



**WHANGANUI
DISTRICT COUNCIL**
Te Kaunihera a Rohe o Whanganui

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submissions Received

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1477

Not Speaking

First name: Dayle
Last name: Abbottl

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: A charge goldcoin

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

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

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Don't know

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

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

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

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

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

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

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

Option 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: Definite No

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to 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: A definite no..we cannot afford something unnecessary. Road can be closed as is now for any event 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 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?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

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

Submitter Comments: Why not invest in vacant land with showers and toilets and make it the area homeless can live..not along the riverbank.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 34

Speaking

First name: Elle
Last name: Abel

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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: cut back hours somehow on all the whole week so every day the library is open or open for shorter hours on Monday.

Whanganui East Pool

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

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: look into options on how to save and preserve this building its part of the history and fabric of Wanganui. Don't rebuild it save this building

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

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

Submitter Comments: Keep it open would you said about this in the annual plan last year. This is historical and an important part of Whanganui and I want to last and be around for generations to come. It's a great place to come see when you come to the lake and its an important part of Whanganui. I feel this needs to be relooked for cost and I would like to what the breakdown is for this cost as it seems a lot but either way we need to keep this aviary. I want my children and any grandchildren of mine to be able to come and experience the birds in it.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: cut the baskets by 25% that should keep the costs down on it a bit

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: libraries are important for communities and having one close by is important for people. libraries are places to visit but are important for all types of people including those with disabilities and for older people to.

Winter Gardens

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

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

Submitter Comments: important part of Wanganui please don't close this needs to be kept.

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

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: don't do this unless an operator can be found to and involves no investment from council. If you want to see a hotel go wrong with council involved look into Hutt City Councils hotel which is now open but caused issues and was an election campaign issue one election especially for people running for mayor.

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: look into options for this but not sure of what is the best for 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?

Submitter Comments: not sure what do the iwi and Maori people say about this.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Don't know

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Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Don't know

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

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Don't know

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Submitter Comments:

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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: Kowhai Park needs to be kept as it is for the long term just a comment for now I want my children and my grandchildren if I get any to be able to come and use it as I have done and been done for generations before us.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 875

First name: **Debbie**
Last name: **Adam**

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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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:

Royal 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 support Option 3 for the Opera House. Patrons love this historical building and want it retained. In order to maximise its potential for promoters building a new stagehouse and implementing a new fly system will enable us to attract larger shows and meet the requirements for shows to perform at the Opera House. In terms of the current amenities has consideration been given to opening up the toilets next door at the Ladies Rest during shows with high level of attendance.

Marae Development

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 926

Not Speaking

First name: Shelley
Last name: Adams

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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

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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 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

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Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

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

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

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

Long-term investment

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1282

Not Speaking

First name: **Graham**
Last name: **Adams**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

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

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

Submitter Comments: so the building can be sold as the site of a new multi-storey Hotel!!

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

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Further comments on service cuts:

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Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

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

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

Submitter Comments: Emphatically against Council becoming involved except to smoothe the way for a renowned operator to establish another link in its chain nationwide.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

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

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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: Option 1 - after the project is fully funded from other sources

Pākaitore Reserve Paving 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: Nonsense! \$850,000 for a road crossing! The AA is bound to have strong 'anti' views - as it did when this inane proposal was last mooted.

Rapanui Road Trail

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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:

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1020

Not Speaking

First name: **Mike**
Last name: **Adamson**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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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: Can this be turned into a paying tourist attraction where visitors pay \$2 or \$5 to enter?

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

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

Submitter Comments: Surely removing these is not an option. We (Council) have wasted so much money on vanity projects and these projects only benefit a select few directly and some indirectly. I have often had Whanganui described to me by the hanging baskets in the main street and would think its a travesty to remove.

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 be involved in private enterprise. Council exists to provide primary and secondary services to residents and visitors. Focus on 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: User pays. They have the benefit of living rural and so need to be contributing towards this benefit. Keep the drop off points but make those using them pay for it. Maybe 50 - 50 with the users initially with a view to pass on 100% later

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: Similar to the hanging baskets. This is a great attraction and green space for all.

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 is nothing stopping these community groups from seeking funding directly from the public by different fundraisers.

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option 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 this work is done the better it is for everyone. As Whanganui continues to grow then there is going to be more demand. Infrastructure is something the council should be investing into heavily

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: Think its a great idea for a private investor but NOT for the council to spearhead or fund.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: I would be seeking funding externally - surely given the importance of such a structure there must be a philanthropist involved in theater that would like to contribute heavily to the restoration and improvements. They could have the opera house named after them.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is 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: Local Iwi should be more than equipped financially to support these 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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Council to provide 50% of costs - \$500k to the WSLs upgrade. The WSLs would need to fund the other through means of sponsorship, fundraising etc.

Pākaitore Reserve 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: Delay this until 2030. Whilst this has significant important to Whanganui - we need to fix the main issues first.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option 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: Delay until 2030

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets 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: Although - need to know what assets are potentially for sale. Selling the Wanganui Repertory Theatre would be sensible

How would 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: Invest in CORE! infrastructure. Maraes, Vanity Projects and Hotels are not CORE infrastructure.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 760

Not Speaking

First name: **Chonelle**
Last name: **Addenbrooke**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: This pool needs to stay. Whanganui doesn't have many options for kids and to close this would be devastating. We need to keep this! This is our history! I have a young family and for years we tried to get swimming lessons at the splash centre. They cannot cater for all whanganui kids. We now go over to Marton for swimming lessons!

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: It's something to do in Whanganui! Do not close this facility please.

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: I think it's a shame that we are talking about 'cutting' so many things when other towns are building new things and adding more to enrich their environments.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option 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: This is a service that we need. We are on the coast. Our kids swim and we want everyone to be safe.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

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

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **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 # 1631

Speaking

First name: Femi
Last name: Adesanya
Organisation: The Stylebender Limited

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: Remove the hanging flowers and decorate the Main street with something else. The hanging flower idea is stale.

New Zealand Glassworks

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

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

Option 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 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: My comment is in respect of the need to change the classification of some zones from "Rural" to "Residential" in order to provide more properties to the community. My 1 Buxton Road address is on the boundary between Rural zone and Residential zone and I would like the address changed to Residential zone so that we can build 13 quality houses on the redeveloped section.

Supporting documents

Yes

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1547

Not Speaking

First name: **Malcolm**
Last name: **Affleck**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 3: Close New Zealand Glassworks (save \$10.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

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

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

Option 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 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: You sold off our profitable power company and said it would help but it hasn't so why sell off more assets, Make the assets more profitable

How would 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

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 958

Not Speaking

First name: **George**
Last name: **Agius**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

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

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

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

Submitter Comments:

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: Why dont local businesses pay for the baskets outside their 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 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments:

How would 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: If we sell assets and close businesses e.g. library, glassworks etc etc then there would be nothing to attract people to come to Whanganui. If Whanganui wants to maintain its unesco design status then it really needs to consider this.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 505

Not Speaking

First name: Cass
Last name: Alexander

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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: I can think of lots more ways to connect the library with our community - feel free to get in touch! Reduce the Davis Library hours e.g. open at 11am one weekday; close at 4pm for another couple of weekdays. Further promote mobile library services. The library service is not just about books, but about community connection, digital literacy, well-beings. Reducing the hours by a day a week is the opposite of the Council's Wellbeing Strategy.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred 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'd rather put the money for outdoor swimming into the port precinct. This meets the needs of tangata whenua to swim safely in our awa/ocean. We could then have triathlons in Whanganui.

Repertory Theatre

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Maybe AMDRAM with Repertory Theatre. What about merging our theatre arts with the Opera House and making everything more modernised? Combining the Opera House with the other smaller theatre companies could strengthen them all.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

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

Submitter Comments:

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: The Gonville Library provides a community hub for all kinds of people, including young people and our elderly people. The Gonville Library is a place where people can apply for jobs, seek further learning, connection, reading, friendship, diversity. Gonville Library is a connection to one of our most low socio-economic communities and people connecting with each other & to knowledge and services is paramount to wellbeing.

Winter Gardens

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

Option 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 could be promoted more. What about food trucks by the Winter Gardens & events at the bowl where carols by candlelight is held? Like, summer events?

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: Cost of living crisis means community organisations have to support our community

Further comments on service cuts:

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

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

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

Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)

Submitter Comments: we need to be able to step up & showcase Whanganui to NZ & the world as well as compete with other centres such as Hamilton, Taranaki and Hawkes Bay. It's a 'build it and they will come' mentality, hence the investment. Having a bit hotel might also get us nicer places to eat!

Royal 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: This is important to the wellbeing of our people

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to 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: I don't see Pakaitore used very often at least not when events such as Pakaitore aren't happening. Pakaitore, while significant to iwi, has a bad vibe & is underutilised. Why is this platform here? Do pedestrians actually cross here? This doesn't add much for visitors and is in a weird space. What about the raised platform by the markets.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option 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 # 1096

Not Speaking

First name:

Nina

Last name:

Alexander

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

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

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

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 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?

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option 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?

Submitter Comments:

Royal 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?

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?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core 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 # 638

Not Speaking

First name: David
Last name: Alexander

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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 Davis open each day but some less hours on some days as recommended by Library staff who have ideas

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred 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 Repertory building but work with the various theatre groups to agree to share premises

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: 1. One councillor has said to me that stopping this would increase rubbish "dumping" to detriment visually etc to environment. I am a keen cyclist, on and off road and there is rubbish dumped rurally and in town now so it happens everywhere now so not a valid argument 2. We live in town pay for a non recyclable waste bin to be collected and will have to continue this when the kerbside recycling starts. Council does not fund that bin for us so why should it not be user pays rurally just like it is for me 3. Quite a number of rural properties will be businesses such as farms etc and can charge the cost against their business profits

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: The Council is seeking a 10% rate rise. This is higher than inflation. How many people in Whanganui will have had a 10% increase in income this last year as a lot of people are low wage, part time workers, superannuates, beneficiaries so this increase is unreasonable for them. The Council says it will be a one off rise like this but we do not believe this

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option 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

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

preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)

Submitter Comments: This will be an investment so all the costs for it should be borrowed other than a feasibility study. It should be a hotel only and the car park building should be excluded from it. Why is the parking under the Museum not used (appreciating that other parking would be necessary)? Focus on developing the hotel in one of the multi-story buildings on Victoria Ave that are currently closed, strengthening and earthquake proofing it rather than a new building so promoting our heritage. Can there be funding from Heritage and Earthquake strengthening from Government to contribute?

Royal 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: Postpone this to a later date when economy and cost of living has improved

Marae Development

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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

Option 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: We support this. Our understanding is that Iwi want an approach from the awa/river across the road to Pakaitore and given the cultural and spiritual importance of this site to the Iwi this is very appropriate and should be supported. Iwi did not put the road in!! We understand that all the Iwi requested was a raised platform for safety but the cost is \$800,000 which is huge for a crossing but the costing what is said to be the cost these days for such a project. Iwi should not be blamed in any way about this or the cost and Iwi should be supported. Council should not accept and challenge such a huge cost. A councillor said that is the cost these days and if Council declined that amount contractors would just move on to the next contract. We do not accept this argument and see no evidence of any challenge. We saw on the news last night that contractors are sitting around as is machinery given a lack of work in this economic downturn so? This project is related to cultural importance and Council should be investigating whether there are funding options/contributions from funding relating to cultural matters, tourism or whatever that could contribute to the cost

Rapanui Road Trail

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

Option 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: Support sales on a case by case basis after community, especially local community, has had input and been heard

How would 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: Rural ratepayers should have an additional charge on their specific rate bills for rubbish collection if that continues. There needs to be further discussion about the "profit" Masters Games and Waimarie make and given that can Council contribution be reduced

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 756

Not Speaking

First name: Leanne
Last name: Allan

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 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 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to 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 # 798

Not Speaking

First name: **Helena**
Last name: **Allen**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

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

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts: We are choking on the rates that we are expected to pay now, keep them at a minimum so us already poor people don't lose our homes!!

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

Our preferred 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: The roads are a mess they're always been worked on I'm presuming with substandard product. Makes no difference

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

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?

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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? **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: Hopefully you people listen and do what's best for low to middle income Earners in this town who cannot afford yet another rates rise!!!

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 337

Speaking

First name: Kereama
Last name: Allen

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 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

Something else (state below)

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

Submitter Comments: More drop off points

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 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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Council does not have any business 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 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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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?

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? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

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

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

Submitter Comments: The youth council is a vital part of this city and I am shocked to not see it on her

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 548

Not Speaking

First name: **Charlotte**
Last name: **Almond**

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:

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 support putting more focus into the Opera House as a result.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Seems a shame to close it. This kind of free activity is good for communities and families, especially in times of economic hardship.

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: Whanganui's heritage is a unique feature and attraction for both new residents and visitors. People are attracted by unique experiences. Maybe this money could be better spent encouraging more businesses via Mainstreet to incorporate a retro vibe into the town centre permanently rather than just for Vintage Weekend.

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: It was great that Council stepped in and saved the Glassworks. If it can now stand up as a commercial venture it make sense to seek a buyer.

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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

Option 1: Keep the 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:

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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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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 # 240

Not Speaking

First name: **Marcia**
Last name: **Amadio**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

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

Submitter Comments: Libraries are tremendously valuable. They are the last space in the community that welcomes everyone and everyone has a right to be there. You can be there all day and there is no cost. They are warm and comfortable. They fill a need for a safe digital space. Librarians are able to help with digital services especially when with no notice community members are in need of access to services eg banking WINZ Please dont cut services -its far more than having to change your library book on another day. The library provides so much more -social support, information, entertainment, relaxation and and so many other aspects of daily life

Whanganui East Pool

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

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

Submitter Comments: Whanganui East pool provides important service to schools and the community. We need to encourage safe swimming as we have high drowning rates. Not all residents have the means or income to travel to and use the Splash centre.

Repertory Theatre

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

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

Submitter Comments: The arts are always important and are regularly underfunded

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: Keep arts in the community

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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

Option 1: Keep the 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 support increasing increasing community fund. We have great community groups that add to the wellbeing of our community but they need funding to survive.

