaking

First name: Lola
Last name: Fisher

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 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: The cutting of Youth Council without consultation is disappointing

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? **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? **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)

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Submitter Comments: It is disappointing to see the disestablishment of the youth council. Our voices matter, yet they're sidelined. We demand genuine engagement and representation. Disestablishing the Youth Council betrays trust and denies our right to representation. We're tired of being ignored. I will be making my oral submission on this.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 350

Speaking

First name: **Catriona**
Last name: **Fisher**

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 initially thought it wouldn't make much difference but after I sat in the library for a couple of hours and watched the sheer no. of people (it was between 3pm -6pm so a huge no. of children and there wasn't even any after school activity scheduled) I realised that the \$2.30 a year saving is just not worth it to prevent people accessing this space 1 day a week. It's not just issuing books, it's one of the only places people can go in Whanganui without having to purchase anything. Everyone is able to borrow books for free. Use the internet for free. Access the current day's newspaper for free. Read to their children on a couch or study or apply for jobs or just be somewhere warm and dry. Whanganui lacks places where people can just be. The library is used by people from all walks of life every day in so many different ways. It's a crucial space in our town that is worth protecting access to. I know some must use it daily for company, shelter and warmth. The people this will most affect will be the elderly and the poor. It seems crazy to cut access to this facility in the face of no youth hub/space for teenagers in our town. My teenager uses this space weekly at various times on different days. I am so very grateful that she has somewhere safe and warm. She is grateful for the access to the internet and the friendly faces of the staff. In the absence of a Youth Space, this is the closest the teens in this town will get to one. Shutting the doors to the public 1 day a week doesn't necessarily mean people won't still be working there. There are still many jobs behind the scenes that will still need to take place regardless of whether or not the public can issue books. What are the costs associated with closing a day? What changes to contracts/redundancies will mean a cost to pay them out or change? Will this make the savings negligible? Would closing the Sunday make more sense than Monday when considering the weekly staff cost if everyone (apart from three staff issuing books) is still needing to be paid for the weekday work. I do not think any Library in NZ closes on a Monday as opposed to a Sunday. Also, there is no public transport in Whanganui on Sundays. It's a small (comparatively) amount of \$43,000 saved with this proposed service cut. There could be other ways to save the money within the library that don't involve closing one day a week. I think asking the librarians themselves would be a great start. I think the last thing they would want is to close a day and would be able to brainstorm similar savings without closing days. Do we need to continue the Mobile Library and the Home Library service in their current forms? At the \$150k and \$70k costs I think these could be worthwhile places to consider the cut instead. With library hubs opening up around Whanganui I wonder if the Mobile service is not as needed as it used to be? Schools could similarly access books in a similar fashion to the National Library, ordering by subject or topic and receiving a bundle by delivery. (linked)Lending service | Services to Schools (natlib.govt.nz) This could become a wonderful resource to busy schoolteachers. The old buses that had both adult and kid books were a great way for families to enjoy the mobile library. The new small vans are cramped and don't appeal to both adult and child audiences at the same time so are not as versatile. Could schools that need to build up their own libraries be helped by donating the children's books that are undamaged that the library sells in its sales, to those schools instead of running the mobile library out to them?

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: If the building is able to be sold, there is the possibility for it to take on a new lease of life. The cost of the retaining work could then be recouped from the sale of the building. This could come out cheaper than Option 1 once some or all of the money is recouped.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: I like the suggestion to gift this to a volunteer group. This would save the exorbitant staffing costs and the costs of demolishing the building. There are many passionate people keen to keep this facility. Maybe a vet could care for any sick or injured birds pro-bono in return for an advertising sign. A donation box could go towards food costs.

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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: \$1.1 million is proposed to be spent, which is just under 2% of councils total spend. The harm 1% rate rises causes on 36% of our population has a combined impact far exceeding the harm that these organisations will have to endure.

Further comments on service cuts: I propose the following cuts: - Masters Games: A profitable and successful event that does not need \$100k of resident money to be successful. This should be stopped unless there is a significant risk that the event will be called off due to the \$100k. Our own people who are already employed for Tourism and Economic Development should be focused on this highly profitable event. - Climate Change Fund: \$110k is budgeted for this year with no strategy or outcome that benefits the people of our district. As per the answer to Cr Laws question in 2023, the surplus is likely to be spent on reports from consultants, instead of outcomes we need. Remove completely until needed. - Public Arts: \$176k a year on art becomes counter intuitive, art is an expression of the times and times are tight and our art scene should understand 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?

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: Ask a philanthropist to pay for the entire overhaul and alter the name of the venue to their name if that's a draw card?

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?
(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: - CBD maintenance: \$1,421,000. Proposed to lock this in a one million, fixing costs allows innovation to ensure the maximization of outcomes. - Port: \$1,798,000. It is understood that costs have escalated on this project due to inflation, however, the return on investment now sits well outside the council's risk parameters. What work has been done to reduce spending?

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1258

Not Speaking

First name: Sarah
Last name: Fitness

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?

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?

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? **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)

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

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1393

Not Speaking

First name: Caren
Last name: Fitzgerald

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:

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 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 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 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? **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 # 1042

Not Speaking

First name: Lynette
Last name: Flavell

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: Are there any operating school pools in the Whanganui East that the council could 'lease' from them for a shorter time over the summer. Perhaps only opening during the weekend with paid life guards.

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?

Submitter Comments: Would love a voluntary organisation to take it over as I'm a bird lover and often visit the aviary. If not "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:

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

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

Submitter Comments: Could not some of the land they own be sold, eg Jubilee, Kiwi Street school etc. and the money put towards upgrading the 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?

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: Depends on which ones the council plan to sell. We need good roads, footpaths, stormwater, wastewater, transportation, water supply. 'What are all the community venue council fund' 'Racecourse' 'Opera house'

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 think we need to maintain most of the assets we have now. Look at selling the ground that surrounds our small playgrounds like e.g. Peat Park, Fox Road, Carlton Avenue, Lorenzdale Park to name a few.

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 683

Not Speaking

First name: **Mel**
Last name: **Fleet**

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 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

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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?

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 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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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? **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 # 563

Not Speaking

First name:

Mark

Last name:

Fleming

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 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 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?
(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 # 320

Not Speaking

First name: **Madison**
Last name: **Fletcher**

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 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 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? **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 # 243

Speaking

First name: **Bill**
Last name: **Fleury**
Organisation: **Waitahinga Group Chair Bushy Park Trust**

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 # 1405

Not Speaking

First name: Dion
Last name: Floyd

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: Look at raising the annual fee by a percentage, not hefty, but user pays.

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: Sell it off, let it become privately owned

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: Get a proper estimate, and don't let it blow out 3 fold

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: Would love to see breakdown on, where every cent goes for this project. Wages petrol bird feed etc

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: Ask the tennents of the buisness if they want them, user pays, or let them maintain them

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: Put a honest box gold coin donation, won't make a fortune but people would be willing, it's pretty cool 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:

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: Hold these contractors accountable for Rubish workmanship

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

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 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: Really, 5-7 million seems extravagant. No to 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?

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: As all government departments are cutting cost, our council should also be restructuring, to many 6 figure salaries.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1435

Not Speaking

First name: Sara
Last name: Floyd

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?

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 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 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 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 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?
(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 # 511

First name: **Anne**
Last name: **Flutey**

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: Either Option 1 or 2: The provision of the library bus has been a great addition to the service especially for elder people who have to rely on public transport to get to the main library. Having a one day closure would surely not inconvenience any locals.

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: Is there any way the Whanganui East residents could become involved in the upkeep and running of the pool. Community involvement in many areas appears to have disappeared and residents expect Council to pay for everything.

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: Unfortunately I have chosen Option 1. The Repertory theatre is one of Whanganui's icons but unfortunately the cost of stabilising the bank behind and earthquake strengthening appears to me to be just too expensive.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Have a meeting of interested residents who would be prepared to assist in caring for the birds with appropriate training if necessary.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

Submitter Comments: Surely the shop owners who are adjacent to each area with a basket could look after them and pay for them. If they are not prepared to do so then 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: A wonderful asset to the city but again should attract outside funding from the people who use the 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: By not continuing the rural rubbish collection we would see a great increase in illegal dumping which already happens. What are we to do if the local transfer station should close?

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 very popular and caters for other options and is always busy. Saves people travelling in to the main library and services a large area.

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: One of the most popular places to visit by out of towners and overseas 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: There are other avenues of funding which can be applied for. I think members of many organisations can and should contribute to their particular community organisation. There appears to be a lack of community contribution in Whanganui.

Further comments on service cuts: I am a past employee of the Council so probably not make comment but it seemed to be a wrong move when Council moved from "in house" service providers to outside contractors e.g. lawn mowing, repairs & maintenance etc.

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: Good idea but not affordable unless an outside backer can be found who would contribute a considerable amount of the cost.

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 has over the years given Whanganui much pleasure. However as a rate payer of older years with no great financial reserves I get worried about the ratepayers having to fund many of the suggestions. Any person relying on superannuation finds it very difficult to keep up with rates, insurance and household expenses.

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: In many cases local Iwi were provided with funding over the years from the Waitangi Tribunal, those funds should be used.

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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: I agree with a pedestrian crossing but would suggest it be installed in a safer place because of the amount of traffic in that area, and an appropriate speed restriction. I work in this area and do not see a great many people actually accessing Pakaitore. I think a pedestrian crossing would be better nearer to the I-site.

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: If this suggestion was to be Option 1 the road would need to be widened considerably to cater for walkers, runners, cyclists & people on horses. This road has always been a speed track and I can imagine the installation of Option 1 could result in serious accidents. However I can imagine the provision of a Road trail being very popular and complimentary to other similar local options.

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: More consultation required here with 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: More information required. Whanganui's core infrastructure is in need of costly replacement in many areas e.g. water pipes, Dublin St Bridge etc. These are very expensive facilities but need to be seriously considered.

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1165

Not Speaking

First name: **Ngaire**
Last name: **Flynn**

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: Staff should always have Sunday off, so families can plan personal time together.

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: As the pool was donated to the residents of Wanganui, & at the time the Council agreed to the maintenance & care of the pool. Splash Centre does not provide a great summer venue for summer pool activities.

Repertory Theatre

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: This building is part of Wanganui's heritage & should be saved either in it's current address or move building to another address

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Encourage the local community to set up a Trust, funded by grants/gifts, who will maintain & care for both the aviary & the birds

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 an important asset to the city from tourists observation. Both local & overseas. A group I arranged to visit, of 68 Australians, all commented on the beautiful hanging baskets in Victoria Avenue.

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 feel the options 1 & 2 should both be no change to Rates, especially if it's sale is successful. In fact a sale should reduce rates. Please do think the citizens of Wanganui believe everything that the CEO is feeding the Council on 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:

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

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: There is no need for an actual car parking building. Extra parking could be available on the Memorial Hall Forecourt, on the days that there is no functions in the Hall. It is close to Victoria Avenue for shoppers or visitors to both the Museum & the Sargent Gallery

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: To help finance this, please work with The Friends of the Opera House to raise the funds .

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: Iwi's have money to look after their own Marae's. It is NOT up to the Ratepayers of Wanganui to look after these properties. The Council does not financially help other ethnic groups meeting venues.

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: Help & support the WSLs to raise funds/grants. I feel the community should be encouraged to support this wonderful group.

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: Absolutely against this stupid idea. I use these streets regularly & only time there is pedestrians is Saturday morning, due to River Market. \$\$ better spent on Wan6Pool, which would benefit our young citizens.

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: As citizens, we need to know what assets the CEO has suggested to Council for selling. I am noticing that the current CEO has not attempted to find out what is important to Wanganui citizens & the things about our city that tourists like to enjoy.

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 # 558

Not Speaking

First name: Norma
Last name: Foley

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

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:

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: better seating and heating

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 # 447

Not Speaking

First name: Anne
Last name: Foley

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: Make it available to the most people. Sunday closure should not effect too much of an issue

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 Whanganui East and see the young of our area walking to the pool most days. With out it this group would have no pool to enjoy. They would struggle to travel out to Springvale. Please do not take it away from them

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 sad to lose the theatre and the people involved. a sale may enable alternate venue to be sourced.

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 service attracts tourists - please 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: Whanganui is known for the hanging baskets - it helps raise morale. The city looks dull without them. Olease do not lose these

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: Money earned can be used else where

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: Why not a Sunday - encourage a family day

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: An asset to the city

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: Provided the money is used for the purpose stated. The cost of updating infrastructure will only increase, lets do it while prices are "lower"

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: Not Council core business

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 this will save the Opera House then yes

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: Guven emergency management role would support this, not council role to support all Marae in the region

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: Need to ensure a safe beach 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 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?
(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: Council have a difficult job. Hard decisions need to be made now to ensure the future viability of the city. Dont step backward and lose the progress made to date.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 862

Not Speaking

First name: Louise
Last name: Follett

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: The Whanganui East Pool as our only outdoor facility is important to the community. Repairing and maintaining it is a cheaper option than a feasibility study and the cost of building a new outdoor pool. The pool is well used in the summer months, by schools and the general public. It also aligns with our heritage brand when you consider its age and the community that was involved in constructing it.

Repertory Theatre

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Sell the property to the current users for a minimal fee. With heritage being a significant part of Whanganui's brand, it's important to keep the building regardless of its change of use.

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 an outdated facility and does not add to Virginia Lake Rotokawau in any way. We need to promote a more humane way of engaging with nature, for example, Bushy Park Tarapurui.

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 am more than happy to pay \$5 a year for the hanging baskets. They have a real impact on the look and feel of the CBD, and again, are in line with the heritage strategy. Admittedly, the

baskets haven't looked their best since the Bristols stopped providing the baskets, but I am sure that can be rectified.

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: The Glassworks (under a different name) operated successfully as a private business and can do so again. Council's involvement in profit-making exercises does not appear to have been very successful. This business should already be returning 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:

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 keep the building as a local meeting hub.

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, the Winter Gardens sits well within our heritage branding. We cannot move away from facilities that play to our strengths.

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: This is vital 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 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Once again, when the feasibility study re the Sarjeant Development was taking place, it should have been clear we do not have the accommodation or airport to align with the aspirations for the Sarjeant Gallery. I know it's been more than a decade since the 'hunt' started for a 4-star accommodation provider, and alas, that hasn't happened. I support gifting land and ease of resource consent for this project, but not WDC owning 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 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: This work should sit entirely with the central government.

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: Water safety is important, and the facility is well past its use date.

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: A popular destination and an unsafe road makes this vital work.

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 # 1001

Not Speaking

First name: Anita
Last name: Foord

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: As the city's population grows, another pool seems like a good option

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:

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: I'm worried a council hotel will be eye wateringly ugly. New-build hotels usually look like what slums look like in other countries. If it could be like the Museum Hotel in Wellington that would be perfect -and local art could go on the wall.

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?

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: Sell it!

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 # 1497

Not Speaking

First name: Jodi
Last name: Forbes

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 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 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

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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?
(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 # 1402

Not Speaking

First name: **William**
Last name: **Ford**

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

Submitter Comments: A business can not afford to sponsor events when they are broke why does this seem a good idea for a council

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: This park is very seldomly used an absolute waste of tax payer money. When the court is moved will there be anyone stopping there?

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 growing community in the Wanganui area. This would help remove some congestion on an inadequate 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 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: Once the assets are gone we can not get them back. What are we you going to sell when you have nothing left and are still broke

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 # 1488

Not Speaking

First name: Loren
Last name: Fore

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 sure other things can be cut like ur wages?

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 not close the pools ur taking from our kids to much for the library museum cyclist do something for our kids

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 or turn into something that will make a profit for whanganui

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: How dare this even be thought keep it open for our kids and visitors my whanau have been visiting this for generations cut ur wages

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 long term plants in the baskets not ones u have to replace

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: This is only going to bring visitors.tourist and others why close 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 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: It should not cost that much to maintain it I'd do a better job than whoever is now even my boy does a better job look outside the square

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?

Something else (state below)

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: Lack of parking because ur taking it away for bloody cyclist. have free parking for at least the workers making money for the council and the 2 hour limit is stupid especially for our elderly

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: Don't fix something that ain't broke

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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: What a waste of money there's enough around here for pedestrians and cyclist

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: What a waste of money not needed

Asset Sales

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Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Turn one of those assets into something for our community that will make money not use ratepayers money

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? **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: Make whanganui great again for our kids and further generations not for cyclists and stupid other things look outside the square and start helping the community not making it harder

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 36

Not Speaking

First name: Frank
Last name: Forlong

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: Must keep this asset going very important to our suburbs. Too far from splash centre.

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

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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

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:

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:

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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?

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 # 799

Not Speaking

First name: **Nicci**
Last name: **Forlong**

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: Definitely invest. This pool facility is a hidden gem which has served many Whanganui families for generations already. It provides a place for several schools, reducing the requirement to bus students over to the other side of town. It is a facility that should be celebrated. Generate revenue by providing swimming lessons there through summer. Have summer carnival weekends with food caravans perhaps. Create a fun outdoor toddler area like the Lido in Palmerston North has. Instead of paying to have this worthwhile facility decommissioned, invest in it.

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: We want to encourage families to Whanganui. My own children and visiting family members have all enjoyed walking through the aviary. The lake, the winter gardens and the aviary all go hand in hand for a beautiful Whanganui experience.

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 have been beautiful and worth encouraging businesses to take this on themselves to beautify their shop entrances.

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: Living rurally, it is vital to have somewhere to take our rubbish for removal. Perhaps having rubbish removal every second week could be a way to save, but still provide a service? Eg the first and second Tuesday of each month.

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

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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?

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

Submitter Comments: 20 Marae are a lot of building and grounds to consider for our local population. I would be more inclined to give some funding depending on location due to trying to maintain too many things in a time that we all need to consolidate more.

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 a necessity at this point. This will make no difference to encouraging people to visit or to live in Whanganui when there are more pressing needs for 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: Lets maintain the things we have in Whanganui before we throw away the old and build new things that will still require maintenance .

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: Until council provides the information on which assets are being considered to sell, I don't feel comfortable answering this question.

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: Overall, invest in existing facilities that give people, especially the youth things to do. As far as paying more rates, obviously we are all aware that prices have increased across the board but, so long as council are being prudent in how the council is being run then I would tolerate a small rates increase. However, with the blowout in the art gallery costs etc, my tolerance is wearing thin.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1476

Not Speaking

First name: **Janine**
Last name: **Foster**

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 feel very strongly about keeping this 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:

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 an attraction for people visiting Wanganui to enjoy, as well as locals. It adds further enjoyment to the cafe, lake, playground for everyone

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: It beautifies the streets

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: Unless you want to see rubbish all over our roads, then keep the rubbish points. I also recommend that we provide free rubbish pick up and add the cost to property owners so low income residents don't find alternative dumping options ie our river, forests etc What's a few more dollars a month to have ALL rubbish free

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: Keep them open, along with the aviary, cafe, playground etc Makes visiting the lake more enjoyable with multiple options to view

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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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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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:

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 # 1417

Not Speaking

First name:

Mark

Last name:

Frampton

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 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?