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred 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: Focus on walking and cycling. Close city centre to cars

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the 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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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: Marae are important to manawhenua but to the whole community. Latest reports show recommendations to civil defence/emergency management have recognised the valuable contribution marae make in times of crisis.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is 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: essential

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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? **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 # 1595

Not Speaking

First name: **Hanne**
Last name: **Andersen**

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:

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: It must be possible to retain the flower baskets at a reduced cost. It's high, compared to the cost of the Winter Gardens.

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:

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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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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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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: I am impressed by the quality of thought that has gone into this plan, but I urge council not to sacrifice too many of the “nice to haves”. They are what make this a wonderful place to live. We came 7 years ago for a better life style and have not been disappointed. Yet.

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 856

Speaking

First name: **Colin**
Last name: **Anderson**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

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

Submitter Comments: The library is very busy on the weekend. Parking is not readily available during the week. Increase the parking area beside the library.

Whanganui East Pool

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

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

Submitter Comments: This pool is adequate for the future. It is located in a large residential area where individuals can readily access it. Your option 1 involves spending unnecessary money on a feasibility study whilst removing a utilised and appreciated asset. Option 1 is not a prudent use of rate payers money.

Repertory Theatre

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Close the theatre and sell it and the land as is, with a covenant that the purchaser would be required to stabilise the bank prior to occupation. Council had previously budgeted for the bank stabilisation work. Where has that money been spent?

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

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

Submitter Comments: The community has already stated this is their preferred option. Why is Council coming back to this? Council needs to find savings elsewhere. I would suggest to holt all further works in Guyton Street either side of the Avenue. This would more than meet these these savings.

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 greatly enhance the avenue and make it more inviting.

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: Council should not be undertaking or financing this facility. This is not a core function of Council. Council should not have purchased it to start with, as it was a failing business. This is another example of Council's lack of business acumen.

Drop 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: Most of these rural residents come to town regularly and can avail themselves of the current Transfer Station or recycling facilities.

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: Some common sense thinking from Council at last.

Winter Gardens

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

Option 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. This is an asset that is part of Wanganui's heritage.

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: Council is playing at saving money when they should be looking at areas where real savings can be made. eg. Stop wasting money on painting street pavements and taking out parking spaces.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option 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: Council needs to focus spending on critical components eg. fixing water leaks, potholes promptly. Despite receiving money from external sources (eg. NZTA) Stop all vanity projects eg. Guyton Street between St Hill and Wicksteed Streets needs to have all the judder bars and plastic

crossings removed. These plastic crossings are a safety and slip hazard. This work will cost lives as Guyton Street is one of the main routes across town for emergency vehicles. The only positive aspect is the round about at Wicksteed Street. This works well and should be left in place. It does not need an expensive permanent structure built there.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the 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 not a core Council function. Council has an abysmal record of failure and massive cost over runs when they try to undertake commercial activities. eg. The flight school is yet to make a profit, the Glassworks doesn't make a profit, The Art Gallery extension is grossly over budget. Council has a track record of being unable to control the budgets of non core function projects.

Royal 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: This is not critical and can be delayed until a time when ratepayers are not struggling financially.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is 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: As a Kaumatua I believe this is the responsibility of each Marae community the same as repairs and maintenance to my home is my responsibility not that of rate payers.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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

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

Submitter Comments: This group does a wonderful job and are a community asset. All for helping this service 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: This is a non essential expenditure and totally unnecessary. This is a over dimension route which must remain free of impediments.

Rapanui Road Trail

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

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

feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Yes this a narrow road but improvements should focus on vehicular traffic movements only. Works should only proceed when financial times are less severe.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets 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: All assets should be listed (along with their valuations) and taken to the Rate Payers (owners of the asset) not community wide, to ascertain their views and opinions. This is not a short term fix but needs honest and detailed consideration.

How would 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: Council needs to look harder at where significant money can be saved. eg. remove climate change funding, stop spending money on the port that only one company will benefit from, Stop funding Whanganui and Partners - they have had sufficient startup funding to now be paying their own way, Stop wasting money by playing with intersection upgrades - to date every one has made them more unsafe and made traffic flow worse. Do not spend money on playground replacements, what we

have at Kowhai Park is unique and should be retained, Do not spend any money on the North Mole rejuvenation. Development should be within the external funding available. Investment in buildings and housing should be put on hold. The housing portfolio should be sold to external providers who are able to secure alternative funding. Funding for an advanced aviation hub should be put on hold and reviewed by a business man with a proven track record of successful developments. Get on with replacing Dublin Street bridge.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 857

Not Speaking

First name: **Brenda**
Last name: **Anderson**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

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

Submitter Comments: I prefer to use the library during the weekend, as during the week there is no parking available close by and a basket full of books is very heavy.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred 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 sounds like throwing good money after bad. It sounds to me like consultants would be engaged leading to more expense for ratepayers and removing a well used asset. There is no practical or economic alternative for children and swimmers from those supporting neighborhoods.

Repertory Theatre

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Why do we have to pay to have it demolished. Wouldn't it be more cost effective to close it and sell the building and land? As a condition of purchase the new owner should be required to stabilise the bank prior to occupancy. My understanding is that money to stabilise the bank had already been budgeted for. Where has that money 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: The community has already expressed their desire to retain this facility. Council needs to find savings elsewhere. I would suggest halting all further work in Guyton Street either side of the Avenue. Savings here would more than offset the cost of the every. The only improvement that I can see is the round about.

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 do make the Avenue more attractive.

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: If this facility requires subsidies from Council to keep it afloat they should not be involved. This is not a core function of Council. Council should never have bought it to start with. This is another example of Council's lack of business acumen.

Drop 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: Most people who live where the drop off points are situated come into town regularly where they could use the existing waste or recycling facilities.

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: This an asset that enhances Virginia Lake. It is part of Wanganui's heritage.

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: I consider Council is fiddling around the edges with these proposed cuts. I believe there are other areas where more meaningful savings can be made. For example, painting the pavement in Drews Avenue and removing precious parking spaces.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option 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: Council should focus resources on critical components such as fixing water leaks, potholes promptly. Put a stop to all vanity projects such as Guyton Street between St Hill Street and Wicksteed Street. All the judder bars and raised pedestrian crossings need to be removed. Not only are they a safety hazard when wet, but there is already controlled pedestrian crossing places at the close by traffic lights. This is one of the main routes across town for emergency vehicles and seconds count for them. All these raised areas serve to slow them down. I realise NZTA is funding some of, but it is still an unnecessary significant cost to ratepayers.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the 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 not a Council core function. Council has an appalling record of failed commercial activity with corresponding massive cost blowouts. For example, the flight school still doesn't make a profit, we're propping up the glass works, the gallery is extremely over budget. Council have a track record of being unable to control a budget on non core Council projects.

Royal 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: When folk are struggling financially, this is not a critical item. The building works just fine as it is and improvements can be made at a later date when the financial situation improves.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is 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: Repairs and maintenance to my home is my responsibility not that of ratepayers. Churches and sporting groups have to be responsible for maintenance of their facilities. Therefore, why should Marae not be also. The Council information on Marae development neglects to inform of money already spent in this area.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to 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 group does an awesome job and are a valuable part of our community.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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

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

Submitter Comments: This is non essential expenditure and totally unnecessary. This is a route used by trucks and should remain as is. This money would be more wisely spent on the Wanganui East pool and the avery. More folks would get enjoyment from these.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is 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: Once again, this is something that could be considered in a more prosperous environment. I rather object to paying for other people's hobbies.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets 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: This feels like a trick question because Council is seeking approval with no detail supplied. As it is the ratepayers who own these assets, not the community, it is they who should be consulted.

How would 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: Overall I feel the considered cuts are cosmetic. They're not really focusing on expenditure that benefits the community. Money that I consider wasted: unnecessarily changing the intersections which has achieved less safety and greater congestion; the port which appears to be disproportionately benefiting one private company; climate change funding - we just need to adapt as past generations always have; Whanganui and Partners should be paying their own way. Do not spend money on playground replacements. Kowhai Part is a local icon as it is. Upgrades would take away it's uniqueness. Don't spend money on North Mole rejuvenation - developments should be within the external funding that has been made available. Investment in buildings and housing should be put on hold. The pensioner housing should be sold to external providers as they have access to funding unavailable to Council. The \$23.1m for the advanced aviation hub should be put on hold at this time.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 203

Not Speaking

First name: **KATHY**
Last name: **ANDERSON**
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: 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: This pool is a vital community asset, not only for teaching kids to swim and stay safe in the water but is important for family socialising and communication.

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: none

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: Let the birds be free and healthy, home the ones in need.

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: 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:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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

Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts: no

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

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

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?

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is 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: no

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 461

Not Speaking

First name: Richard
Last name: Ansell

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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

Submitter Comments: Council not to get involved with any alternative sexual activity. Keep out of the bedrooms. It's not council business whatever the rest of the world is proposing.

Further comments on service cuts: Arts and crafts are necessary part of the community

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to 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 more cycle ways. They increase our carbon footprint disproportionately to any savings

Hotel and Car Park

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

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

Submitter Comments: Councils are notoriously known to handle property developments. Private enterprise is amust.

Royal 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: 20 Maraes is a staggering number. Are there any private homes classified as maraes? Maoris get more than sufficient tax payers money. Let them provide their own finance

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to 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? **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 # 1376

Speaking

First name: **Rosemary**
Last name: **Ansley**

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Proposed Service Cuts

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 # 216

First name: Jennie
Last name: Anton

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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

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

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

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

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Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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

Option 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: this is a reluctant option for me. Whanganui is a beautiful City. Keeping on top of improving infrastructure is of great importance.

How would 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 # 222

Not Speaking

First name: Sue
Last name: Appleton

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: Why complete another expensive feasibility study we already have a pool

Repertory Theatre

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: This is a historic building that needs protecting we need to stabilise the retaining bank and allow the theatre 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 community has completed a petition on this in the past they want it to remain open

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 the cost of this can be reduced by getting businesses who have the baskets to contribute to the cost.

New Zealand Glassworks

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Rural properties need drop off points but it should not impact the rates in urban areas. We pay for our own rubbish removal

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: If both wintergarden and aviary close Whanganui has little else to off the visitor

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: We can't afford more community funding so why increase it

Further comments on service cuts: I have worked with many businesses and when times were tough there was no annual pay increase in fact in one job staff were asked to cut wages. Maybe this is something the council needs to consider.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option 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: Why do this when you are wanting to cut services and/or close things. Focus on what we have.

Royal 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: We can't afford it so why do it. Many homes in Whanganui need upgrades council does not give them upgrades. Why provide this for only one group of people who have received much funding from the treaty settlements.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving 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: We can't afford it. Why do this project when you are wanting to close or reduce many services. We need to hang on to what we 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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Can we not get funding from the government cycleways fund

Asset Sales

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

Something else (state below)

assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Should the council decide to sell assets the community needs to know what is sold. The council has embarked on some stupid business ideas. Sell the pilot academy. The council should never have purchased this in the first place.

How would 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)

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Submitter Comments: The council should not embark on new projects when it is wanting to close or reduce services. We need to retain what we have. The council should not develop a hotel and car park leave this to private investors. We do not need the reserve paving and crossing.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 418

Not Speaking

First name: **Wayne**
Last name: **Armishaw**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Keep the Whanganui East Pool open and continue to operate as usual. There is no need for major upgrade, minor low cost leakage control will be achieved with an application of sealer. There is no need to upgrade to new Poolsafe requirements, it has been safe as it is for decades.

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 Theatre operating as it is. Complete minor maintenance only and build a retaining wall. This hall has likely seen more visitors through the doors than the Sargeant Gallery over the last 10 years yet doesn't attract funding, why not??

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, review where the \$190K is spent, and find where the inefficiencies in spending are. It will not cost this amount to maintain and operate and is likely being allocated cost from wider Virginia Lake operation that it should not.

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 and fund them by reducing the garden areas on traffic islands around town.

New Zealand Glassworks

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

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

Submitter Comments: This is a commercial activity that provides little financial return to ratepayers. Council should find a buyer or close within 12 months.

Drop 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: The majority of rural residents drive to town daily or weekly and are able to drop off rubbish at the transfer station. There is no need for these drop off points which tend to promote dumping from non-residents, so close them.

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: WDC should fund one central library only. Schools typically have libraries of their own and/or the library bus service. In tough times we cannot afford these extra libraries.

Winter Gardens

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

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

Submitter Comments:

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: Provided this funding is based on a non-discriminatory approach that is fair to all ratepayers.

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Option 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: If there were a good business case for more hotels in Whanganui private enterprise would have picked it up. Council should not 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: The Opera House is fine the way it is, just maintain it to the same level at this 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: Continue to develop Marae provided; those Marae are situated at low risk from natural hazards and that; local community halls that serve the same purpose as Marae are funded similarly.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is 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: Funding WSL to \$250,000 maximum.

Pākaitore Reserve 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: \$830,000 is excessive spending on a road crossing and entrance. A raised road crossing will not restore the link between the gardens and the awa, it will simply be the same road at a different level? Instead a simple pedestrian crossing would provide a safe means of crossing the road and to mark the entrance the installation of a traditional waharoa would be suitable. All at significantly less than \$830,000.