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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 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 # 985

Not Speaking

First name: **Scott**
Last name: **Francis**

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 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

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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

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:

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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?
(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 # 1197

Not Speaking

First name: Barry
Last name: Francis

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:

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: This is the council's core business.

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?

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 # 1390

Not Speaking

First name: Kelvin
Last name: Francis

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:

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: Rate payers in town have to pay to dispose their refuse so it should be the same for rural properties

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: we as ratepayers should not foot the bill for this type of thing

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 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: This is a very busy arterial route in town it doesn't need any more slowing up its already a congested part of town

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 # 819

Not Speaking

First name: Lynette
Last name: Francois

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: I would like to see an outdoor pool built in Whanganui East. Nice to have grass to sit and have a picnic.

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: Not nice to see birds in cages.

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 add to the city with our lovely old building

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?

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: Yes a hotel is needed and will be an asset in future to help with keeping our city in top condition

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 must keep the opera house going for all to enjoy in future.

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: Most important to keep life saving service operating

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: Thanks for this opportunity to have a say.

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 245

Speaking

First name: **Alistair**
Last name: **Fraser**
Organisation: **Digital Inclusion Alliance Aotearoa**

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?

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?

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?

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?

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: I have attached a separate document with the Digital Inclusion Alliance Aotearoa's comments about digital inclusion.

Supporting documents **Yes**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1343

Not Speaking

First name: Peter
Last name: Fraser

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 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 core business. let WDC concentrate on core business

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 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: this is not core business and not for ratepayers to be involved

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: Not core business

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?
(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: WDC must concentrate on core business and not be involved in expenditure that should be taken up by central Govt and or private enterprise. Any other investment must be based on picking winners and unfortunately WDC has to date not picked any

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 300

Not Speaking

First name: Alistair
Last name: Fraser

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?

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? **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 # 38

Not Speaking

First name: Deb
Last name: Frederikse

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: Reducing the hours of operation and/or closing libraries. As a relatively low income community, with a high portion of elderly, the libraries provide an accessible point for gathering information, relaxing, entertainment, communicating on the internet, studying etcetc. Libraries inform the community and improve general literacy and intellect. If we grow a more intelligent community. Do not close libraries. Maintain the book budget at current levels. Keep the mobile library, keep the home delivery service. Preferred option is 3.

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. Prefer option 2. Invest in the pool, upgrade it, continue to operate. This is a valuable community asset. It is accessible to the people of a large suburb. Mostly low to average income. It is important for exercise and recreation. Supervision means that it is a safer option for kids. The projected growth of the Whanganui population means that outdoor pools must be maintained. Too many outdoor pools have already been closed in Whanganui. Establishing a pool elsewhere will be very expensive, and pressure on the Splash centre will only increase. It could take years to establish another large outdoor pool. The Splash centre is expensive to run and to get into. The Splash centre coupled with Virginia Lake reserve is very convenient for St John's Hill residents for exercise and relaxation, but is a long distance from Whanganui East.

Repertory Theatre

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Repertory Theatre. When Michael Laws sold the Whanganui Savage club building to the Savages for \$1, they agreed to take on running and maintenance, subject to the WDC re-roofing the building. This was done. The Whanganui Musicians club now runs the building. They do all of the maintenance, run a profitable organisation, and provide an extremely well used community facility. Repertory could be run on the same basis. But WDC needs to acknowledge that it will be difficult for the theatre group to both re-roof and earthquake strengthen. Therefore Council should repair the roof, plus strengthen the sand bank to the rear of the building. Prefer Option "4": invest in permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank. Re-roof the building, using volunteer labour. Council provides the iron. Sell the

building to the organisation. Acknowledge that the building is worth investment both for its social capital, community benefits. Plus it's great historic significance.

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: NZ Glassworks. This won't survive under private ownership. Council needs to decide whether it supports the facility as a tourist attraction, connecting the centre to the suite of cultural buildings in Pukenui, Queens Park. The River Traders market, Community Art Centre, the Fine Arts Gallery, Article cafe and Quartz Gallery also offer attractions in this unique old town location. Prefer 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: Drop off points for Rural rubbish. Support Council's preferred option.

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: Level of Community Grant funding Support Council preferred option 1. Supporting services and events that foster social cohesion and community wellbeing is more important

than ever as we are in the midst of challenging financial times. I support the possibility of extending the community grant to smaller organisations, staffed by volunteers, that have a proven record of enriching Whanganui life. There are currently no funds available for organisations like the Whanganui Community art centre, the Whanganui Musicians club, Repertory Theatre ,Sustainable Whanganui Trust, the Men's Shed and many more. Quartz Gallery is really the Ceramics museum of Aotearoa. It is unique. Located in an excellent strong building. This should be supported via an admin grant and connected to the existing cultural institutions of Pukemanu ,Queens Park, POsitive well being and a feeling of connection results from the dedication of these volunteer run organisations. They need some assistance with admin expenses and building maintenance.

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 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:

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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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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:

Pūkaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pūkaitore 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: Selling WDC assets : it is not possible to agree to this without some indication of what and where. Land, buildings, forests?

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 # 189

Speaking

First name: Fred
Last name: Frederikse
Organisation: Whanganui Musicians Club Inc. I chair the

maintenance committee.

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: Not a library user, buy books, mostly second hand

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 learned to swim in the Whanganui East Pool in 1960 and would like to see it continue - it is the town's last public outdoor 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: The Whanganui Musician's Club model has been advocated - by councilor's and WDC staff - although I am not sure that they understand what our model 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: None

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: Too labour intensive

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: neutral

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: Fly tipping by Whanganui residents along Papaiti Rd is a concern to me. I have been known to stop an call flytippers "****ing pigs".

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: none

Winter Gardens

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

Don't know

Submitter Comments: Entire parks and reserves need strategic planning

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 WMC is largely self funding. Naturally any assistance would be appreciated. More to the point, based on past experience, simply being open to dialogue about jointly achieving positive outcomes.

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: Our policy at the WMC is to upgrade infrastructure - electrical wiring, alarms (fire and security) water and heating, sound and lighting equipment.

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: this is the business of a private investor, not the WDC.

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 already have one building to worry about

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: We run the WDC along the lines of an urban marae, and self fund.

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: As a past member of the Surf Club and the landscape designer who drew up a development plan for the Castlecliff Domain my view is that the Surf Club building should be shifted to the nearby upper car park and the foredunes be allowed to naturally form - thereby saving the WDC thousands in sand moving costs. This proposal didn't go down well with Michael Laws in 2000!

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**Something else (state below)**

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

Submitter Comments: Close the entire road

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: 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.

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: It is not an either or. WDC should be thinking about what assets to sell and what to buy

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: As well as becoming a nationally known and well used music venue, the WMC has run and maintained the old Savage Club hall for the benefit of the Whanganui community, at the same time paying a land lease and rates. In recognition there should be no increase in either. In the five years we have owned the building we (with the assistance of Four Regions) have three-quarters rewired the building, raised \$30,000 from Heritage NZ for a heritage conservation study (architectural, structural and fire), and we now have the support of Heritage NZ (a heritage plaque) and an informed, but cost effective, strategy for a program of maintenance and upgrading. We need some support at highest level from the WDC re site boundaries and surrounding buildings.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 622

Not Speaking

First name: **Nerrily**
Last name: **Frith**

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: On going costs and maintenance to high at this stage

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: Need to support Amdram more

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: Very sad to see it go, but is past its use by date.

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 feature of Whanganui

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: This is a important social hub for Gonville 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: Another great feature of Whanganui

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: Need to keep this going

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: With Limited flights in an out of Wanganui being a real issue for people Attending conferences, cannot see much point in building a big hotel and function Centre if we can't get people in an out. We are not Auckland or Wellington and would Not attract these many extra people.

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: We need to keep the Opera House as authentic as possible

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: Can't afford it

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: Can't afford 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?

Don't know

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 pensioner housing is not affected in this plan

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 # 1320

Not Speaking

First name: Edwin
Last name: Frith

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: I know some people find it hard to get into the library but there are two vans that provide a very good local service

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

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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: help needed to keep repertory group alive

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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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

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:

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

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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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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 # 1299

Speaking

First name: **Nerrily**
Last name: **Frith**
Organisation: **Grey Power**

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: For a lot of residents of Whanganui the Library is a important social aspect in their lives

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: Until this recession is over. We need to prioritize what is most important.

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: Costs to bring up to code

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: As much as I hate to say close the Avery, I think at this point in time with the cost of living the way it is and cost to maintain the ivory. I think it should be closed.

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: A real gem for 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?

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: Another social hub in Whanganui

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: Can't afford 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?

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)

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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: This is a want and not a need at this time

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: Need to find money somewhere

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 # 362

Not Speaking

First name: **Michelle**
Last name: **Furber**

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: my experience of using the library during the week is that it is always well utilised by a broad range of people for a broad range of purposes. It would be shame to lose this.

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: I'd prefer to keep the pool open while the Feasibility Study is carried out, so that the option of upgrading the pool is not eliminated by the time that it is closed. I also have concerns about the equity and accessibility impacts of a facility like this being closed - it is one of the best known public spaces and facilities on this side of the awa.

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 prefer that the building continued to exist, as it adds to the character of the area and provides a visual link between Pakaitore and Drews Avenue, as reflected in its heritage listing. Would therefore prefer not to pay more money to demolish it than to stabilise the bank and increase the sale value of the site. Not particularly worried as to whether it is sold and whether it continues to operate as theatre. That can be a matter for the new owners and the Repertory Theatre as tenants.

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 an embarrassment the conditions that the birds in this facility are kept in. It in no way contributes to the park's 'premier' status

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 provided a positive visual impact and our sense of the city's appeal when my partner and I were considering towns to move to in late 2023. Numerous friends and family who have visited since then have commented on how pretty the main street and the feel of the town. Could these be paid for by a levy on Mainstreet businesses, as they are by many other Business Improvement District Organisations?

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'm happy for the council to continue to own this at it is currently. If there are strategic reasons for not operating the Glassworks itself, I would like to see the Council retain ownership of the building and its facilities but let an operating concession, so that the Council can put conditions on it that mean the facility is retained in the city and not shifted elsewhere, causing us to lose the reputation that comes with the facility and the eco-system of artists and creatives that infrastructure like this creates. Given the regret often expressed that 'Whanganui lost its art college' it would be a travesty to see this go the same way when it is in the Council's control.

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 happy to pay for this service in an area I don't live in as it protects the environment and visual amenity in the district overall

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: I don't particularly want a multi-storey car park in town, and don't have a lot of confidence in the council successfully building a hotel. Whilst there is a need for additional accommodation the Council's role is to attract a potential operator through the settings it can control, such as planning and partnership brokerage.

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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: there's a case for the council to provide some funding for this community facility, but not sure that \$1m is the right answer. A figure that gets to a household cost of approx \$5 per year sounds about right.

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 support the aspirations and vision of improving the entrance to Pakaitore and the connection to the Awa, as well improving (and prioritising?) the experience of pedestrians at this key gateway point into the city. I hope that the budget proposed is for a project that meets these placemaking aspirations and is not simply for a 'raised crossing' as articulated here.

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 that improves road safety and encourages more walking and cycling is a good thing. This would be a beautiful complement to the route out to Upokongao which provides a safe, segregated route out of town for locals and visitors alike. I'm a confident and experienced cyclist but am put off from cycling this route - both as a single journey and to trip attractors along the way - by the narrow road conditions.

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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)

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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 # 74

Not Speaking

First name: L
Last name: G

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: If something is to be done with the library it is extend its hours over the weekend when lot of people has time to go but on Sundays closes very early. The library is such a fundamental piece of the community, gives many access to books, computers, video, a warm place to stay and talk with with others. Provides so much support to 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?

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: Would be great for Wanganui to have a 50m outdoor pool with other facilities i.e like Makino (Fielding) or Lido (Palmy) with the outdoor slides with the inflatables.

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

Submitter Comments: Love the wooden lanterns & the flowers that are put in the round about.

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: It is a bit hard over any of us, who do not have all the technical details to do a proper assessment of this proposal. We dont know the benefits (\$) this brings to Wanganui. Understand that it is great for the artist community and for visitors to have something else to explore in Wanganui.

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: Dont go to this library so I dont know how much is used. If not a lot then reduce the days if it is used by the community keep it.

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: Winter gardens are a lovely place for visitors and locals . We need to keep the local attractions open & develop them further, specially those free that everyone

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: Would like to see logic on how money is spent. We have roads that are extremely used and are not fixed and over many request only the wholes are covered when really the whole road needs to be done. I am talking about the Manuka road section that connects to Mill Road. So dangerous and so used. There is people walking and riding they bikes. Why Mill Road doesn't go straight all the way to Waitai Street or Aranui school? We need to better connect the city, take as an example Rotorua that has many main roads that take you from one side of the city to the other fast.

Hotel and Car Park

Option 3 - Do nothing (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: Horrible 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: This is something unique, we need to keep it in top condition.

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: It is perfect as it is. Paint pedestrian crossing and that will be as safe as every other crossing point in town.

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: There are many other parts in town that are used by many. We haven't even got the mountain to see cycle path properly connected. The one by the river stops in two areas and doesn't event go on to the mole. You end up cycling between trucks and lots of traffic. We need to finish something!. Everything is so disjointed. Castlecliff kids that go to town for many activities (sports, school, etc) are under a lot of risk due to no bike paths. Examples are Manuka St, Mill Road, Moston Road. Now with all the industries establish in Mill road there are many workers that bike and there is not enough light also in the roads mentioned. Please focus on this areas first.

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Don't know

Submitter Comments: Really I don't know how they impact to the council economy. Do they provide any rent/gains? Do they give lost?

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: We need to develop Wanganui and then the money will come with tourist, events... but you need to have the attractions.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1475

Not Speaking

First name: Paula
Last name: Gage

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:

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 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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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 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:

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:

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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? **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 # 894

Not Speaking

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Last name: **Gailey**

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?

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:

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 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?

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?

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?
(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 # 339

Not Speaking

First name: Sadie
Last name: Gale

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 it was upgraded, it would be great to offer services such as a spa, and also adults only swimming session times for the pool to be enjoyed when no children are around.

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 would be great to keep options for theatres open. Also what is unique about Whanganui is how many heritage buildings we still have. Going forward once the building is upgraded, it could also serve as another option for smaller gigs and other events which the opera house is too big for

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?

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

Submitter Comments: These add to Whanganui's beauty and enjoyment of our city. It would be a shame for them to go. Perhaps the flowers planted could be reconsidered - some which don't need watering / changing so much?

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?

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: There could be some consideration into less tacky decorations eg. at Christmas which take away from the beauty of the plants in the winter 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:

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: Definitely in support of this, but would hope that the carpark wouldn't be an eyesore or impact on a beautiful area in Whanganui. I would also hope that the hotel building is carefully designed so that is also architecturally beautiful. Perhaps with some local artist murals and lots of planting of trees / flowers etc for our local wildlife.

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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:

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.

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

Submitter Comments: I feel there would be very careful consideration of which assets to sell needed. I wouldn't be in favour of any assets which are currently housing community projects. Rather assets which are currently barely used or in a state of serious need of repair which developers could improve

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**
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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 # 724

Not Speaking

First name: Maree
Last name: Gallagher

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

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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?

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

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?

Don't know

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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Don't know

Submitter Comments:

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Don't know

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?

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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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?

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**
(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 # 694

Not Speaking

First name: Nichole
Last name: Ganley

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: The library doesn't need to be open on the weekends. The library offers awesome services during the 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 community needs more information around what a feasibility study entails and hard deadlines for what will be done or proposed to be done by when. I agree better outdoor swimming options should be considered.

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: These are a nice to have, not a need to have.

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: Get rid of the hanging baskets and invest the money saved into the cost of running the winter gardens. This is a beautiful facility with infrastructure that requires maintaining and it makes more sense to keep this than the baskets.

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: Times are tough and people should figure out how to get the things they need done, either by volunteering or trading services.

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 are paying for this via taxes (Government funding) and via rates. These are an asset at times, but these should be maintained or upgraded by the relevant hapu/iwi. Especially if they are past the settlement and have funds to do so.

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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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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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:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 516

Not Speaking

First name: Melva T
Last name: Gardiner

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:

Repertory Theatre

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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:

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

Submitter Comments: Don't need hanging flowers we the people are the Putiputi off the town. People don't stay in town all day. They just pop in do their shopping wherever and home again.

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: Probably can dig their own rubbish holes. Like we do, out in the country.

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: It is a tourist attraction 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 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Save money. Community organisation can fundraise.

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:

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?
(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 # 1150

Not Speaking

First name: Suzanne
Last name: Gardner

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 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?

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 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? **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 # 1344

Not Speaking

First name: Simon
Last name: Garland

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 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?

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?

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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: As a driver of oversized loads this is our route to Aramoho and there are no alternatives. More consultation needs to take place otherwise infrastructure will be damaged. Stop changing roads with no knowledge of the consequences. Come for a ride one night and see how hard you make people's lives

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?
(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 # 312

Not Speaking

First name: Nicole
Last name: Garland

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?

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

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:

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

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, **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 # 142

Speaking

First name: **Helen**
Last name: **Garner**
Organisation: **Business Whanganui - Chamber of Commerce**

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: From our member engagement and survey feedback 91.5% of respondents said they wanted WDC to identify a developer to fund and undertake these projects, regardless of how long it takes. They do not want these projects to be ratepayer funded.

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?

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: From our member engagement and survey feedback 79% of respondents supported the sale/rationalisation of Council-owned assets that do not contribute to community wellbeing, meet a future development requirement, or provide an acceptable cost to benefit ratio.

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	Yes
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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 349

Not Speaking

First name: Chelsea
Last name: Garner

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 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

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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 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?

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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 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?
(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 # 133

Not Speaking

First name: Nicole
Last name: Gaston

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?

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 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: As a regular visitor to the Glassworks I think it is very important that it is retained in public ownership so that it continue to be the only accessible facility for glass blowing in Aotearoa.

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?

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?

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?

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? **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 # 937

First name: **Colin**
Last name: **Gates**

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: Once the pool is shut down it will be gone for good. This would not be a good outcome for Whanganui East swimmers. The Splash Centre is not big enough to cater for all swimmers now.

Repertory Theatre

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: An option is to lock the building and defer maintenance until the national economy improves (maybe next year?). The question is: does Council need to do anything right now?

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 current flock of birds are unlikely to survive removal, temporary rehousing and re-captivation in the new aviary; hence, the aviary renovation was always going to require a new flock of birds. So the exercise is not about humanitarian treatment and housing of the current birds. Thus, addressing the existing issues with the current aviary is a good time to remove the aviary completely.