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:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets 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: Specify the asset sales and go to a referendum of all rate payers

How would 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: Review Council's priority for the Community Initiatives. The project 'Aramoho riverbank enhancement project - allowing safe access to the water for rowers and public users alongside addressing erosion concerns of the riverbank' project is one of three of the listed in the Community Initiatives section of the plan that have a public safety element and thus should have a higher priority.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1324

Not Speaking

First name: Dianne
Last name: Armitage

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

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

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Don't know

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

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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

Submitter Comments:

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

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

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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 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 # 707

Not Speaking

First name: **William**
Last name: **Arnold**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: Whanganui East Pool is widely used and shutting without a viable alternative would adversely affect residents on that side of the river. Recommend a report on viability of outside swimming and reduction of maintenance costs to a minimum, \$400k to \$100k over summer and no loss of jobs

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: leave it open but put into the hands of a private entity to manage

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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Cut community grant funding by 50%

Further comments on service cuts: Masters Games is profitable in it's own right, doesn't need ratepayer funding (\$100k) Mobile Library largely redundant due to online information and should be funded by Ministry of Education if needed (\$150k) Public Arts funding stopped, times are tough and art scene needs to understand that (\$174k) Home Library Service, not required with online library (\$70k) Coastal Action Plan, plans without action or objective are wasteful (\$27k) Wanganui Riverboat Center, combine services, become more sustainable, focus on profit sharing (\$67k) Climate Change Fund has no strategy or outcome of benefit to ratepayers, mostly wasted on consultants, stop until needed (\$110k) CBD Maintenance, lock in at \$1m encourage innovation to maximize outcomes, save (\$421k)

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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

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

Submitter Comments:**Hotel and Car Park**

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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

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

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 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 # 87

Not Speaking

First name: David
Last name: Arnst

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 benefits to the community far outweigh the minimal rate increase.

Whanganui East Pool

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

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 families in the Eastern suburbs need support to provide activities and enhance water safety opportunities. It would not be feasible or convenient for children to travel to the Splash Centre especially during holiday periods. Our young people need easy access to engaging activities in a safe environment and this venue is well utilised.

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 a nice to have with little ROI

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

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

Submitter Comments: The baskets are a nice to have with little ROI

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: Businesses need to stand on their own merits and this is not a core council responsibility.

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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

Option 1: Keep the 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 well utilised facility provides a great venue for a range of community activities in addition to the library services

Winter Gardens

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Without knowing how well used this venue is, it is hard to make an informed recommendation. If it's use is deemed low then it should be closed. Other uses for the building could be considered in preference to demolishing 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

Our preferred option is for Council to take the 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 core council business and the council should not be committing rates towards this 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: This is a nice to have project

Marae Development

Our preferred option is 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: While this may seem a good idea in principle our local marae are subject to flooding and at least one is in a flood zone.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to 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: Cost/benefit is at best dubious

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is 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

Something else (state below)

assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Without knowing which assets will be sold it is not possible to select a preferred option. More information needs to be provided and the community further engaged for opinion.

How would 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 needs to be provided on many of these items so that the community can make informed rather than emotional contributions and comment. The council have let's Whanganui people down in this regard

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 855

Not Speaking

First name: Janet
Last name: Arnst

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

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

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Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

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

Submitter Comments: Having spoken with many visitors to Whanganui it is not a drawcard for them and not of significance to retain for local aviary visitors.

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: to avoid 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:

Winter Gardens

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

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

Submitter Comments: Could a cafe be included in the actual Winter Gardens complex

Level of Community Grant Funding

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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

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Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

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

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

Submitter Comments: Having watched the cost over-runs on other projects, the level of debt would be an unknown.

Royal 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: We are in an economic crisis, just a nice-to -have in the 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:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving 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: \$830,000 is not justified for a pavement and road 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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: This would be dependant on which assets are sold and if the public is consulted on which 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? **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: All decisions must be balanced by our current economic situation and the unknown future fiscal situation and maintaining some form of growth.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 513

Not Speaking

First name: Jaki
Last name: Arthur

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 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 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 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 # 1222

Not Speaking

First name: DUDLEY
Last name: Askew

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 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: the library is a vital part of our community. Particularly as we are a lower-income community and many households are quite challenged.

Winter Gardens

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

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

Submitter Comments:

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 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 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 # 1070

Not Speaking

First name: Jacki
Last name: Aston

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: Just not a Monday as Mondays are often a public holiday (which could count as a family 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?

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: We can always look at other options when finance is not so tight

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

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

Submitter Comments: We can always look at other options when finance is not so tight

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: Again not on a Monday allowing for statutory holidays and also not the same day as the Main Wanganui Library 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: Keep this as more a tourist attraction for 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 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: Upkeep on property makes sense. Costs more the longer you leave it!

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the 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: Better to upkeep and invest in a substantial icon

Marae Development

Our preferred option 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: Training students for life in general and investing in "Life Saving" staff is a no brain-er - rather an investment.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving 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: Its only going to get worse and need more money required to fix it. It's a well used road and will become more so as our city grows.

Asset Sales

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Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: A partial sell off of assets, which may be already stated.

How would 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 services could possibly be reduced, altho investing in a number of Wanganui's key projects and some future proofing is wise.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1050

Not Speaking

First name: Patricia
Last name: Avison

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: Those working weekends only time for them to visit

Whanganui East Pool

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

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

Submitter Comments: It is important our Tamariki and Whanau have a place to have fun and exercise, it is the only outdoor pool left in Whanganui. Many Whanau can't get to the splash and its all inside.

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 feel it is past its used by date. Sell for removal

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 huge tourist attraction and whanganui Whanau attraction. Up grade should be done by forest and bird.

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: Gone. We have beautiful box gardens and island gardens don't need 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: We should not be investing rate payers \$ in favor of a few elite artists. I have always been opposed this. They should be funding it themselves.

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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

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

Submitter Comments: Agree

Gonville Library

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

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

Submitter Comments: Keep it is a real community hub i love 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: Agree

Level of Community Grant Funding

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

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

Submitter Comments: Leave as is

Further comments on service cuts: As a council priorities such as infrastructure water ect are top of the list.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option 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: Agree

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the 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: Hotels are not a council matter

Royal 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: Not a priority

Marae Development

Our preferred option is 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: Agree

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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

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

Submitter Comments: Agree

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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

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

Submitter Comments: Not a priority

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is 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 is a dangerous road when cyclists ect are on it. Something needs to be done

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: Public discussion once what assets are chosen 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? **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: Tough decisions are needed for our city to move a head. Cost is also a major factor. Like single super income only incomes i struggle to keep my budget in order. I live on after mortgage, lease,rates insurance, power gas and ph, i live on \$150 ftn. Any rate increase will make my life harder.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 960

Not Speaking

First name: a
Last name: b

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

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

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

Submitter Comments: I do not want the council to close the pool and would rather see an investment into keeping it going. Completing a feasibility study during the off-season and revisiting the decision once the need in the district is understood.

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?

Submitter Comments:

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:

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

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

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

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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Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to 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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Asset sales have the potential to affect sport and recreation significantly. I do not want to see a loss of sports facilities, nor for neighbourhoods to lose access to recreational spaces. I would like the council to clarify which assets will be sold, and for consultation to be undertaken once the community has enough information to assess the potential losses against the impact on rates.

How would 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 understand that savings need to be found, but we are concerned the approach to these cuts will have a negative impact on community wellbeing through reduced access to our parks and open spaces. Whanganui population is growing, we can't expect to never invest in infrastructure.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1427

First name: n
Last name: b

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

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

Option 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 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 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 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 # 675

Not Speaking

First name: Irene
Last name: Back

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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?

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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 aviary provided birds can be rehomed.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

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

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

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

Submitter Comments: There are already Council owned properties in Whanganui. Surely it is more economical to convert one of these into a moderately sized hotel for 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:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is 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?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 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 # 283

First name: Simon
Last name: Badger

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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:

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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:

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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 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 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:

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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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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? **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: Focus on core assets and functions. Less spending on business and cultural projects until finances return to more positive outlook

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 441

Not Speaking

First name: **Haley**
Last name: **Baggott**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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:

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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:

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Submitter Comments:

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

Don't know

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?

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

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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

Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

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

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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)

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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:

How would 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 # 955

Not Speaking

First name: Jenna
Last name: Bagshaw

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: Completing a feasibility study during the off-season and revisiting the decision once the need in the district is understood. Completed an investigation into the use of the pool by ALL the community including options for schools to use it as a learning space. Having a local pool on that side of town is vitally important not only for the community but more importantly for our schools. We have many Primary Schools that do not have a pool as part of their property. I can name, Keith Street, Whanganui East, St Marys, Cullinane, and I am sure there are more. It is compulsory for children to learn water safety in our school curriculum. The cost of busing children to the splash is becoming unreasonable for those schools. We are a community that is surrounded by water and it is so important our tamariki learn how to be safe around water in a controlled and safe environment.

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: Surely there are other options for this. Is there a trust that can take over the lease of the bird aviary or other entities?

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 planting in whanganui does need to be considered. Many of the plants are 'high end' and require a lot of annual planting. E.g the tulips, these are one hit wonders and although look beautiful are not cost effective. Yes, I think that the hanging baskets could be reduced, but so can the other areas of planting and that could then at least allow some of the baskets to be kept. \$5 per household seems a obscene amount to spend of hanging 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: Find a buyer and with the savings invest into play, active recreation and sport in Whanganui, particularly around our spaces and facilities. This will attract more than 37000 visitors if we have to right facilities!

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: Please gather insights and plan accordingly. Ask those communities specifically what they want.

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: We visit with the children often and enjoy it, but WOW \$140,000!!!! I would love to see the break down of this. That seems a lot. Can there be another option to reduce the cost but still have the attraction. Again is it the type of plants?

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: Should be more. Community grants enable locally-led development and events, which make a significant contribution to the community. We support increasing this funding.

Further comments on service cuts: A lack of inclusion and underinvestment in play, active recreation and sport in Whanganui, particularly around our spaces and facilities, will have a negative effect on our communities and the economy. One of the five main goals of the WDC's Open Spaces and Physical Activity Strategy is that our whole community can experience our parks and open spaces. Maintenance can significantly impact on the perception of our parks as welcoming, safe and enjoyable spaces and is key to achieving the strategy's goal. A reduction in parks maintenance will come at the cost of our community using these spaces for recreation. Decreased maintenance of our parks also creates accessibility and safety issues that need to be considered. We understand that savings need to be

found, but we are concerned the approach to these cuts will have a negative impact on community wellbeing through reduced access to our parks and open spaces.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred 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

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Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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 seems like a tokenism approach to reconnecting the land with the awa. I would like to hear what tangata whenua would like to happen with this space before a decision is made.

Could the road be re-routed to go around and open the space complete up. This wouldnt require and raised roading but still would come at a cost.

Rapanui Road Trail

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Not enough information here to make an informed decision. clarify which assets will be sold, and for consultation to be undertaken once the community has enough information to assess the potential losses against the impact on rates.

How would 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: Invest in our young people.. they are our future.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 301

Not Speaking

First name: **Tania Aroha**
Last name: **Bailey**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

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

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

Submitter Comments: I think this is crucial for the Wanganui East community, plus the schools there. Splash is gross and not everyone wants to go there, closing the pool will have a negative impact on the community

Repertory Theatre

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

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

Submitter Comments: and return the land to Hapū

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: rehome those poor manu

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:

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

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Submitter Comments:

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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?

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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:

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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: concerned if it is contracted out to an operator will they bring their own workforce? want to ensure this kaupapa generates work for Whanganui. Totally agree a facility such as this is desperately needed in 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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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 is essential and process will need to be worked out to determined how this is distributed as some marae will require more assistance than others and there should be a process of prioritization

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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

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

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

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

Long-term investment

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

Submitter Comments: ngā mihinui koutou - appreciate all the work you do!

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission #

Speaking

First name:

Tania

Last name:

Bailey

Organisation:

Putiki Emergency Response Group

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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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?

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

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

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

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Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. 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:

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:

Supporting documents

Yes

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 170

Not Speaking

First name: Julian
Last name: Bailey

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 be interesting to measure public use over a 5-10-year period. along with measuring the impact of digital devices, tablets, Kindles etc, has this impacted on 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 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Seek interest groups that may be interested in rehousing 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: Here's why they deserve praise, The vibrant flowers and lush greenery instantly uplift the atmosphere. Passersby and visitors are treated to a burst of colour, making our Main Street more inviting. These baskets symbolize community care and pride.

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: Maintaining existing drop-off points is often more cost-effective than establishing new facilities. It utilizes existing infrastructure and minimizes additional expenses

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: The closure could encourage community members to collaborate and organize activities on the library's closed day. Book clubs, study groups, or local organizations might use this opportunity to meet elsewhere and foster community connections

Winter Gardens

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

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

Submitter Comments: Year-Round Beauty and Color: Even during the colder months, the Winter Gardens burst forth with vibrant blooms and lush greenery. Visitors can find solace and inspiration amidst the floral displays, providing a much-needed respite from winter's greyness.

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: What community-led redevelopment projects are currently being supported in Whanganui? Are there any ongoing efforts to prevent displacement and gentrification while investing in civic infrastructure

Further comments on service cuts: Financial Sustainability: Service cuts can contribute to the overall financial health of an organization or municipality. By reallocating resources, the council can maintain essential services while ensuring long-term stability.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option 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: Reliable Services: Investing in core infrastructure—such as roads, water supply, and wastewater systems—ensures that essential services remain reliable. Residents can count on safe transportation, clean water, and efficient waste management. Economic Growth: Well-maintained

infrastructure supports economic development. Businesses thrive when they have access to efficient transportation networks and reliable utilities

Hotel and Car Park

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

Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)

Submitter Comments: A new hotel attracts tourists, business travellers, and event attendees. It boosts the local economy by creating jobs, generating revenue, and supporting nearby businesses. The addition of a hotel and car park can have significant positive impacts on our community, especially when it comes to offsetting rates for taxpayers and managing the ongoing costs of essential services

Royal Whanganui Opera House

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

Option 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 Royal Opera House is a cultural gem, preserving our artistic heritage. Upgrades ensure that this historic venue continues to host world-class performances, enriching our lives with music, dance, and theater

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: Cultural Preservation and Revitalization: Marae are essential cultural centers for Māori communities. Funding ensures the preservation of traditions, language, and customs, fostering a strong sense of identity. Community Gathering Spaces: Marae serve as gathering places for whānau, hapū, and iwi. They host events, celebrations, and hui, promoting social cohesion and connection

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to 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 save lives, ours.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving 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? Surely there are more important projects in need of funding

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: Community Connection: Trails bring people together. They encourage walking, cycling, and outdoor exploration. The Rapanui Road Trail becomes a shared space where neighbors can connect, exercise, and enjoy nature. Health and Well-Being: Trails promote physical activity, benefiting our overall health. Walking or jogging along the trail also contributes to fitness and mental well-being, win win win

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: Option 1, which involves asset sales, is a forward-thinking approach that can bring several positive outcomes for our community: Selling non-essential assets allows the council to unlock capital. These funds can be reinvested in critical infrastructure, community services, or other high-priority projects. By divesting from assets that no longer align with the council's core mission, resources can be concentrated where they matter most. This strategic focus ensures the efficient use of taxpayer funds. The proceeds from asset sales can directly benefit residents. Whether through improved facilities, reduced rates, or enhanced services, the community reaps the rewards.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
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Long-term investment

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

Submitter Comments: Wearing my WRCB Potae I wish to enquire about the following: Infrastructure and Services to the Whanganui Rural Community: How will the LTP address the maintenance and improvement of rural roads, water supply, and wastewater systems? Are there specific projects planned for rural schools, libraries, or community centres? What provisions are in place to encourage population growth in rural areas? How will the LTP support affordable housing options for rural residents? What initiatives are included in the LTP to enhance environmental sustainability in rural Whanganui? In the future, how can rural residents actively participate in shaping the LTP and providing feedback? Are there opportunities for community workshops or public consultations specifically for rural stakeholders? What economic development projects are prioritized for rural areas? How will the LTP stimulate local businesses and create job opportunities in rural Whanganui, in the face of rural decline, in part due to roading issues, climate impact, employment and Carbon Credit farm conversions? Nga mihi Na Judd Bailey

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 501

Not Speaking

First name: Leila
Last name: Bailey-Moore

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: What's the point in having a great Library like the Davis in an international hub zone with the Sarjeant Gallery, the Museum and War Memorial if you're just going to implement small town thinking and close it on a Monday. It sends the wrong message.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred 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: Could we look at a fixed investment for beautifying Vic Ave like murals, sculptures or more trees.