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 service to the rural community was set up to collect refuse that would otherwise be dumped uncontrolled on property or fly-tipped in the rural landscape. The service has been successful in collecting previously uncontrolled refuse, limiting refuse in the waterways and being deposited on the river banks and beach, and instilling an ethic of depositing of rural refuse responsibly. Ceasing the service would be a step backwards in treatment of and attitudes to rural refuse.

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: The Winter Gardens are an historical and pleasant local and tourist attraction at Virginia Lake. Closing the Winter Gardens would certainly downgrade the Virginia Lake experience.

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 the current levels until national economic conditions improve, and review increases at that time.

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: This is something best left to the private sector. Council could assist where helpful, but not take on responsibility for the project.

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: Operate the Opera House responsibly in its current condition until the national economic conditions improve.

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: Provide current funding for the foreseeable future until national economic conditions improve, and then reassess the funding levels at that stage.

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 surf-lifesaving presence is needed at the beach. The current facility is no longer fit for purpose and needs replacement.

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: Installing a raised crossing layout at this point will have adverse effects on traffic movements (particularly heavies) and introduce a safety hazard for pedestrians (mostly children). Postpone this activity until national economic conditions improve. A better, but more expensive, solution may be possible at a future time.

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: Reassess this project when national economic conditions improve.

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: Only sell those assets that do not produce income for Council or cost Council to administer and maintain. Bear in mind that once a Council (Public) facility is sold to the private sector it is lost for good. Council could be poorer in future from short-term choices made now.

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: There has been no question on kerb-side recycling. The proposed exercise is poorly considered and is unlikely to have a positive gain outcome. We are not called "Windy Whanganui" for no reason! The current kerb-side proposal needs to be re-engineered for a better long-term outcome and improvement.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1309

Not Speaking

First name: Yvonne
Last name: Gatland

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: Should option 1 be selected, then I would like the Extensions to the Davis Library be cancelled. That will save a lot of money. A library is an amenity for the public.

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: Whanganui has lost three swimming pools and two diving facilities. The buildings eg Gonville have been left as an eyesore. The main problems have been the Councils' lack of maintenance over time. Central swimming baths was removed; the promise was a new 50metre indoor pool with outside swimming facilities also. This would have created a place for many swimming competitions and a facility that all of Whanganui can use. This was not followed through (one of Councils' continuing problems) so we are left in this position again. Whanganui used to have prominent divers as well as swimmers and many clubs that kept children healthily occupied. What is the cost of maintaining the Whanganui East Pool compared to the feasibility study for a new pool? We need this information to make an informed decision. Also, where would this facility be? Whanganui East, Castlecliff and Aramoho personnel and families have a long way to travel as 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: Isn't the Repertory Theatre (previously the library) an historic building? If so; shouldn't it be restored? I do not understand why this lovely building is deemed to be demolished when some uglier buildings are retained eg Taupo Quay opposite the new flats on the river bank? For some reason Council want Whanganui to be a heritage town so why not charge visitors to view the buildings when done up, with narration from our history person Scott Flutey and make some money out of it.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: The aviary should be kept open. It could be run like the bird sanctuary at Bushy Park with the help from DOC, Forest and Bird, Council and volunteers. Whanganui's best feature has

always been Virginia Lake, the Winter Gardens, Bird Aviary, the playground etc. More locals and visitors come to this area than the Sergeant Art Gallery! The figures show that only a small number of tourists visit the Sergeant but you have wasted so much money on this project.

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: If the hanging baskets go; then the other existing gardens and paths need to be maintained much better. Mainstreet in the past has not helped businesses (my parents were in business for 30 years) they were just an extra cost and council salaries.

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: I presume that the NZ Glassworks is a Council and Public Asset. So, if this is to be sold to a private enterprise, then the monies should go into reducing your debt. The Council have borrowed incessantly, paid consultants huge monies. This has nothing to do with the rate payer and should not be our burden. As the public put monies into the Glassworks, how do we benefit from this?

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: Unfortunately, Whanganui area is huge. Why can't the smaller areas be provided with their own business incentives and have private waste providers in their area?

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: Gonville Library needs to retain its opening hours. It is more than a book lending service. It is a Community Hub for Springvale, Gonville and Castlecliff and the wider areas of Whanganui. Many groups use the Gonville Library - Knitters, Mahjong, Scrabble just to name a few. Access to computers are also very important. Many people meet at the library; sometimes their only social contact, have a coffee, get books out and converse. It is paramount that the Gonville Library stays.

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: Once again; a beautiful frequented attraction at 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: Community Well being is the essence of any town in NZ. Whanganui has been under maintained for years and most areas have deteriorated. Whanganui cannot afford for that to happen to its residents.

Further comments on service cuts: The main issues with Whanganui Council and staff is their frequent lack of maintenance and their debt. Staff are the same over many years and should have the required expertise. Consultants and Whanganui & Partners should not be required for most. Amenities like swimming pools, libraries etc are not there for profit. I would like to know what Assets the Council own. Which ones and why they are to be sold. Incurring debt and interest IS NOT the way to run anything. I would also like to know what is the name of the entity who wants to take over our social housing?

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: Roading needs to be done using better methods e.g. in the USA. Our roads do not last and they are forever being patched up. Footpaths are still not of a quality standard and still cause many accidents. If we don't have the proper infrastructure, we will always have a mess.

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 think that any of this is required. Until we have the facilities (like a covered velodrome) 50m swimming pool, infrastructure etc we will continue to fail to attract bigger events. If the latter are achieved then maybe a private operator may be interested. The town needs to be shipshape etc before any of this can be contemplated.

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: Before any of this is considered; the chairs in the Opera House are far too small and too closely packed. They are uncomfortable and the Opera House is cold. I presume this building also has a heritage status; so maybe extra external funding and iwi funding could be looked at.

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: I would not provide Council funding for this. Iwi have funds of their own that surely should be used for such necessities or events.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**Something else (state below)**

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: WSLs to source their own funding.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**Something else (state below)**

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

Submitter Comments: This is for the Iwi to fund. They do have the funds and this will improve the area that is so important to them.

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: Rural roads have always had users rules. These need to be adhered to as well as improving 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.

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: Not really answerable until we know what are the Council's Assets and how much of them are owned or funded partially by the rate payer anyway. Rates have nothing to do with the Council's debt. Flightschool for foreign students? Once assets are sold that is the end.

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: Please DO NOT increase your debt. Please DO frequent maintenance. DO jobs properly in the first place. Open your eyes to the poor people who live here. Concentrate on well being and a safe, happier community. DON'T make it all about rates.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1508

Not Speaking

First name: Joy
Last name: Gedye

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: Why does the cost go 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?

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 pool essential now school pools have been demolished

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: Why is the cost so much when volunteers keep it going

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: If kept let each retailer pay for the ones outside their business

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: An unusual attraction for wanganui

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: We all get rid of our own rubbish at dumps so they can do it too

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: Not needed every day. Customers would soon get used to hours

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: Absolutely necessary for tourists

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: Not needed by council

Further comments on service cuts: Cut staff levels at council and lower heating in winter. Building way too hot

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: If contractors worked at a better pace and more efficiently the repairs would take so long to complete

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: Not councils job to develop hotels etc

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: Wonderful building which needs protection

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 are getting enough handouts from Waitangi payouts so should 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: If no outdoor pools operating the council needs to make beaches safer

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: Ridiculous waste of money. Too many trucks and emergency vehicles use this road. Can't use Guyton St and won't be able to use Taupo Quay. Don't even consider this plan!!

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: Waste of money

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: Too many council owned places that need to be sold off

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: Please get a move on with Dublin St bridge before it collapses. Walking across it is becoming dangerous with failing side panels. Road is constantly in bad repair

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1559

Not Speaking

First name: Soniya
Last name: George

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: Have a fee for use if there isn't one already

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 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: There is one big library for a small place like Whanganui. It's not too far to go to the big library

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 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?

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? **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 # 538

Not Speaking

First name: Marion
Last name: Gibbard

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?

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 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?

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: Te whare o rehua Sarjeant Gallery Whanganui. The reopened Sarjeant Gallery will be a major drawcard and driver of economic uplift for our region. There has been a significant investment from Whanganui individuals, central government, private trusts and philanthropists from throughout Aotearoa plus ratepayers to pay for the Sarjeant Gallery Redevelopment. It's crucial that the gallery is fully resourced at this time to fully utilise the one-off opportunity of the reopening to ensure the best return on everyone's investment, and to set the gallery up for future success and potential fundraising for ongoing programmes to be delivered at a high level. As part of the \$1.5 million of savings across WDC proposed in the Long Term Plan to achieve a 10% rates rise, the Sarjeant Gallery's budget for the reopening year and following years has been cut by \$200,000 per annum from what had been planned. These cuts risk the gallery being under-resourced at this critical time, which could mean the reopening opportunity isn't fully utilised, and this could also result in the risk of budget blowouts if costs such as energy, which are unknown at this time, aren't generously budgeted for. I consider that Whanganui District Council needs to keep the Sarjeant budget at a level that allows full leverage on the reopening opportunity and to seriously reconsider making any proposed cuts that will negatively impact the successful operation of the Gallery going forward.

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.

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

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?
(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 # 1567

Not Speaking

First name: Sally
Last name: Gibbs

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 a regular library user I think this would be a viable and wise option to reduce costs, without critical impact on 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?

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

Submitter Comments: As a pool user and a Whanganui East resident, I believe closure of our only outdoor pool, and the only pool on the east side of the city, would have detrimental impacts that outweigh the immediate financial benefits. Many of the present users are from lower socio-economic circumstances, and the pool is a healthu and affordable leisure option that caters for all age groups.