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

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

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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)

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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: It's a well visited area for school history field trips and the lack of safe crossing is a safety concern. A stroll on a Saturday market day would be enhanced with a paved 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: Whanganui folk are cyclists and hikers. Cheers.

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: Would prefer to know what could be sold before an agreement.

How would 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 # 1200

Not Speaking

First name: Virginia
Last name: Baillie

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 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: We had sufficient accommodation before the flight school bought the collegiate motor inn.

Royal 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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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

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

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets 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 really need to know what assets are to be sold before I can form an opinion

How would 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 # 884

Not Speaking

First name: **Brian**
Last name: **Baker**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

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

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to 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?

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: That the Whanganui Musicians Club be bought into the Councils remit and so be supported. This will ensure that music, which contributes a great deal to the health of the community will grow.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1074

Not Speaking

First name: **Cynda**
Last name: **Baker**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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?

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

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Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)

Submitter Comments: Review parking options

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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

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

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

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

Long-term investment

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 345

Not Speaking

First name: **Martin**
Last name: **Baldwin**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Reduce hours on a Mon by half.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred 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: Does the bank need to be stabilized if the building is sold? Can fundraising be done to help with the buildings maintenance? Plant trees to stabilize the bank.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

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

Submitter Comments: Reduce wage costs. Have volunteers, Sponsor a bird and one off donations available.

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: Can businesses sponsor baskets?

New Zealand Glassworks

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

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

Submitter Comments: Can classes be held to offset rates?

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

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: Cancel funding for Neighbours Day, and Pride.

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

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

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Put Colligate Motor Inn back in to motel accommodation. More flight academy students in to more basic accommodation. Are rate payers contributing to the flight schools accommodation? The flight school need to be paying 100% of accommodation costs.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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

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

Submitter Comments: Ratepayers should not be paying for 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: If a crossing is needed, just paint a pedestrian crossing. Don't need a raised one. Also do not remove the Weeping Woman monument.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is 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: Assets to be sold need to be listed before a comment can be made. Can those Assets get income in another way?

How would 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 # 759

Not Speaking

First name: Sharon
Last name: Baldwin

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: Perhaps not spending so much on the splash centre and putting it into the wanganui east pool would have been better. The splash centre after the upgrade still has cracked tiles with jagged edges and the new tiles or surface in the pool adjacent to the lazy river is so slippery it is dangerous.

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: Can't they use other theatres around town instead?

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 key tourist attraction and is thoroughly enjoyed by all ages. Closing it would be a great shame. Yes the birds need looking after but they don't cost what the council has paid for the art gallery. Which in my view is a waste of money

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: Greate more permanent decorations which don't need ongoing work. Alternatively why can't businesses be asked to sponsor a basket and the yearly costs of its upkeep?

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: Why can't the library bus be used to service the area instead of having a dedicated library

Winter Gardens

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

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

Option 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? **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: Reducing staffing levels at the council and wages would go some way to help pay for things. Personally my rates went up \$2400 per year which is I am struggling to pay. Reduce the amount given to Māori based projects!

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 586

Speaking

First name: Tina
Last name: Baldwin

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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: Have reduced hours on Mon. Be open for for 4 hours instead of 8 1/2.

Whanganui East Pool

Our 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 and maintain the pool. Get a working bee group to do the upgrades, in exchange for a swim pass. Do fundraisers to support the upgrades.

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 theatre as it is a heritage building. Could trees be planted to stabilize the bank?

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. Bring wages cost right down. Have volunteers and maybe 2 part time staff who are already within the council team. Have options to Sponser a bird and/or make 1 off donations.

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 a volunteer group to help with the baskets. See if businesses would sponser a basket outside their business. If not, scrap it.

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: Have classes to make some revenue. Can costs be trimmed?

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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

Option 1: Keep the 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: Do not close the Winter Gardens. But could you put a donation box inside? To help with costs? Can costs be trimmed?

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: Ratepayers should not be funding Neighbour's Day, at \$4000. Could scrap Pride funding also, \$5,000. Could do a poll to see what other groups could be cut.

Further comments on service cuts: Was good to see Youth Council scrapped.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred 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: Option 1. But make sure it is spent on infrastructure that is needed, not just wanted.

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: Either Option 3, or turn Collegiate Motor Inn back into motel accommodation. Move the flight school accommodation to another location. Make sure the flight school are covering all costs.

Royal 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:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving 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 should not be a raised crossing here. Just put in a painted crossing. Also do not remove the Weeping Woman monument.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is 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 needs to be put on the backburner. If people really want it, have fundraisers and see where costs can be trimmed to get the cost lower.

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: It would need to be listed which assets were to be sold first. Are there other ways for those assets to get revenue?

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

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

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our 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: Can costs be cut elsewhere other than what is listed? Get more funding for The Sarjeant Galley instead of putting the blowouts on to ratepayers.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 621

Not Speaking

First name: **Kaitlyn**
Last name: **Baldwin**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Businesses could be given the option to maintain them and if they don't want to then remove ones outside their property

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?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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

Option 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?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

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

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core 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 # 90

Not Speaking

First name: **Megan**
Last name: **Baldwin-Holly**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Reduce hours and staff numbers

Whanganui East Pool

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

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

Submitter Comments:

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: Can reduce cost

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?

Option 1: Keep the 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 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: More trail you could to competitive run/walk races in our home town that can bring money to to town. I always have to go away for them

Asset Sales

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

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

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

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

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

Long-term investment

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1601

Not Speaking

First name: **Gaye**
Last name: **Ballington**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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: I agree with everything Cr Michael Laws put forward in his letter which I read on my FB page this evening. Therefore I do not think it necessary to answer every section.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take 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: I refer you to my above comment endorsing Cr Michael Laws

How would 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: Just to confirm my endorsement of Michael Laws conservative fiscal policy. To attract new residents Whanganui should keep the rates as low as possible. Thank you.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 229

Speaking

First name: **Din**
Last name: **Bandara**
Organisation: **First Rung**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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?

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 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: Investment in a 4* hotel is critical to ensure growth to Whanganui business and tourism. The council will need to ensure the right organisations are engaged to ensure this project does not blow out in budget.

Royal 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: Such an iconic building in Whagnanui and needs to be preserved as much as possible. Could option 4 be incorporated at a later date?

Marae Development

Our preferred option is 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: Preservation of important cultural significance is imperative.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to 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: Work with organisations that will utilise the land/buildings to the benefit of the city and 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? **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: Thank you for putting forward the proposals. The impact of not making tough decisions will be detrimental for the future of Whanganui. Being part of a Trust (First Rung) that is focused on improving the housing landscape of the Whanganui region, the Trust would appreciate the opportunity to speak to our submission and elaborate on how our projects will positively impact the LTP and the community as a whole.

Supporting documents

Yes

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1129

Not Speaking

First name: Jody
Last name: Bank

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

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

Submitter Comments: A Library is an essential service in a growing city.

Whanganui East Pool

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

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: When I visited Whanganui years ago, before I lived here, I was amazed by the flower baskets on main st. To me it showed pride and a city that cared about the small details & quality of life.

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: NZGlassworks is one of the main visitor attractions here in Whanganui and the only open access hot glass studio in NZ. As a resident I am proud to tell our visitors that we have a council that supports the arts & cultural sector to such a degree. As we have just received two huge international acknowledgements for our arts - UNESCO 'International City of Design' & National Geographic - The Sarjeant Gallery as one to watch opening in 2024 - it makes sense to nurture & grow these facilities. Under Council ownership the Glassworks is able to offer internships, residencies, working with UCOL and a busy public programme schedule. All of which support and grow art glass in NZ. This is a point of difference for our city which has international reach. If the Glassworks goes into private ownership, as a business, it's likely it would not be able to support the growth of art glass in NZ to the same degree. The Glassworks is a national treasure with high visitor numbers. A unique offering in Whanganui of which we can be proud. Its time to support and bolster the cultural sector in NZ, and continue to be recognised internationally for our achievements.

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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

Option 1: Keep the 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: Libraries are an essential facility in a growing city.

Winter Gardens

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

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

Submitter Comments: The first time I visited the Winter Gardens after moving here, I was amazed at uniqueness and beauty of this facility. A real draw card and excellent place to take visitors. A must keep.

Level of Community Grant Funding

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

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

Submitter Comments: Support from the ground up always builds a strong and vibrant community.

Further comments on service cuts: Having moved from Wellington a few years ago specifically for the vibrance of the cultural sector here in Whanganui I would love to see the cultural sector supported and grown. Whanganui has a long been strong in it's arts offering - lets keep it so.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option 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: Sure we need better quality accommodation offerings in the city, but the council is not a hotel operator. Leave this to industry professionals. Council is better focused on supporting, maintaining and growing the incredible cultural facilities we already have, so that when there are more visitor numbers, we have a remarkable and unique visitor offering.

Royal 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 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: Our cultural sector is our strength. To nurture and grow this is the key to sustainable and far reaching growth for our city.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 293

Not Speaking

First name: Roger
Last name: Bannister

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 plays an important role and is well used by the community at large. The consultation document makes it clear some would be disadvantaged by the changes and this community service must be retained,

Whanganui East Pool

Our 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: An important heritage building and part of the "make-up" of Whanganui. I suggest a two stage approach; one to "stabilise" the site and then evaluate whether a sale is feasible of can it be retained/enhanced in 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: This facility is another aspect of Whanganui that makes our place a "want to visit". We should retain the Aviary but perhaps review the estimated cost/extent of upgrade.

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: A contributing factor to what makes Whanganui special. It is not solely the Sargeant or the Waimarie that attracts people to our place, but a combination of sometimes "small" visuals or experiences. The hanging baskets, like the fabulous street gardens at roundabouts etc, are an important contributing factor.

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: as per above, a fabulous asset for our community.,

Level of Community Grant Funding

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

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

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: It is fabulous that people want to come to our place and in turn support our service businesses. However, I do not believe it is council business to invest in providing the infrastructure such as a hotel. a) local councils have no "experience" in the business b) there are examples of when - in times of down turn - these businesses become unviable. We should not put obstacles in the way of private development but it is not an area where council officers or members should invest time or money/resources. We might also take heed of the need to strike a balance between fostering economic growth through "tourism" and experiences for other parts of Aotearoa and the world where the growth in tourism and events effectively shuts out the local 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?

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: At this time I am not convinced the level of expense is necessary but may be an option to take on later in the 10 year cycle.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option 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

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: It is, to my mind, not possible to usefully comment on generalities rather than specifics. I am not opposed to selling assets which do not contribute to the welfare of our whanau but could only comment case-by-case.

How would 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: I commend the Council for the consultation and the clear document on the website. The current funding regime for local government is no longer fit for purpose and efforts to ensure a fair balance between central and local responsibility must be pursued. It is recognised that we are in stringent economic times so whilst some situations are difficult at present, in the economic cycle, there will be more favourable times in future. One responsibility of council is to ensure we do not loose the "assets" Whanganui currently has just because we currently face stringent times.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1463

Not Speaking

First name: **Rosemary**
Last name: **Baragwanath**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: Repositories of wisdom - invaluable. This is a splendid facility - welcoming to a vast range of humanity, poor, infirm, deranged. It is attractive, staff welcoming & helpful. Homeless can feel a place to belong in & be part of society that usually rejects them. I am an ex-nurse, rehab, mental health. Staff need jobs too. This library delights me. At age 82. Society at large depresses me - the inequality - 1/3 of our people feeling dispossessed.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred 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: Children go astray when they have no place to expend their energy. We all grew up with access to school pools - the ability to swim. It is iniquitous that so many children are deprived of these skills. 2 or 3 generations now unable to swim & we carry on about drownings! One rarely hears aggression when playing in water.

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: I love this building. Part of the rich heritage in these blocks of land by the River. People visit Whanganui for these features. I moved here 12 years ago for these qualities & great trees & street hanging plants.

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: Another place of delight for different generations to enjoy & for visitors.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

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

Submitter Comments: Vital part of this Town. We must treasure & maintain all green spaces especially as global warming is increasing. Stop pollarding the plane trees so brutally. Australia proved trees keep ground & roads cooler in summer.

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 another wonderful part of Whanganui & its reputation as an Art Centre

Drop 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: Most people on blocks of land can afford to bring their rubbish in. Bury the food scraps. I did on Waiheke.

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 an impoverished area & desperately need this meeting, sociable place

Winter Gardens

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

Don't know

Submitter Comments: Mixed feelings. Rarely go. NOT as essential.

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: With the growing disparity between have's - have nots, I support grant funding - Hoping Council is responsible enough to make good decisions.

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option 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: Maori were here first & many old established Whanganui families have done very well for a few blankets & guns. What Maori land Marae remain should be helped. Maori are best now & aiding each other, Marae are integral to wellbeing

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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

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

Submitter Comments: Swimming is a valuable health measure & delight for the soul. Anything that encourages young people to "do things" must be fostered. Our old generation have been mostly so privileged.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving 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: Safety to encourage pedestrians - disabled - blind

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is 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: By definition an asset is an asset. Hang on to them.

How would 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 own a rickety home & am on the pension. I believe rate increases are inevitable to keep a decent quality of life & visual beauty in our superb little town. It is a treasure & therefore cost is required. Time that churches & Trusts paid rates & their fair share as well.

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 272

Speaking

First name:

Minnie

Last name:

Baragwanath

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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?

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option 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?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option 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 # 953

Not Speaking

First name: Jennifer
Last name: Barber

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 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 # 897

Not Speaking

First name: Ken
Last name: Barber

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to 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 # 1116

Not Speaking

First name: **Mary**
Last name: **Barker**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 the library 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: Splash Palace is not Council owned now as far as I know and if the Whanganui East pool is closed there will be no Council-operated 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: I believe the Council has done little to maintain the building. I would prefer that Repertory Players are offered discounted rates at the Opera House.

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 run down and situated where it is it is often overlooked by visitors anyway.

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 find it staggering that maintenance of these baskets is quoted at over \$90,00 per year. The baskets and flowers are an asset which brighten the days of residents and visitors alike and are essential to keep. Cannot maintenance be cheaper?

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: The glassworks are a big visitor attraction but owning these is NOT a Council function in my view.

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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

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

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

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

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **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: Re social housing I do not believe that this is really a function of local government. It is a central govt obligation in my view and I would support further approaches by Council to central govt on this issue before investing in a proposed new social housing development.

Supporting documents **No**

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Submission # 681

Not Speaking

First name: **Jeremy**
Last name: **Barlow**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

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

Submitter Comments: As a former library staff member, can I ask if the Library Management Team were asked if they could find savings within the operation? Instead of the "Council favored option to close 1 day per week" In the past when savings have been needed the library Management Team have been consulted and options put forward that did not disadvantage the public to the degree that this option would. It seems to me that council are adopting the short sighted ethos of the current government. Libraries are part of our social well-being not only the providers of information and reading material.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred 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: At some point the bank will have to be stabilised so why not save a historic building at the same 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:

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 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:

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: Seriously!!! you want to cut basic public services and look at building a hotel!!! Council can't even maintain their current buildings - go to the Davis library and look at the leaking roof in the children's area (that roof need replacement many years ago, still not done) and don't get me started on the money that has been thrown at the art 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 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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

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

assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **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 # 540

First name: **renata**
Last name: **Barrett**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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 pools should stay open because it is really important to learn swimming. Also on hot days it is fun to play in it. It's close to my house and the other pools are too far. Whanganui East School, age 8

Repertory Theatre

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

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

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

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

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

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

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

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

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

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

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

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

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

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

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

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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

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

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

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

Long-term investment

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 187

Speaking

First name: **James**
Last name: **Barron**
Organisation: **Chair - Progress Castlecliff**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: Having the Davis closed as proposed may stop our Castlecliff Library and Community Hub from issuing library cards etc on closed days as our volunteers need to ring thru to help customers for some transactions. Beyond this in a cost of living crisis the “commons” ie public spaces offering low or no cost activities become more crucial than ever to struggling families. Closing the main library for an entire day a week to save households under 5 cents per week is NOT supported.

Whanganui East Pool

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

Submitter Comments: No response as not in our mandate to comment

Repertory Theatre

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

Submitter Comments: No response as not in our mandate to comment

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

Submitter Comments: No response as not in our mandate to comment

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

Submitter Comments: No response as not in our mandate to comment

New Zealand Glassworks

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

Submitter Comments: No response as not in our mandate to comment

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: No response as not in our mandate to comment

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 the Gonville Library closed as proposed may affect our Castlecliff Library and Community Hub even more than the proposed day-a-week closure of the Davis. Beyond this in a cost of living crisis the “commons” ie public spaces offering low or no cost activities become more crucial than ever to struggling families. Closing the Gonville library for an entire day a week to save households under 2 cents per week is NOT supported.

Winter Gardens

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

Submitter Comments: No response as not in our mandate to 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 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 support 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) As an organisation that may hope to receive funding our costs have increased so this will really just maintain the current level of community grants. We believe community led projects deliver excellent value to Council (well ours certainly do)

Further comments on service cuts: Service cuts that affect free of low cost activities and services available to all are regressive and will cost not save struggling household budgets.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred 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: No response

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: No response as not in our mandate to comment

Royal Whanganui Opera House

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

Submitter Comments: No response as not in our mandate to comment We do note however that the 20 year cost of a new fly system ONLY is \$6/property/year LESS than a new fly system AND a new stagehouse. This seems incongruous

Marae Development

Our preferred option 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 response as not in our mandate to 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: We support the work Surf Lifesaving do on our beach and the training and healthy activity the rejuvenated nippers program provides.

Pākaitore Reserve 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: No response as not in our mandate to comment

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is 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: Progress Castlecliff believe our beaches are important resource for Whanganui residents and one of the key reasons Whanganui has been experiencing growth well exceeding landlocked areas in our region like Palmerston North. Investing in healthy access to our coast should be a priority even in constrained times.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets 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: No response

How would 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: See attached document

Supporting documents

Yes

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 421

Not Speaking

First name: Chris
Last name: Barry

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 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?

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: Marae's repairs and maintenance should be paid for by their own much like I have to pay to repair my house. This is not a rate payers issue or responsibility

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to 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: Perhaps install electronic speed signs at each end of the street you are trying to control the speed. Can be programmed with speed required and when to show this speed. We don't need to spend \$800k on it as most ratepayers are stretched now to pay

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is 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: A nice want but once again adding extra cost to already stretched budgets. If groups want it they can find raise like many other groups do

Asset Sales

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

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets 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? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

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

Submitter Comments: Please listen to your employers (ratepayers) at this time of hardship, don't add extra projects that we don't need, pay the debt we already have by not adding to it with pet projects

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 130

First name: Eleanore
Last name: Barry

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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 the only open pool left in Whanganui. There a too many people who use the pool to shut down. At the moment families are travelling to Marton as they cannot get into the splash for lessons for their children. Closing the pool means that the council will have drowning numbers increase. The open pool in other parts of the country who are older are still being used and council do NOT charge for swimming. The money spent on cycle tracks and the velodrome only met the needs of a few, this is a Whanganui Treasure and closing it would mean it will be gone forever. Too many people want the pool to remain open The Council need to listen to what everyone is saying not what they want to achieve for a select few. When you say it costs for staffing, Rubbish, you employ uni students and they are not there for long. Again monetry value attached is just a number plucked out of your heads.

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: Where on earth do you get your monetry value from. What Rubbish!

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: You would be able to save heaps for the ratepayers if the Councillor numbers were reduced and you all take a pay cut.

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

Our preferred 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: What is the point of a hotel if there are no gardens, no theatre, pool is gone, library is closed, aviary is closed. really!

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?

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?

Submitter Comments:

How would 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 # 407

Not Speaking

First name: **Russell**
Last name: **Barry**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

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

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

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

Option 3: Close New Zealand Glassworks (save \$10.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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

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Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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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: Remove bus service called the Tide, have seen this service many times with only the driver on board plus the extra cost pointed out by councilor Vincent in the river city press.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 719

Speaking

First name: **Kellee**
Last name: **Bartlett**
Organisation: **Ngati Tumango Hapu member**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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: Financial reform as was used by labour during covid and coined helicopter money pre covid

Whanganui East Pool

Our 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: Again financial reform

Repertory Theatre

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Financial reform

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Financial reform

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 them and use better financial advisors

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: Keep it and get rid of your financial advisors

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: Keep it but get a new team of financial advisors

Gonville Library**Something else (state below)**

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

Submitter Comments: It's a library keep it open get new advisors

Winter Gardens**Something else (state below)**

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

Submitter Comments: Keep and get new advisors

Level of Community Grant Funding**Something else (state below)**

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

Submitter Comments: Get experienced people on this board asap why this is included in the rates and not separate ID need more context and increase it

Further comments on service cuts: It's not the services that needs cutting, it's politicians at top level that need axing and a whole financial reform adopted

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**Something else (state below)**

Our preferred 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: Financial Reform

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: Council to undertake but not in the traditional way of using rates to get this done

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: Financial reform

Marae Development

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: The nz company's/ so called countrys bank aka rbnz should

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is 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: Financial reform

Pākaitore Reserve 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: Financial reform

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option 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: Financial reform

Asset Sales

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Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Most idiotic part of this survey.

How would 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: Get a new financial team

Supporting documents

Yes

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 793

Not Speaking

First name: Ann
Last name: Bartley

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

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

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

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

Option 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 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?

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

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

Option 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? **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 # 901

Not Speaking

First name: Sarah
Last name: Bartley

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:

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

Don't know

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

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

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

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

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

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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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?

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?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 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 # 287

Not Speaking

First name: Gemma
Last name: Bartley

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: Completing a feasibility study during the off-season and revisiting the decision once the need in the district is understood.

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?

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?

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?

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?

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?
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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 # 500

Speaking

First name: Val
Last name: Bartrum
Organisation: Whanganui Floral Art Group

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?

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

Submitter Comments: please see attached letter in support of our submission

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:

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Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

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Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Submitter Comments:

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

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 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 # 509

First name: Valerie
Last name: Bartrum

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 my happy place! I think it is essential to have a community space in town that welcomes everyone, and is a source of information and learning.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred 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: Can you get a voluntary organisation to care for the birds - to bring costs down?

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 is worth paying the \$5p/a to have the baskets making Whanganui an attractive place to visit.

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: Look at this again in 3 years' 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 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, **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)*

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Submitter Comments: We need to make Whanganui a great place to visit. So - support our tourist attractions - like the Waimarie, the Sarjeant, the Tram, the beautification of Mainstreet, etc.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1011

Not Speaking

First name: Sandra
Last name: Basalas

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 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 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, **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
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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 # 398

First name: **Lewis**
Last name: **Batchelar**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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: NZG is the only centre of its kind within New Zealand and one of only a handful like it within the southern hemisphere. It offers a unique facility essential to the continuation of glass making and education within this country. Nzg is a major asset for the tourism industry of whanganui,

and a facility that offers unique public engagement opportunities through beginning workshops. Losing this great facility would have major roll on impact; to the community of artists that rely on public access studios to maintain their practice and to the education opportunities in glass. It would be a huge shame to lose such a unique 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?

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:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

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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

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 60

Speaking

First name: **Carolyn**
Last name: **Bates**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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

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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?

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:

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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

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets 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 # 1213

Not Speaking

First name: Sharyn
Last name: Battarbee

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 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 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?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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

Option 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:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1630

Not Speaking

First name: **Stephanie**
Last name: **Battersby**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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?

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: Absolutely keep it open more families will use this than the money wasting art gallery

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

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

Option 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 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 the art gallery

How would 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: Save our pool and aviary

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1235

Speaking

First name: **Robert**
Last name: **Baxter**
Organisation: **Nathan Street Neighbourhood Support 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?

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 attached

Supporting documents

Yes

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 842

Speaking

First name: Damon
Last name: Baxter

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

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

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

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

Submitter Comments:

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 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 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: These are only the service cuts that have been identified by yourselves, is there an open book where all councils costs can be viewed

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

Our preferred option 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: You should not have put the flight school into the old collegiate hotel, shortsighted.

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: This should be paid for at government level not by 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 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: Waste of 800k

Rapanui Road Trail

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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

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

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **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: Where would I find a list of all council owned assets

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1498

Not Speaking

First name: Colleen
Last name: Baylis

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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: Review number of books & hold those that are relevant and sell those that are obsolete

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred 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: Had regular maintenance been scheduled then this would not be an issue

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: Regular maintenance program would have avoided this problem

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: Please explain the costs - this is a significant amount of money

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: Please be specific - if this drop off point was closed is this - decrease for rural properties only or all properties?

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 important connection point for a lot of people

Winter Gardens

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Allow for a donation box at the entrance

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: Also review those that rely on this 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 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: Regular maintenance would have avoided this issue

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the 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: Their responsibility

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

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

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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

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

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 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 # 1351

Not Speaking

First name: Aisha
Last name: Beazley

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

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

Submitter Comments: We need a library to be open for all to access any day they want

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred 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: Swimming outdoors is a much needed activity in Whanganui especially for our autistic people

Repertory Theatre

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

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

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

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

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

Option 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 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 # 318

Not Speaking

First name: Janis
Last name: Beadle

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

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

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

Submitter Comments:

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

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

Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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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:

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?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets 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 # 319

Not Speaking

First name: **Katy**
Last name: **Beadle**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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Submitter Comments:

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

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

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

Option 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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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? **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 # 751

Not Speaking

First name: **Maureen**
Last name: **Beard**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

Submitter Comments:

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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?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Don't know

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

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

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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:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving 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? **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**
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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Could not drag the cursor in 2 questions regard striking a balance - I wanted to move the position to 4

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 415

Not Speaking

First name: Euan
Last name: Beard

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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

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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

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Submitter Comments:

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Further comments on service cuts:

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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? **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 # 192

Speaking

First name: **Keith**
Last name: **Beautrais**
Organisation: **Bushy Park Tarapurui Trust Board Member,**

Member of Education Committee, Member of Forest 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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: The Trust does not have a position on 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: The Trust does not have a position on this.

Repertory Theatre

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: The Trust does not have a position on this.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: The Trust does not have an official position on this, but we would note that it is odd to support non-native bird care and not endangered species at Bushy Park.

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 Trust does not have a position on this.

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: The Trust does not have a position on this, but would find it hard to understand how it ranks above Bushy Park's work.

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: The Trust does not have a position on this.

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: The Trust does not have a position on this.

Winter Gardens

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: The Trust does not have a position on this, but would find it hard to understand how it ranks above Bushy Park's work.