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: I believe the hanging baskets have made a huge positive difference not only to the appearance of the CBD but its feeling/ atmosphere.

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 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 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?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: Would depend on at least proposed specific assets that would be 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?
(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 # 242

Not Speaking

First name: Jenny
Last name: Gibbs

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 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?

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?

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 # 1180

Not Speaking

First name: Ross
Last name: Gibbs

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:

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 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 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? **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 # 970

Not Speaking

First name: **Brittany**
Last name: **Gibson**

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 the activities i.e. the children's music is not cancelled.

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 ways of reducing the cost i.e. limiting open days. Otherwise, prefer to keep open.

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 it and build a decent playground which is interactive for younger children there.

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 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: Maintain the roads as they are and don't add new unnecessary features i.e. speed bumps.

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 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 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? **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: Dragging circles not working.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1078

Not Speaking

First name: Stephen
Last name: Gibson

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 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 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 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?
(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 # 732

Not Speaking

First name: Mary-Ellen
Last name: Giddens

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 am concerned about how this affects library 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?

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: Not sure how the costings for the aviary are worked out. \$90,000 on wages ?????? And vet bills?

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: Be good not to have both libraries closed on the same day

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 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: Could the Duncan pavilion be repurposed?

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: Put in pedestrian lights if a crossing is needed. Most people would cross further along by 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 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?

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? **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 # 523

Not Speaking

First name: **Mary**
Last name: **Gilbert**

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?

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

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 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 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

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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? **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 # 767

Not Speaking

First name:

Brenda

Last name:

GILBERTSON

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: Having started going for regular walks round the lake. Can't believe how many. Young and old use it. Would like to see more happening up ther not less for wanganui

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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Believe to stay ther needs to become ther cost. I have pay for a bin at my cost. They need to user pays

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: Have buses running to town to use the one library

Winter Gardens

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Maybe a cost for out of town people

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: I think people should be able to pay off in ther rates to have ther front drive to be replaced. Ok when Hav a footpath renewed but for us we don't Hav a footpath. To much to just pay out but would like to be able pay off with council

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: Costing is never what is set out. Like the gallery. Price has gone mad

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:

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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:

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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 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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Don't know

Submitter Comments: Need to know what is wanting to sell off

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: I think the guyton street has been a waste of time Know so many people that go other ways now. Sometimes think trying put so much money into main street area. When wanganui has alot of things like the lake that could be more family. Single people like to go and enjoy. Alot people go to town when want something. People love atmosphere markets. Lake. Lantend example bought so many people out. Duck race. Just example.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 365

Not Speaking

First name: Peter
Last name: Gilderdale

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: No evidence is given here that the Davis library is under-utilised. Every time I go there it seems to be busy. The council is already cutting back on book buying (without asking for feedback). That is a slippery slope. So is cutting services for a day a week. I believe strongly that there needs to be a library available seven days a week. Once the council begins chipping away at this principle, where will it end? The library is an essential civic amenity and needs to be maintained fully, and preferably strengthened.

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 have thought that there could have been an option to keep the pool running as is while a feasibility study was undertaken?

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 a wonderful historic building. At the very least it needs to be preserved for 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: There is no alternative option for Whanganui people to go and have something akin to a zoo experience. A good aviary can help raise awareness of conservation, and it is a good outing for families.

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 moved to Whanganui recently. One of the things that sold the place to me was the hanging baskets. They seemed to me to raise Whanganui above other similar cities - a symbol of a place that cared about itself. They are not a 'nice-to-have'. They are a potent symbol of Whanganui's regeneration as a city, and embody its city-of-design identity - surely a massive part of making the city appealing to tourists. I would argue therefore that their value is far greater than their cost.

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: I moved to Gonville recently. The place has a lot of ratepayers, but seems to have comparatively few amenities. A decent park with trees would be nice, for example. It feels like it must once have been a vibrant community, but so many shops and facilities seem to have closed at some point. If there is now a centre for the community, the library is it. It is always well patronised, and has a strong community programme. It is certainly an essential facility that must not be lost.

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: Worth every cent it costs. It is 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 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 negative impact of the proposed cuts seems to me to be much greater than the rather modest increase in rates that they represent.

Proposed Future Investments

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Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the

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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: The article in today's Chronicle about a St Hill St historic hotel that could be redeveloped really got me thinking about the possibilities. There is certainly a strong case for investing in something that could increase visitor numbers to Whanganui.

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:

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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:

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: I am agreeing to this on the basis that I don't know what assets might be sold and what impact these might have. So I want to see what the council is proposing.

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 # 774

Not Speaking

First name: Michael
Last name: Gill

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 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?

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:

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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:

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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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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 # 768

Not Speaking

First name: John
Last name: Gillespie

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: A minimal increase would be preferable to a week-day closure, which would impose a higher workload on Heritage Library staff, thus necessitating the diversion of extra resources.

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: Reluctantly agree, on the understanding it may be possible to sell the pool to a private developer, e.g. Boys and Girls Institute. My first preference is that this asset continue to serve the area, albeit in private hands.

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: Alternative venues are not suited to the Rep's audience sizes. Again, a minimal investment annually would enable the community to retain a valued cultural asset in private hands. Consistent with Council's option for maraes.

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: People love to watch and talk about birds. The Lake is a prime tourist attraction and the aviary a civic asset complementing the birdlife on it. District Council could suggest a gold coin koha to help defray costs.

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: Retain the baskets in lower Vic Ave, which offset the tedium of waiting for the Taupo Quay lights to change. This area is developing into a cafe quarter which the baskets enhance.

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: Have been to privately-owned glassworks elsewhere, so have never ventured to go to the N.Z. Glassworks. There is a limit to the businesses that Council can fund.

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: Having volunteered at the Library, I can confirm that it is a well-used asset in an under-resourced community. The minimal financial gain alternatives offer would be outweighed by the loss arising from partial closure.

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: Agree: nice bit of colour and warmth in the depths of winter.

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: Self-explanatory.

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: The Dublin Street Bridge needs overhauling. Council's contractors seem incapable of making our roads smooth to drive on. Wellington's very public water-works: need I say more?

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: Another hotel is a nice-to-have that we can't afford right now. It would only be viable at certain times of year, requiring "surge pricing" to balance the books: that would incur as many complaints as the lack of accommodation does now.

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 current stagehouse is a museum piece which detracts from the wonderful acoustics.

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: A tangible commitment to Treaty partnership principles.

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: Another raised platform on Taupo Quay so close to the one at the i-Site intersection would test drivers' patience. A pedestrian crossing with lights is the obvious (and cheaper) alternative. Would have advantage of spreading traffic congestion at the Bridge also.

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: Commendable vision, consistent with OSH objectives.

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: The District Council should be commended for the extent of its consultation process. It's a great place to live, and very attractive to many would-be ratepayers from other parts. Council needs to be bold about projections for the future rates base.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 290

Not Speaking

First name: Lynn
Last name: Gillespie

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 so important for a community to have somewhere like this in their neighbourhood. Spend the money and keep it open - if it closes that'll be 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: This should be closed. The days of having birds in captivity like this should be gone. The birds must be found homes where they have to room to fly - their lives must be so miserable cooped up in there

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 need to stay. If you read comments from visitors the baskets are almost always mentioned as being something special - but even for those of us who live here, things like having a beautiful town centre are what go forwards making life here better. The baskets are important to our every day happiness 😊. Surely they can be done for less than was it \$90,000?

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:

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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 fab and somewhere we always take our out of town visitors

Level of Community Grant Funding

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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:

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Submitter Comments:

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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 should not be a cost to 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?

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: Definitely should not happen - we do not need such an extravagant crossing. If it's for pedestrian safety an ordinary crossing would suffice

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:

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Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Without knowing what the council has in mind to sell it's a bit hard to agree to anything. Would have to disagree with selling any parks - once park land is gone you can never get it back and it's important for a 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?
(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: This is not related to the long term plan but is relevant because it involves council money spent in a very unwise way. A concrete pathway was installed last year at Otamatea reserve to join up to the existing piece of path. This park has many uses which include children kicking balls around, flying kites etc, but it is principally a place to exercise dogs so we would like to know who requested and then approved a path that is totally surplus to requirements, and what the cost was. The path gets used simply because it's there, but dog walkers still spend most of the time on the grass so their dogs can run and chase balls etc. . All this path has done is introduce bikes, scooters and rollerblades to a park full of dogs off-leash which is a stupid combination. Those activities can be done on any footpath, and the number of people pushing pushchairs around it are few, so why on earth would the council spend tens of thousands of dollars on making a concrete circuit that no-one wanted. If park users had been asked what they would like to see it would have been fencing around the car park at the Gt Nth Rd end of the park and a small gate at the other end to make it safe. Please respond to this - there are several people wanting answers.

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 762

Not Speaking

First name: sheridan
Last name: Gilmore

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?

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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: Hanging baskets for summer season only

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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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 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

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 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?
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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 # 1453

Not Speaking

First name: Michael
Last name: Girard

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 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?

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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 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

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 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:

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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:

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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 # 837

Not Speaking

First name: Shona
Last name: Girard

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?

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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 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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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 # 1136

Not Speaking

First name: Neil
Last name: Glaister

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: being open on a Saturday means employees have a 2 day week break for their well being

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?

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 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 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: Why build this since it connects with no footpaths at either end. What economic or social benefits does it offer to the majority of residents of Whanganui. I have never in the past 114 years seen and person walking or riding a horse along this road and I travel it frequently. Also a shell rock path is not suitable for mobility scooters or mothers with strollers. The arguments against far outweigh the desires of the few.