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: The Trust does not have a position on this.

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred 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: The Trust does not have a position on this.

Hotel and Car Park

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: The Trust does not have a position on this, but would find it hard to understand how it ranks above Bushy Park's work.

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: The Trust does not have a position on this, but would find it hard to understand how it ranks above Bushy Park's work.

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: The Trust does not have a position on this.

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: The Trust does not have a position on this.

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: The Trust does not have a position on this, but would find it hard to understand how it ranks above Bushy Park's work.

Rapanui Road Trail**Something else (state below)**

Our preferred option 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: The Trust does not have a position on this, but would find it hard to understand how it ranks above Bushy Park's 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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: The Trust does not have a position on this.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 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: It seems odd that there are no questions about the biggest art and cultural institutions and their running costs.

Supporting documents

Yes

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1339

Not Speaking

First name: **Mike**
Last name: **Beck**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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?

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 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to 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? **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 # 1341

Not Speaking

First name: Michelle
Last name: Beck

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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?

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

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

Our preferred option 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

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

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to 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? **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 # 1370

First name: Elaine
Last name: Belcher

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

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

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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

Option 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 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:

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

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

Option 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 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, **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

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1485

Not Speaking

First name: steven
Last name: bell

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: where are the kids from wanganui east school going to go to learn to swim?

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

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

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

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

Submitter Comments: rate payers should not be footing the bill for this!

Royal Whanganui Opera House

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

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

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to 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 a complete waste of money and rate payers should not be paying for this bullshit

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is 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, **2**
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: do not waste 830k on a stupid crossing

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1674

Not Speaking

First name: **Jaye**
Last name: **Bell**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: Rates are already stupidly high. Find an alternative to at least minimize increase - the pools are VERY important not only to the local schools that use them such as East but also the community who cannot get across town to the Splash

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: Though not involved in this community myself, I do see a lot of people get enjoyment out of it

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

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

Submitter Comments: Only an idiot would think to close it. Tourist attraction and fun thing to do with the kids, keep it open at all costs.

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: Find sponsors within the community. They brighten up the street and look attractive - shouldn't need to be incised in stupidly high rates

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: The winter gardens are as important as 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:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option 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: Plenty of hotels and alternatives- maybe help private proposals for such a business. Many better things to have that money spent on such as previous questions.

Royal 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: Find way to not increase rates so 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? **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: People are struggling as it is, increasing rates is just going to cause more struggle for the community with mortgage and rent.

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1552

Not Speaking

First name: Louise
Last name: Bell

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 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: Council need to look at returning to providing rubbish services to the city also as the current system means 3 trucks per route are using fossil fuels which is environmentally unsound

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: Completely closing and selling of assets is short term thinking. Reducing hrs is a good option for most venues.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred 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: Go back to council employing staff to maintaining and improving infrastructure as contracting to outside companies has seen a significant deterioration in all areas. Council also needs to increase funding to help maintain and future proof as costs will continue to increase for repairs if money is not spent now.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the 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 feel the council owing and operating this proposal is too risky and should be privately owned and operated

Royal 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: Due to the historic nature of this building I think the investment is better long term and the costs to do this will continue to increase if not done now

Marae Development

Our preferred option is 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: Natural disasters are happening more often so we need to maintain and increase our ability to look after our community in these situations which this option 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: With drowning rates increasing this service is essential and requires funding to help towards costs

Pākaitore Reserve 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: Provide speed bumps to slow down traffic to make crossing safer. The costs to provide the proposed crossing are 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 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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

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

assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Selling assets has historically been a short term fix and has cost community in the longer term e.g. government selling railways

How would 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 # 1362

Not Speaking

First name: **Greg**
Last name: **Bell**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 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 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: unnecessary waste of money

Rapanui Road Trail

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets 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 # 1394

Not Speaking

First name: **Maryanne**
Last name: **Bell**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 community need to have access to this LOCAL facility as getting to the Springvale Splash Centre is not always an easy one for them. Feasibility studies & the proposed ideas that will come from that will, in the long run, cost far more than the pool upgrade....just look at the expense & overrun costs the Sarjeant Gallery is incurring.

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: Surely the Amdram Theatre & Royal Whanganui Opera House will suffice, especially as the Opera House has recently been upgraded

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 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: Make sure the work is done correctly & efficiently, that decisions made & work done is as if you were spending your own money on your own property. STOP wastage of time & resources

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the 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 a 'Private Enterprise' project, & NOT Council's core business Council can help by reducing the 'red tape' & costs of consents etc that hinder private enterprise & initiative.

Royal 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: Make sure that contracts signed are kept to, no overruns

Marae Development

Our preferred option is 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 upgrades need to be done ASAP by those in charge of the maraes within the Central Government timeline

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to 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: How many people really cross here? The preferred option seems very expensive for the number of people who would walk across this pavement. Find a less expensive option

Rapanui Road Trail

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

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: Firstly am VERY pleased to see that horse riders are to be included on this trail, thankyou Surely \$2.4 million is plenty for 11kms, concrete is NOT needed. Limestone for bikers, walkers & runners plus a mown strip of grass for horses

Asset Sales

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

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

assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

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

Long-term investment

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

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

Submitter Comments: Every person, family & business has to spend within their means, as do councils & government

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 630

Not Speaking

First name: Russell
Last name: Bell

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Close all Libraries for one day a week

Whanganui East Pool

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

Option 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 1: Keep the 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: Close all libraries for a day 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?

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: Seriously, this is nuts. Council doesn't have the expertise to advance this effectively, especially now that independent board members have departed Holdings and Whanganui & Partners. In addition, there are already operators in town, why not offer interest free loans to upgrade facilities?

Royal 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?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 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 # 1254

Not Speaking

First name: Claire
Last name: Bell

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: Monday is one of the busiest days for the Davis Library, especially in the school holidays. You will create a backlog of people wanting to use the service and require more staff on a Tuesday to operate efficiently, thus costing more in the long term. Further, this backlog will be true of whichever day you choose to close the library.

Whanganui East Pool

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

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: Keep the city vibrant, don't drain it of its creativity. The theatre is part of creative Whanganui.

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: If you want to continue to win beautiful street and city awards, the baskets contribute to this and general well being, so keep 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:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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

Option 1: Keep the 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: If you are struggling to operate NZ Glassworks as an unfamiliar entity , then don't move out of your wheelhouse further and into an area you are not familiar with. Council is not equipped or qualified to run a hotel well or profitably. Seek others to bring in this 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 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 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 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: Please state which assets are on the chopping block before asking people to comment on them. I cannot comment on something that I do not know specifics of.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **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: All the things you state you are proud off, you undermine in this plan. Keeping UNESCO design status, keeping beautiful streets and cities awards and being considered for them again require funding in these areas. In Europe and other places, we pay much higher rates and expect good services for those rates. Investing in your core community options makes people enjoy and love the city that they live in, even when other things are bleak.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 872

Not Speaking

First name: michelle
Last name: benefield

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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 as is in opening days and times and maybe review the amount of staff there are at the library ie redundancies or reduce their hours to save money after all they do have self checkout there so use it from a customer point of view

Whanganui East Pool

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

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

Submitter Comments: close the pool it is well past its used by date and very compact in area not alot of room for families to spread out.but at the same time wanganui deserves a great new outdoor facility that we shouldnt have to pay some consultant hundreds of thousands of dollars to say who, what, when, where, why.you are the council you know the bylaws just make the decisions and get it done

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: going forward this is a good choice with a possibility the council could retain it and do the roof and strengthening in stages

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 is the only option but definately review the outgoing costs it is a wonderful family visit to do with young children.maybe not have walkthru access, everyone can only walk around the outside i dont know.how much is the caretaker being paid etc cos its only a part time job they are making sure the area is clean,feeding the birds and checking on their welfare maybe 2 to 3 hrs a day max so roughly 20 hrs a week.also you could put a donation box there as well to help with the costs ie as you are leaving every little bit helps.

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 think there is a third option of maybe reducing the amount of hanging baskets we have. you could do this by spreading them out more or by just having them in the busier blocks and not the ones where we arent so busy ie forget the bridge block very under used maybe between ridgeway and guyton

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 glassworks as is they pull in a good amount of visitors to wanganui and why does the council feel they need to sell it, it makes no financial difference to the ratepayers

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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

Option 1: Keep the 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 rural districts need a rubbish drop off area no questions about that but maybe look at how the services can be stream lined and cost effective ie how often is the pick up and removal of rubbish, who does it etc.

Gonville Library

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

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

Submitter Comments: its a great asset to the community of gonville the council should encourage the residents to utilise their community hubs, castlecliff is a great example of community pride. ie the north mole area and beach area. the park library and cafe all great 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: just as important as the aviary definitely not close this. i have very fond memories as a child growing up in wanganui and a favourite family sunday activity was walk around the lake go thru the winter gardens and the aviary and sometimes go out to the airport for a iceblock if we were lucky. its a well established icon

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 it as is its working ok so lets keep the status quo for now. definitely making sure the funding is going to the community and appropriate people that need it

Further comments on service cuts: no more comments but what i would like to say is all councillors have been elected from the wanganui people, you are there to do a service for us, you get paid accordingly to do that job. we as a individual household have had to tighten our financial spending because of this so called cost of living crises and i expect the elected councillors to do the same for its ratepayers. dont just

accept a price for something with no cares ask questions and get the best value for dollar you can with our ratepayer money.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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

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

Submitter Comments: we need to be able to look after our infrastructure its coming to a head when alot of the pipes and drains need replacing they are well past their lifespans so do it.the same goes for our roading if it needs redoing do it but what i dont get is roading being redone ie ashault and metal when its not that old ie fitzherbert extention why?its not that old and there is one street corner on that that has been done at least 4 times that i have seen.like does the workman ship have a warranty or anything from the contractors

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the 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: could certainly take this option we have nothing to lose.and perhaps council should get in touch with existing accomadations in wanganui and see where they can help them ie with repairs or leadership and advice to make them more attractive to people to stay at ie the grand such a iconic wanganui place but is looking abit sad help them where they can.wanganui is never going to be a huge place for concerts etc we are just to small so i dont think we need to accomadate to the masses.

Royal 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: just do it it needs doing and once again a icon of wanganui it must be saved

Marae Development

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

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

Submitter Comments: why should they be funded for upgrades over anybody else in the community.they just need to do the best they can with what they have got.this is where council need to take responsibility for their civil defence team etc.maybe they should apply for a grant to purchase their generators etc stop saying yes all the time to handouts of our money.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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

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

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

Submitter Comments: this really benefits the community and they are going to try and get most of the money themselves so good luck to them. they don't need anything fancy just a building where they can do their thing and store their equipment

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: i don't think having a raised crossing on Taupo Quay is a good idea it has a lot of heavy trucks rolling thru there and is not appropriate. certainly look at replacing paving if it is needed but to improve access to the awa well occupiers just block the road if they want so there you go

Rapanui Road Trail

Something else (state below)

Our preferred option 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 sure about requirements here i don't think the trail is justified with usage maybe look at safety improvements to the road and widening where necessary

Asset Sales

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

Option 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: although not liked this is the only option for Wanganui residents it needs to be done and we will get to have our say on what is sold so this is what you are paid to do look after the ratepayers assets and coffers

How would 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? **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 # 851

First name: **May**
Last name: **Bennett**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

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

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

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

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

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

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is 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

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

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets 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 # 1406

Not Speaking

First name: **Laura**
Last name: **Bennett**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

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

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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

Option 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 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?

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:

How would 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 # 1638

First name: **Margot**
Last name: **Bennetts**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 vital community hub and cutting days should not be 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?

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

Submitter Comments: Such an important asset for the Whanganui East community and the whole of the Whanganui community,

Repertory Theatre

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

Option 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 such a beautiful addition to the town centre - I do think they support the wellbeing of our community.

New Zealand Glassworks

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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

Option 1: Keep the 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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Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to 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?

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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:

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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?

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

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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

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

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

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

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

Long-term investment

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 244

Not Speaking

First name: Clive
Last name: Benson

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: Far too many people die of drowning annually due to not being capable or confident in the water. This pool has been iconic in that it has taught thousands to swim over the decades. To close the pool would have a significant impact on our younger people and their ability to swim

Repertory Theatre

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

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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

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

Submitter Comments: This is a valuable part of the attraction of Wanganui, to lose them is yet another negative this city does not need

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: Yet another historical part of our city that is unique and part of our culture. The continuation of the current council attempting to remove what makes us Wanganui can not continue. It is a beautiful part of our heritage which should remain

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: Council needs to stick to core business when so much debt is owed and let private enterprise do what they do best

Royal 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: We can not afford to diversify into areas of business that represent a minority, again stick to core business under the current environment we are all living in

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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:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving 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: Too extravagant in this current environment we are all living in. We can't afford it, simple

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is 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: A nice have we can't afford

Asset Sales

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

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

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

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

Long-term investment

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

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

Submitter Comments: The council needs to stick to core business and forget about being involved in business development that should be left to private enterprise. Developing new projects at the expense of removing what makes Wanganui unique should be non negotiable. Wanganui east pool, Virginia lake etc needs to remain as this is who we are as a city. Don't ruin our cultural identity

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 366

Not Speaking

First name: **Anne**
Last name: **Bernard-Bennett**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: Seems reasonable to close on Mondays. Mondays are not a good day to go to the library anyway.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred 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 well used facility and part of the community. If you can find a way to fund this without adding to the rate that would be ideal. eg have a Whanganui East Pool fundraising page that the community can contribute to.

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 council will take on the stabilization of the retaining bank and sell the building cheap to the Repertory Group, including advice and guidance to raise funds to repair the building and bring it up to code, that would be best in the long run for Wanganui, Repertory and the Council.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

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

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

Submitter Comments: The aviary has a special place at the Virginia Lake grounds with young families and visitors. It is an interesting structure and offers opportunity for knowledge and conversation. I know it sounds a bit idealistic but it's one of the things that sets Whanganui apart from other towns of the same size.

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: We love those flower baskets! It makes Whanganui one of the most picturesque little cities in New Zealand. I understand there is only so much money to go around, but there must be a go-fund me page we can set up to help with this expense.

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: Enough said

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: Research would show which day of the week the library is least used and close on that day. Libraries are a community service that is important for avid readers, researchers, community groups and the general public.

Winter Gardens

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

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

Submitter Comments: Find funds in the budget to keep this delightful place 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 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts: I have no experience in council budgets and fundraising but some services that make Whanganui unique should not be cut.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option 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: Astute management of these projects, funding and timing should keep us beautiful and safe

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the 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: A full upgrade would give that lovely old lady an new lease on life so she can continue to provide a venue for entertainment far into the future. The other options would work for a few more years, but a full upgrade would allow Whanganui to attract productions that would help to recoup the investment. If a way could be found to do a full upgrade while keeping the Opera House open and running, now that would be tremendous.

Marae Development

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

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

Long-term investment

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

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

Submitter Comments: Whanganui is a special little city and we love living here. If budgeting for everything we need to invest in and grow is giving council a hard time making decisions every year, more consultation with our people is needed as to how we raise funds to keep our city special and useful for all our present and future residents. There are clever people in this city who can help create new and exciting processes.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1167

Not Speaking

First name: Simone
Last name: Bettridge

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

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

Option 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?

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Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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

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Submitter Comments:

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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:

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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? **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: Thanks for asking for input

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1565

Not Speaking

First name: Lisa
Last name: Bevins

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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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Don't know

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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Submitter Comments:

How would 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 # 1333

Not Speaking

First name: Anne
Last name: Bielby

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: Patronage figures would be helpful with regard to this decision. Keeping the pool open is an investment in Whanganui children, their families and the community, surely an important Council obligation.

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 part of Whanganui's history and should be saved if at all possible. Option 2 would ensure the land stability while giving the theatre supporters time to explore options.

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 Virginia Lake area is an interesting and attractive place to visit. I frequently meet out of town visitors exploring and enjoying area, and many local families. The aviary, children's play area, winter and sculpture gardens are part of the overall appeal, together with the nearby cafe. Closing the aviary would remove an important element of the 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: Victoria Avenue in bloom is a real delight and a significant part of the central city attraction.

New Zealand Glassworks

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

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

Submitter Comments: Selling the glassworks doesn't guarantee that it will continue to operate. It is too important to risk.

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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

Option 1: Keep the 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: Let private enterprise manage this.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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

Option 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? **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 # 363

Not Speaking

First name: June
Last name: Biggs

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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

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

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

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

Option 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 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?

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

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

Long-term investment

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

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

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 410

Not Speaking

First name: **Haley**
Last name: **Biggs**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: The infrastructure is there. Only Upgrade certainly necessary aspects and keep the pool open for Whanganui kids for the summer.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

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 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 3 - Maintain the current level of funding, which isn't enough to get us to where we need to be. Noting assets will deteriorate further (save \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **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 # 1374

Not Speaking

First name: Jane
Last name: Bilderbeck

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 see Gonville reduce their hours rather than the Davis library

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: our kids need to know how to swim

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 breakdown on why the wages are so stupidly high

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: closing them will result in rubbish, get the residents to pay for their rubbish as they drop it off with a secure bin with a code or something

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: brings tourists to town

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: great asset

Marae Development

Our preferred option is 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: how does it cost that much

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is 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: maybe down the road this can be done

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

Submitter Comments: .

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 172

Not Speaking

First name: Louise
Last name: Bird

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 often work in the library and notice it is a safe haven for our elderly, homeless, young families, the lonely, the broke and everyone in between. One of the very few centrally located places people can go to be warm in the winter and not obliged to spend a cent. Once the gallery is open not a good look to have the library closed even one day a week when visitors are in the adjacent building. \$43,500 savings can be pulled from another budget IMO.

Whanganui East Pool

Our 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: Source a private / corporate sponsor like Todd Energy Pool in New Plymouth./ If the W.E pool is closed it will never open again and drowning stats likely to increase - kids will head to the awa and beach. Whilst they have the skills to do a manu off the diving board many have not been fortunate to attend expensive swimming lessons.

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: Birds fly free! Labour charge seems out of whack for the job at hand??

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: Corporate sponsor / private

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: As long as the city library is open. Would be useful if a survey over the past year recorded daily numbers..

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Must keep this beautiful oasis. Can't be too utilitarian about things or we'll end up like Russia.

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: Must support our community orgs doing so much grass roots mahi out there in trying economic times as long as accountability for every dollar handed out is there.

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option 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: Local council needs to focus on provision of infrastructure and community services. Leave this one to the private sector - if the business case stacks up then surely private investors will be all over it. Just make prime land available on freehold or leasehold basis or buy the Grand that's being run into the ground and restore to former glory plus Heritage House for fancy suites. If not - assume it's just not economically viable and risk factor too high. The average rate payer so unlikely to stay in this hotel so shouldn't have to absorb the considerable risk and likely cost overrun a la Sarjeant. Look to Hamilton CC model - Templeton Group.

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 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: Should be considered as an essential service and funded as such. Teenagers literally saving lives every weekend in the summer.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving 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 ridiculous to consider \$830,000 for a flippin 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?

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: Cannot comment without knowing what those assets are.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Be very interested in seeing a report made publicly available collating all these responses - names can be omitted to respect privacy.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1386

Not Speaking

First name: Patricia
Last name: Birkinshaw

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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: Whanganui East pool is a superb asset for Whanganui. to be able to spend a hot Summer's day swimming & picnicking with the family is an enjoyable and cheap activity. The Splash Centre is not pleasant in hot weather & the beach involves a longer drive and is not good in windy weather. We are into our 3rd generation of family users at Whanganui East.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: It would be nice to be able to retain the frontage & some of the historical signage associated with the building.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: The aviary is such an integral part of a visit to the lake area, winter gardens, walkways and cafe. Is there, or could there be, such a thing as 'Friends of the Aviary' where people donate yearly to its maintenance

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 beauty of the Avenue distracting from some of the less attractive buildings and signage. The gardeners do a beautiful job.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1407

Not Speaking

First name: Ann
Last name: Blackwell

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 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 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: not something the counsel should be involved in

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to 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? **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: get rid of stupid positions like the play coordinator

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1587

Not Speaking

First name: Dean
Last name: Blackwell

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: As we move to a digital world - shouldn't council be looking at the viability of a bricks and mortar library. The online library is great - I use it regularly and am a member of the library

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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 have picked option 1 but my concern is that if the pool is closed then it will be a very long time before another pool is built if ever

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: apparently the Opera House is available to host plays - Its a good venue so a good idea to use it instead of the 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: The aviary like the winter gardens is part of the lake environment - its partly why people come to the lake

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: the hanging baskets are a "nice to have" option but the gardens at street level are probably the main thing people notice - Can we give the retailers the option to maintain 1 or 2 baskets in front of their shop and keep the watering system in place for them to use ?

New Zealand Glassworks

Option 3: Close New Zealand Glassworks (save \$10.30 per property per year)

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: In principle the glassworks should be funded by those who use it - only because glass art is such a narrow focus. The ideal would be to provide some kind of facility for ALL art not just glass.

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: I don't live in a rural location so have no idea how important this service is to rural ratepayers

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: Again I wonder how important bricks and mortar libraries will be in future

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: if we decide to close the avery then why not the winter gardens as well? Both are iconic parts of the lake infrastructure but it we decide to close 1 then I'm clearly wrong about them being iconic so we may as well close both.

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: We can probably afford to cut grants because there are so many other organisations providing funding to local groups

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: WDC could save money by not building "streets for people" type projects. These projects are great but when times are tough probably not that important. I'm a biker and don't drive and really appreciate the cycleways in the city but I do sometimes wonder if we have over engineered some

of these. The path up river from the dublin street bridge on the north side is excellent but a simple shell rock path would have been just as good.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the 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: providing over night accomodation or even being part of such a project is something beyond the scope of the council's mandate surely/ This kind of project is best left to privat investors.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments: again this is something that is good to have but not affordable in hard financial times.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: As someone who has never used Marae facilities I'm not in a position to 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: surely there must be an option to downsize the surf life sving building upgrade

Pākaitore Reserve Paving 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 a great idea but when we're trying to save money is probably 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: I have often ridden out to the beach along Rapanui road - the road itself is safe enough but its the drivers that aren't. WDC should concentrate on reducing the speed limit on this road which will make it safer for ALL users

Asset Sales

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Don't know

Submitter Comments: Until we know which assets are on the table for sale its very hard to answer this question. Tell us what council has in mind first

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to 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?
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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 # 1306

Not Speaking

First name:

Loretta

Last name:

Blakemore

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 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**

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Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

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Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

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Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 71

Not Speaking

First name: **Melissa**
Last name: **Blanc**
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:

Whanganui East Pool

Our 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: I don't know. I think arts is an important part of Wanganui. Just so long as this doesn't negatively impact the arts in Wanganui in terms of insufficient timeslots available for theatre groups etc to use elsewhere (eg demand exceeding supply) then it could be good to invest more into the Opera House instead. Just worry about the arts being impacted. Many performing arts courses across the country have already been shut down which is really sad. Would love to keep the arts alive - but as you say, more money can then be used on the opera house, which could be good. I don't know how it will all play out. Can the theatre be offered for sale first, but have a condition on the purchase that the stabilisation will be completed and see if anyone wants to buy it without the risk of repairing it just for it to have to be demolished anyway?

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 it. It's part of Wanganui. It would be sad for it to go.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Whanganui is a city of design and these flowers are probably what helps make it that way. Don't do anything to compromise Wanganui's city of design status. They add to the attraction of

Wanganui to visitors. The old fashioned phone boxes (if still there), old buildings, all of it. It creates such an amazing vibe. I know the flowers seem small, but they're really not. They help to make the town what it is. They contribute significantly to the awesome vibe and if you want to attract more people to wanganui they should be kept. I'd be so sad to see them go. It all adds up to the reason I love Wanganui

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?

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: Winter Gardens should definitely be kept

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: Lots of things to consider. But it would be really sad to lose the aviary and flowers around town. Please keep them. Wanganui is a city of design. It's unique. It's quaint. That's literally most of its appeal, and these things contribute to that. I think removing these things would decrease the appeal for visitors and people looking to move there.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option 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 actually not sure. I think it's a pretty cool idea, and could possibly attract more visitors, but it is quite expensive... I did notice at times that I'm living out of town that there aren't many "nicer" places to stay in Wanganui. I just worry that in order to find this, that the Wanganui flowers and aviary will be removed, and they are part of Wanganui's attraction and what makes wanganui what it is

Royal 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: Let's make Whanganui a bustling arts 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?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

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 # 1441

Not Speaking

First name: Jasmine
Last name: Bland

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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: Need to know which assets before agreeing

How would 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: Prefer to keep the aviary, library open and pool then to build the hotel

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 405

Not Speaking

First name: James
Last name: Bland

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 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 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.

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Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 648

Not Speaking

First name: Caryl
Last name: Blomkvist

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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 # 31

Not Speaking

First name: **Mark**
Last name: **Bluett**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 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 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

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 983

First name: **Glen**
Last name: **Blythe**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close New Zealand Glassworks (save \$10.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the Winter Gardens (save \$7.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option 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?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **1**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **1**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1219

Not Speaking

First name: **Patrice**
Last name: **Bogert**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: I live in Gonville. The library is an important community hub for Gonville. I see lots of people in the library most times I go there, I go there often, The staff are friendly and helpful. It is wonderful to put books on hold to be collected at Gonville. The mobile bus comes close to where I live, however books are issued for 3 weeks and the mobile book bus comes every two weeks This means you have to return your books early or keep them 4 weeks and pay a fine!

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter 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?

Submitter Comments:

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? **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 # 1013

Not Speaking

First name: Celia
Last name: Bond

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: It is imperative that our children learn to swim. With the closing of many school pools investment in this pool is money WELL spent

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 use of opera house so that the repertory theatre can continue

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 in cages is barbaric

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 pleasure they bring is immeasurable. Bring colour and joy to our main street and helps to bring recognition to our town.

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: Provides work and stimulation to our arts in 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: ? There is rubbish being dumped in a dug whole at marangai (why)

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: Great library used fully and daily. Such good service to people in Gonville

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Love it. Supurb display, I love it. People outside Whanganui enjoy a visit. So 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 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 investment in community is invaluable

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option 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: Most important especially water safety 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:

Royal 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: is it past its 'sell by' date? Consider New theatre in the 'round'. Start a shakespeare festival etc in 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: The work of the marae in the community is invaluable. Money well spent

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: As an island imperative we have first class surf lifesaving service

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: waste of money

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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 to enjoy whanganui 'wonders' for all

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: need more info re 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: Thank you for the opportunity to think about and answer difficult ??

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 686

Not Speaking

First name:

Skye

Last name:

Boniface

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Don't know

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

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 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?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 344

Not Speaking

First name: **Tarsha**
Last name: **Boniface**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 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 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 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 815

Not Speaking

First name: Catherine
Last name: Bonisch

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

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? **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 # 1411

Not Speaking

First name: **Christine**
Last name: **Booth**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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: Rapanui Road is narrow and for 8 kms does not have a shoulder and there are also some very dangerous corners. With a speed limit of 100kms it is an unsafe road to cycle, run or walk. A cycle way on Rapanui Road would make the road safer for cars also as it would reduce the number of vehicles on the road. The health benefits from getting people cycling or walking are another positive factor to consider. It has been proven around the country and in Whanganui that where cycleways have been built the cyclists come and use them.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets 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)

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Submitter Comments: A cycle trail along Rapanui Road would be a great asset to the wider Whanganui community and visitors.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1412

Not Speaking

First name: Kevin
Last name: Booth

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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: We know that Rapanui Road is very narrow along its length and therefore discourages cyclists and walkers as they see it as a dangerous option. Speaking to many citizens of Whanganui it is clear that they would love the opportunity to make the journey to Kai iwi Beach, Bason Botanic Reserve and Westmere Lake Roto Mokoia. The proposed shell rock pathway, utilising the wide council owned berm would not only encourage many keen recreational cyclists to use it but improve their health and safety at the same time.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets 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: Where cycle trails have been built the cyclist have come. There are ample examples of this right across the motu.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1566

Not Speaking

First name: **Rochelle**
Last name: **Booth**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: Which day is least busy? What impact will that have on students studying?