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: decisions needed to be based on economic benefit for the community at this present time

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1276

Not Speaking

First name: Theresa
Last name: Glenny

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: Whanganui is known for its beautiful Main St and to cut the hanging baskets is not a good option. We need this to continue.

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

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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:

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Submitter Comments:

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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 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

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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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Submitter Comments:

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Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Depends on what assets are to be 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:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 14

Not Speaking

First name:

Michael, Devin & Ana

Last name:

Glocking, Paxinos & Singh

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: Well to close the davis liabary for one day is good because

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 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: Keep because it won't give us charge

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 will save us money

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: Close because its not that big

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 close cause it's a beautiful

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 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 need the road to be correct/straight so we don't get stuck

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 can still have people in the city, and we don't have to pay for 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 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: Option 3 is more safer and will save us money

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: Option 2 is better because we don't have to pay and save 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: We need lifesavers to save us

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: cause there is no parking on the other side

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: it would be safer and it could stop so may car crashes

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: We have to keep the avery and other buildings

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: Keep the building

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 913

Not Speaking

First name: Rosalie
Last name: Glynn

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: Very important to local community Not much else invested here

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?

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: Important to keep communities connecting

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?

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

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: We need to be focused on future growth and development of our region

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1182

Not Speaking

First name: Peter
Last name: Goldfinch

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 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 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 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: Council should stick to core business. If a hotel is financially viable, a private operator will develop.

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 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 # 905

Not Speaking

First name: Sarah
Last name: Gooding

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?

Something else (state below)

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: Keep in some sections of the street, reduce?

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?

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?

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 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 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? **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 # 1340

Not Speaking

First name: John and Liz
Last name: Goodrich

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: An open-air swimming facility in Whanganui is definitely needed, and whilst the pool itself maybe able to be upgraded, the changing room and toilets need completely replacing. Possibly keep it open for 2024/25 whilst an intial feasibility is undertaken

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: Please ensure that the birds are rehomed in a suitable location

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 always commented on by visitors to Whanganui and make the main street more attractive.

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: We would prefer to see an operator develop and open a hotel, but are happy to see the council go ahead and look at a detailed business case.

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: Whilst Option 3 is a good short-term solution, the Opera House is an important and iconic asset for Whanganui, so ideally it would be good to see it fully renovated, and made more accessible for disabled and elderly users

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:

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: Whilst we agree that the road is unsafe for cycling and horse-riding at present it would be better to reduce speed limits on the road. We doubt that there would be demand to warrant the cost

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? **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: Overall, a good plan, well laid out and structured for easy submissions.

Supporting documents

Yes

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 117

Not Speaking

First name: Michelle
Last name: Goodwin

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: Establish a trust and look to funders to run it and keep it open. Charge a small entry fee. Reduce the bird numbers and do something about the tiny space the cockatoo have.

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 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: Leave it to funders who can grow their existing financial base...not pull money from rate payers to give back to select groups.

Further comments on service cuts: There are loads of areas where services could be cut that haven't even been raised here.

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: Council should absolutely not run a hotel

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: Why are we funding private property!???

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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Depends 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? **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 # 499

Not Speaking

First name: Don
Last name: Gordon

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

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: Possibility for Repertory to purchase building and undertake fundraising to upgrade.

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?

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:

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 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? **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 # 1038

Not Speaking

First name: russ
Last name: goudie

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: does not need to be open on a 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?

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: is too costly to operate , provide a bus service for schools to the splash center at minimal cost

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 opera house and amdram theatre are adequate

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 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?

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

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: don't believe this type of investment is the direction the council needs to pursue. Housing yes, not commercial interests

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 # 1075

Not Speaking

First name: Paula
Last name: Goudie

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: Two half days/ reduced hours on 2 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?

Something else (state below)

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 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?

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?

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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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? **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 # 289

Not Speaking

First name: Chris
Last name: Gould

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?

Submitter Comments: If pool had of been maintained correctly then should be no need for such an extensive refurbishment

Repertory Theatre

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Replace roof and continue to use as it is.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: If you want to promote Whanganui as family friendly then you need low cost options like the aviary. This does not need upgrading to provide enjoyment for families.

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 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

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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?

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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?

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

Submitter Comments: There are currently far too many speed humps in this town. It would be a better option to close the road totally or close at weekends to motor vehicles

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: Once assets are gone they are not replaceable

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 # 1283

Not Speaking

First name: **Brian**
Last name: **Gould**

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 and don't do a feasibility study.

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: This is an essential service and should be provided by council.

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?

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: There's no way something like this goes well.

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 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?
(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 feel a large amount of council budget is mis-managed and mis-spent on non-core services; and getting taken by contractors. Councils should deliver core services.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1532

Not Speaking

First name: **Robyn**
Last name: **Gracie**

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 isn't a busy 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: Wanganui East needs their pool. A new complex will cost too much.

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: For the amount of use it gets the theater is not worth investing in.

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 don't feel the Aviary is worth saving.

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: Keep the hanging baskets as they add to the Avenue's attractions. Ask businesses to contribute.

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 that the Glassworks need to stand on their own feet.

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: Look for alternatives.

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 a valuable asset 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: The Winter Gardens are a 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: Government should be contributing

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: It's needed.

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 need investment from private companies

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 must invest in our iconic 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: We can't fund everything.

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 the invest in Life Saving

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?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Tell us first which assets Council is proposing to sell. Otherwise we cannot give an informed decision.

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: No

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 11

First name: **ROSLYN**
Last name: **GRANT**

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: NEEDS TO STAY 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: KEEP IT OPEN FOR WANGANUI PEOPLE TO USE SPRINGVALE ISNT AN EASY PLACE TO ACTCESS FOR EVERY BODY Losing this facility would be a huge loss, not just to local residents but to all residents of all ages.

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 GREAT SMALLER VENUE IN WANGANUI FOR MANY USES WE DO NOT WANT TO LOSE IT KEEP IT OPEN-FIX UP THE BANK ITS BEEN A LONG GOING ISSUE

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: GREAT TO HAVE ATTRACTS TO VISITORS WITH CHILDREN

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 YOU CAN ATTACT SPONSORS FOR THESE , HATE TO SEE THEM DISSAPEAR GREAT ATTRACTION FOR THE TOWN FOR THE MANY VISITORS IT LOOKS AS THOUGH WE TAKE PROUD IN OUR CITY It would be devastating to lose the hanging baskets, they are such a delight. They beautify our city centre immensely. I believe the baskets are provided by Tauranga, it would be more beneficial if the baskets were sourced from a local provider or nursery. This would add to the local economy. Who ever maintains the gardens may be able to also take on the hanging baskets as an ongoing project. If the gardens are not maintained then our lovely small city will look shabby. There will be long term problems.

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 ATTRACTION FOR VISITORS

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: WOULDNT IT SAVE MONEY IF THE DROP OFF AREA WAS IN TOWN, MOST PEOPLE COME TO TOWN WEEKLY & THAT WAY YOU WOULDNT GET THE DUMPPING

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

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:

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: ONCE THIS IS DONE THEN LOOK TOWARDS THE FULL UP GRADE 1ONESTEP AT A TIME

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

Something else (state below)

return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: NEED TO KNOW WHAT THE ASSET ARE BEFORE AGREEING WITH ANYTHING

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 # 481

Not Speaking

First name: Leigh
Last name: Grant
Organisation: Chair Regional Velodrome Development Trust (Snell

Arena)

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 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: The applicant must show a positive return (\$\$\$) on each dollar granted from council.

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: Would like to see a combination of opt 1&2

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 only suited to a small market of shows. Will the return on investment be able to justify the 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: Marae have funding from Treaty settlement payments

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: Urgent

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: Can a toll on cyclists be used to assist in the CAPEX

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: We must invest to get more ratepayers to Wanganui.

Supporting documents

Yes

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 777

Not Speaking

First name: John
Last name: Granville

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 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?

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**
(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 # 1451

Not Speaking

First name: **Blaise**
Last name: **Graves**

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: For goodness sake, it is a huge asset to the community and the impact of it closing for one day will be far bigger on people than the value of the savings. The loss of one days salary from each person in the library is one days less salary being spent - more than likely in our region.

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 availability of a pool and the opportunity to learn how to swim is important to youngsters. And what about the moral obligation relating to how it came about?

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: I believe too small a number use this to justify an investment.

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 I voted to keep it last time round, I believe we need to reconsider. The lake is it's own drawcard.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

Submitter Comments: We need to show pride in our town and I believe these enhance our appearance to visitors and brings smiles to locals when we see them.

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: Logical choice innit? Keep and no increase in cost or is there something we don't know?

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: As fir the Davis 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: Lose the aviary and add to the fish pond here

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 believe it is part of council's responsibility to support the local 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: We've got to consider the future and the need to keep using these assets

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 council is not here to be in business. If it is really needed I believe a business minded person would see an opportunity and run with it - if not, why would council want to take the risk with ratepayers 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?

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 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: There is nowhere safe between the lights at Vic ave and the crossing hump at Dublin Street end to cross this 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 often see cyclists on this road and there is at least one corner that is very dangerous for cyclists

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

Don't know

return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: We need to know what would be considered for sale before this decision is made

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 # 595

Not Speaking

First name: Anne Marie
Last name: Gray

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 15% reduction in service for a \$2.30 saving per household per year does not seem a sensible exchange.

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: We already have a good year-round 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 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 an important part of the visual appeal of our 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:

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 and valuable facility in a deprived neighbourhood.

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: We need to do something, but it needs to be affordable.

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: Not council's business to undertake, but council should facilitate any such development.

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: There seems no pressing need for this development.

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 # 1260

First name: **Caleb**
Last name: **Gray**

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?

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?

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Don't know

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

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Don't know

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

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Don't know

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

Don't know

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 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

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 207

Speaking

First name: **Caroline**
Last name: **Gray**
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:

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: Please keep & maintain The Whanganui East Pool. This pool is in a good location to be used by a diverse population many of whom are on low incomes. At the Hakeke St LTP meeting we heard from a Whanganui East mother of five children who said the pool in Springvale is too far away & expensive to travel to when you don't have a car. This will be the experience of many in this area. The Whanganui East Pool operates with a more relaxed code of operation than the Springvale Pool. For example dive bombing off the diving board is permitted. My husband & I witnessed this unforgettable dive bombing spectacle at the pool last summer when the pool was packed with families. This pool is a fabulous resource for local youth.

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 attended the meeting to discuss the options for our Repertory Theatre. It was very well chaired by Helen Craig. I was impressed by the Repertory Committee's commitment & their informative comments made at this meeting. We were told the theatre's acoustics are some of the best in New Zealand. I would like our theatre to remain operating maybe run by a Trust. I looked at the bank behind the theatre. It is collapsing onto the building & needs urgent strengthening. Please let us keep this theatre where my husband & I have seen many great plays.

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: I think it is an excellent idea to increase this Community grant funding. I am a repairer at Whanganui's new Repair Cafe which has been very successful. The Repair Cafe pays \$80 once a month to operate out of St John's Lutheran Church Hall in Harrison St & this new funding could potentially help us with that cost. Thank you for this proposal.

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: Where would the Hotel be located? Hopefully not in the Ridgeway St block which would displace & ruin many successful businesses such as the existing Underwear shop, Hairdresser, Alterations shop, Ambrosia Cafe (one of the best cafes in town) & Craig Cawley's magnificent music shop The Gatshack! We will be watching where you propose to put it with 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 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 is one of the jewels in Whanganui's crown. I have seen many wonderful shows there. It is wonderful that it has been so well maintained so far.

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 Iwi & their marae in Whanganui deserve our respect & thanks for the community work they do. They also need good funding to do this. Let's endorse Whanganui's strong biculturalism with this funding.

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: The surf life savers do a great job on our potentially dangerous swimming beach at Castle cliff. We felt safe swimming under their watchful eye last summer.

Pūkaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Could a pedestrian overbridge be put over Taupo Quay in this location? It wouldn't then impede trucks & traffic on this busy road. Maintaining access from the away to this historic park is commendable.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a

Don't know

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?

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: I would like to reactivate the project of 'What's Next' for the Upokongaro Memorial Hall into The Long Term Plan. I have formed a group who want run a campaign about restoring the hall OR establishing another use for the hall. So far our group have met with Sarah O'Hagan & Rosemary Fletcher at Council to discuss the hall. At the meeting we obtained the various 2023 building assessment & compliance reports requested by The Council concerning Upokongaro Memorial Hall. The reports contain some photos showing the state of the hall inside & out. I recently met with Helen Craig & she has endorsed my intention to seek opinions about what should happen to the hall from the Upokongaro Community business owners, Church & School officials, Iwi & the community around the

nearby hall at Horrocks Park on Kaiwhaiki Rd. I would like to request that The Council include Upokongaro Memorial Hall in its maintenance plan to fumigate the hall against borer as the hall is already showing a bad presence of borer in its woodwork. Thank you for reading my comments.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1510

Not Speaking

First name: **Barbara**
Last name: **Gray**

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: It is not difficult to work around one closed day 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: The pool needs to be located in Wanganui East. Upgrades need to be practical and not necessarily 'nice to have'. Having an open air pool is essential in the suburbs so they can be easily accessed and used by local schools. Having all facilities in one area [i.e. like the splash centre,] limits choices for those living further away]. Council needs to relook at running costs as these are the areas that could do with some trimming. Some one is making good money out of that! All children need to learn to swim and if there is no pool over east, they will use the river. Who is then responsible for the drownings?

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 great facility to see live shows. It should be sold so there is the potential for it to continue.

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 proposed running costs are ridiculous... \$150,000 for staff when most of them are volunteers!! We do not need to employ educators...well placed and informed signage would be adequate and the work shared by two part timers would cut the staff costs by more than half...even less if we continue to use volunteers. The food budget needs looking at and with a reduction in breeding this attraction could run for many years and at a much reduced cost.

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: More permanent gardening arrangements would cost less and look just as good

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'm not sure who would be interested in a business that costs an additional \$190,000 per year to run...maybe a collective of glassblowers could take it over. I'm curious as to why they need the extra funding a year anyway.

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: Illegal dumping needs to be treated with much bigger fines. A person dumped a fence into the Wanganui River and the council refused to do anything about it as the culprit wasn't caught in the act even though the fence could be proved as to having come from the property. The Council also would not remove it as it was too hard. I'm concerned about the messages this sends to illegal dumpers!!

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: Libraries do not have to be opened seven days a week. People can be a little more organised.

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...the running costs defy belief! The use of part timers and volunteers should dramatically reduce the cost of running this facility.

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: Now is not the time to increase expenditure. Look at ways within the frame work to reduce costs [i.e. in the administration of the funding]. That way those that need it will not be impacted.

Further comments on service cuts: Council needs to look seriously at the administration and staffing costs of running their operations. Private citizens pay no where the same costs for doing similar things. Are people employed for more hours than they need to be? Are they efficient in what they do? Are you being ripped off by outside firms...if so why? For example, please explain to me why a refurbishment of the lights and stage props in the opera house should cost anything like \$15,000,000? That's the cost of more than 15 new homes!! Even the quick fix of \$5,000,000 is ludicrously over priced!! Who is in charge of seeing ratepayers are getting a fair deal? If companies are overcharging...why is that? Are we overusing

consultants? If council would have a working group to investigate real costs, I think they might find they could run all their facilities at a much more economic rate and all ratepayers would benefit.

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: Infrastructure is councils core responsibility. Don't let problems built up.

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: A hotel and carpark are not councils problem.

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: The ludicrous costs for this project have been commented on in the previous section. By all means keep up with the maintenance but the costs must be revisited. The upgrade doesn't mean earthquake strengthening so what are we exactly paying for? It should not cost millions. Again we need to get some serious cost breakdowns and maybe a few more quotes too.

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 am not sure how many times water tanks need to be installed and if marae have received generators then they should be responsible for their upkeep. Surely all marae can get their tanks and generators by 2027 so further funding is unnecessary. However in an emergency event, I do believe marae should be compensated at the time for their support of the wider community in emergencies and surely there is a fund pool the council can call on for that.

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: I cant comment until I know what assets the council is prepared 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? **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 # 988

First name: **NORMAN**
Last name: **GRAY**

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: Just close the pool. Forget about the feasibility study.

Repertory Theatre

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

Submitter Comments: Leave as is. Costs nothing

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: Make a charge on the businesses who benefit from them for the hanging baskets. i.e. mainstream shops

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: Fly tipping is illegal. Raise a fine of \$5000 for illegal fly tipping. Fine fly tippers and use to maintain rubbish points.

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: Virginia Lake (Rotokawau) surely. Or even just Virginia lake

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 NGO funding altogether. Save tons of money

Further comments on service cuts: Cut number of councilors by 50% Cut councilors, ratepayer funded 'fun days' entirely. Reduce council staff dramatically. Reduce eligibility for councilors to two terms 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 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: 1) Make sure it really is core infrastructure and not just some councilor's pet projects. 2) Do it properly first time. Great North Road is repaired every year in a slapdash fashion. Do it well and it would last years

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: Do we need more hotel rooms?

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: Why not go with the old capitalist model. User pays. Non user pays nothing.

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, why not- user pays

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 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: Don't you dare. These are our assets not yours.

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: Your circle dragging thingy doesn't work

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1637

Speaking

First name: **Mike**
Last name: **Green**

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: Get rid of the library bus. There are libraries in most suburbs.

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: Look at lining the pool to stop leakage. Drownings are increasing every year. Council should be obligated under Health and Safety to protect their ratepayers.

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: Agree with this. Wanganui has enough halls for plays etc.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Keep it open and look at Wanganui Bird Society in conjunction with a service club running it and even covering any modifications needed.

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 cost on to Main Street who would then get income from its members subs

New Zealand Glassworks

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

Submitter Comments: Set it up as a company and sell shares were does the money from sales go?Perhaps charge a rental for the floor space.Would like to see a breakdown of costs for 192k

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?

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?

Submitter Comments: Interesting that you don't include in your comments about how much per household that will cost

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: Don't like the word REASONABLE to vague.

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

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

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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?

Submitter Comments: Council should not be subsidizing a building that in 20 to 30 years will probably need replacing due to the elements. There is already a building at the beach that doesn't get used. Swimming season only 3 months anyway

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 anything just paint a pedestrian crossing on 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 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: Things in the Art Gallery and Museum.

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? **4**
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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Thanks for the chance to comment

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1354

Not Speaking

First name: Colleen
Last name: Green

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: 6 days a week is still a good service i feel

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 should the public suffer due to the councils lack of maintenance. Not everyone enjoys the atmosphere of the splash centre. Schools also use these facilities.

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?

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?

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?

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 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:

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: Social housing should be the priority at the present 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:

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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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: Your proposed costings for this are ludicrous. And TOTALLY UNNECESSARY. SO BAD TIMING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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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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: I

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: What is council doing in house to save money? Wages especially management could be capped instead of passing everything on to ratepayers. We have to cut our costs and budget lead by example. Implement some cost cutting at your end. Common sense.

Supporting documents

No