Whanganui East Pool

Our 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: How much will a feasibility study cost??? How many people used it this year? How can it be accessed by more people or promoted as a place to come for visitors? Can canoe polo be played? Water polo? Underwater hockey? Increase the use at night time... but it will take a committed, forward thinking person to launch.

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: Get a volunteer group on board to support the daily feeding and cleaning. There's bound to be some people in the community that just adore birdlife and would give a few hours of their time each week.

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 beautiful and really add a pop of colour to our main street. Great for visitors to see - they actually comment on them!

New Zealand Glassworks

Don't know

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: It's very accessible to many due to its location. Getting into Davis library isn't easy for some who live in Gonville/Tawhero/Castlecliff.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Definitely not! It's an attraction and draws locals and visiting families in.

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: Our population has grown in the last 5 yrs. We need to invest sooner rather than later.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the 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: Definitely should be privately owned. Huge opportunity. We currently only have Collegiate and Ad Astra Hostels available to host large sports teams... so obviously this option is only available in the school holidays. Huge gap in our market. I don't know that it needs to be super fancy... Definitely practical though.

Royal 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: Such a great, unique venue. Let's keep it safe.

Marae Development

Our preferred option 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: Can external funding be sought as i assume Marae are privately owned?

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is 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: Important project, but again, can external grants be sought? Maybe WDC could chip in a little... but it's a big project. Need surf lifesaving club to be suitable for trainings and competitions etc

Pākaitore Reserve 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 proposed cost is extreme. Dial it back. Simple pedestrian crossing (not humped though!) - paint and a little labour. Can pretty it up in the future when things aren't so tight.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is 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: Someone will be killed if it stays how it is. It's such a great "destination" Kai Iwi Beach... and if there was a path, so many more people would use it. The physical exercise, family time and fun will benefit the community too.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: Need to tread so carefully. Once sold, we won't get it back as a community. Selling off assets "solves" money problems for now... but not the future. What contracts do we have that are extreme? Are there other local companies that can do the same or better for a cheaper price? Look to trim the fat elsewhere.

How would 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 # 992

Not Speaking

First name: **Desmond**
Last name: **Bovey**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: Hanging baskets add to the city's charm and contribute to tourism.

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 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?

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving 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: Good idea but why so 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?

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 # 1581

Not Speaking

First name: **Melanie**
Last name: **Bovey**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 don't believe it is worth closing for one day a week to save \$2.30 per year!

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: I fully support keeping the Whanganui East pool open. Even if it is just a basic pool. Putting another pool by the Splash Center is a waste of money. There needs to be a pool in Whanganui East that is easily accessible to residents, especially kids who can easily walk or bike to the current 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: I would prefer the building not be demolished as it is a heritage building. We have other venues like the Opera house and repertory theater so don't believe we need to rebuild.

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 popular and well visited place. Enjoyed by young and old, visitors and residents. I am happy to support this staying.

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: The Glassworks is another well utilized facility. We visit regularly and it is great to show visitors. Happy to support keeping in Council ownership.

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: I don't agree with Council building the car park or hotel. If there is demand an investor should take the opportunity.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would 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 # 1152

Not Speaking

First name: Dan
Last name: Bowman

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: Option 1 but without a feasibility study. Is a study really necessary?

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close New Zealand Glassworks (save \$10.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: As long as the Davis library remains open, even on restricted hours as proposed, I would support complete closure of the Gonville library. There are other libraries also, Castlecliff and East. There is good provision of public transport for all to access the Davis library, and the library itself is accessible.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

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 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **1**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **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: Get the basics right and maintain them. Do not commit to expansion or new projects during austere times.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 77

Not Speaking

First name: Davina
Last name: Bowman

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: It is a good thing for the community and for local primary schools as they use it for swimming lessons and due to having a river that has taken lives in the past all children should have swimming lessons

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: They get wrecked by drunk people. Get rid of 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 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?

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?

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 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLs as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

How would 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 # 1468

Not Speaking

First name: Warren
Last name: Boyd

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close Gonville Library completely (save \$12.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 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 # 804

Not Speaking

First name: **Cindy**
Last name: **Boyd**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: It's no where near the retaining bank and I was unaware the Council owned this building but rebuilding the original and selling it would put funds in to meet other needs.

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: Leave open and get volunteery staff!

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?

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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: To vague to make a decision. Need access to proposed plans.

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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Where is the evidence?

Pākaitore Reserve 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: Why not a zebra crossing?

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Road safety education is more important!

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets 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: Please consider all of my recommendations seriously!

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1369

Not Speaking

First name: Krystal
Last name: Boyes

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: Do what's required to the building and the bank to safely stay open

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

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? **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 # 107

Not Speaking

First name: Diane
Last name: Boyle

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Invest in the stabilisation of the retaining bank, demolish the existing building and build a new theatre (add \$10 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Hotel a great idea but I don't believe we need a carpark.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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: Spending \$830k on a pedestrian seems incredibly extravagant. I don't believe it needs one at all.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is 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: I'd like to know what the assets actually are before deciding on where I stand with this issue.

How would 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 # 317

Not Speaking

First name: John
Last name: Boyle

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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?

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 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to 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?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **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 # 773

Not Speaking

First name: Catherine
Last name: Boyle

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 1: Keep the 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 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 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? **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 # 1423

First name: **Grace**
Last name: **Boyle**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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

Something else (state below)

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Can the cost be just added to rural properties. why should all properties pay when there is no town collection

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 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? **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 # 637

Not Speaking

First name: Finn
Last name: Boyle

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 cannot commit to a change on this without seeing the data which would inform this decision, such as visitor counts on each day of the week over multiple years. Personally I use the library during the weekdays but I am flexible in that. I see libraries as very important community spaces that should be protected as they provide immense value to our most vulnerable and disadvantaged people. If hours are to be changed, this should be done in direct consultation with people who use the library most frequently.

Whanganui East Pool

Our 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: If the pool cannot be opened in summer of 2024/2025 without significant investment, then option 1 is appropriate. However the consultation document has not made it clear that it cannot operate in its current state. My preferred option is to carry out a feasibility study while keeping the pool in operation. WDC should adopt and contribute to He Ra Ki Tua; Horizons Region Spaces and Places Plan which would enable this feasibility study and successive works to be done more affordably and effectively. I live out east and I want my family and neighborhood to be able to safely and easily bike or walk to the community 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 cost of Option 2 is extremely minor to each property and could deliver significant benefits to the city in the future. Old buildings with history in the centre of town have value beyond what is apparent today. We should preserve their potential. Lets invest in this, and if no buyer can be found after the stabilization work, then the loss is very minor.

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've never really liked aviaries. When I visit I just feel sorry for the birds trapped in there.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Its a shame but I can see this is an effective way to cut costs. Only suggestion is to ask the businesses or building owners adjacent to the baskets to sponsor 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: The glassworks are well aligned to Whanganui's continual identity as a creative center, which I think is an important value to keep alive for the future vitality of the district. Although I don't see much immediate value to the community beyond the select few locals who can afford to buy works from here, train/work here etc. I'm not aware of any way that rate payers directly benefit from this facility and perhaps that could be explored? Schools education programs? Or a local's discount for classes etc?

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: This should not be up for discussion. This is important. Whanganui is WAY behind on its waste management systems and facilities and illegal dumping is a significant issue here. Although I don't think these stations are the best possible outcome, they are definitely a good start and step in the right direction.

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: I don't want to close this but of all the facilities and services discussed in this LTP, this is the least valuable in my eyes. In its current form, I don't find the winter gardens interesting or enticing. Perhaps if it were operated differently I would enjoy it more and see more value in it.

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: These grants can have a great impact. Sometimes these grants aren't hugely impactful, but they can be and that potential matters.! I support keeping this door open and widening it a little in the hopes that great community-led outcomes will come from it.

Further comments on service cuts: A 10-12% rates rise isn't too bad, considering the global contexts. But any rates rise hurts, and it will hurt some more than others. If services need to be cut, then let us not only consider the loudest voices but also the long-term impacts of cutting specific services. For example, closing the Whanganui East pool today probably means that it's very difficult to ever open it again. Whereas taking down flower baskets and closing the winter garden doesn't make too big of a challenge if we reinstate those in the future.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: This sadly just has to be done if we expect our kids to have the same standards of civic development as what we have enjoyed. Questioning that is a bigger question than this LTP is fit for. Personally, as cycling is my main mode of transport I don't think roads are all they are cracked up to be. If we had less cars driving, we wouldn't have to pay so much to upkeep roads. I like good pipes though! All about them pipes.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: If the business case is there, let business do it, not council. I do not feel confident that this will return all of the purported value. I would rather a private body take that risk rather than WDC. Although this is a long-term investment, I do not feel it is one that adds to the overall resilience of Whanganui. In light of known pressures such as climate disruption and likely ones such as increasing volatility of global supply chains, and economic conditions creating less possibilities for large, expensive events (like Masters Games etc), I don't feel confident that this will be a meaningful expense for Whanganui. Without seeing evidence to support it, I refuse to accept that covered parking is a barrier to big events happening. Parking for private vehicles is the weakest argument for any urban development in the modern day.

Royal 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: Doesn't feel like the right time for this project given the economic crunch of these few years. This same reason also makes me concerned that the real costs will totally blow out these estimates.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is 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 fully support this initiative to invest in marae as key community centers for both the flourishing of our communities as well as the increased resilience in the case of disaster preparedness. This is the most exciting initiative in this whole document! I wish the proposed budget was even greater.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: \$1m is a small investment for such a significant community facility & service proposal. The community-led aspect of this should be respected and honoured. This is a moment where the community has organised and campaigned for this. We should not take that for granted. I do not see a big community movement behind the Opera House proposal.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments: This is a very important site which holds a lot of mauri. This should be respected. The link of land and water, wai and whenua is key. If the reserve board believe this is an important development, then I'm happy to pay \$6 a year 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 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments: As a life-long cyclist, this road sticks out as one of the scariest in the country due to the road layout and heavy traffic. I love visiting kai iwi by bike, but this road is seriously dodgy. This is a very long-term plan and I hope we will keep this in sight for the 2030's

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets 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 trust this decision but I note that its not apparent what proportion of sellable assets this \$16m represents. I assume we couldn't sell all 1.5billion of our assets, but even if we are only talking about ~\$100m or marketable assets then this \$16m is not too big of a hit.

How would 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: This is a difficult moment for people in NZ and the world over. Sadly Whanganui is not immune to that. Right now we need to balance our aspirations with our harsh realities. We also need to balance our individuality and our inter-dependence at all levels - personal, communal, and as a species. All that makes for a pretty bloody difficult situation. I don't feel comfortable with our current political systems (the people and the politics of the day are fine though). I don't feel comfortable with our current financial systems either. But we have to deal with with what we've got. I'm in a position to pay more rates if needed. I see the sense in raising rates partially today to avoid an even bigger hike in the future. Until we change the bigger systems we are beholden to, we have to deal with the current realities on the ground like roads, pipes, and libraries. They all matter, they all crumble eventually. We have to choose what to prioritise today.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1122

Not Speaking

First name: sez
Last name: brad

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: i think pukenuamu queens park has the potential to become a hub with new gallery being open 7 days and surrounding community buildings should match that - 7 days all round - museum, library, gallery

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

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: and stop planting out roundabouts and city beds

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: defo dont close it, too many artists incomes and its a critical piece in whanganuis artistic output and offering 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?

Option 1: Keep the 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? **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 # 761

Not Speaking

First name: **Jessie**
Last name: **Braddock**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Davis Library for one day on the weekend instead of a weekday (add \$0.90 per property per year to the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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: Do not close the Virginia Lake Aviary and winter gardens!

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option 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 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:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 310

First name: Varya
Last name: Brandon

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred 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 # 1144

Not Speaking

First name: Roger
Last name: Brasell
Organisation: Director Eastown Properties Limited Shareholder
Eastown Timber Processors Limited Director Eastown Roundwood Limited

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: Continue to operate the pool with minimal upgrade whilst seeking support/sponsorship from local businesses, donations and fundraising

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 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 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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: Don't drop the ball.....keep ahead of the inflation game

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 450

Not Speaking

First name:

Paul

Last name:

Brasting

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Stupid 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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Don't fund at all

Marae Development

Our preferred option is 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? **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: Do what is required to keep Wanganui great

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1503

Not Speaking

First name: Andrea
Last name: Brett

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

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 not the 1st option

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option 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: Why not use the good old zebra crossing..good grief. 800,000 for what you want to do..buy me paint..il do it for free

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is 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, **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: Why oh why are the "speed humps" guyton street so bloody high, and so many of them...we wanted guyton st to look nice, not slow traffic down to a crawl, holding people up at the lights..the noise of trucks and trailers going over are terrible while sitting in the cafes.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 476

Not Speaking

First name: **Mike**
Last name: **Brewer**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: Which day is the Davis library least used? That should be the day to cut.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred 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: Have Rep and Amdram considered combining? Then option 1 is obvious.

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: Why not involve the shops in the avenue to look after their frontage hanging baskets, so that we have the colour and the savings?

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 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 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 # 1361

First name: Shirley
Last name: Briday

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Davis Library for one day on the weekend instead of a weekday (add \$0.90 per property per year to the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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: Wanganui known for these part of the city beautification

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

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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?

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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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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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

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 888

Not Speaking

First name: Sarah
Last name: Brierley

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Stabilise the bank and invest in new roof and earthquake strengthening to retain original building.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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 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:

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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:

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:

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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? **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 # 996

Not Speaking

First name: **Rebecca**
Last name: **Briggs**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: 6 days a week is enough

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred 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 shouldn't be a permanent increase but only the duration required to cover the upgrade

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: We need to retain our old buildings and character

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: Money better spent elsewhere. They are lovely and could be brought back at a later date. Surely Whanganui won't always be struggling!

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: This is not something profitable clearly. Someone needs to operate it for 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: Keep it or there will be rural rubbish issues. Like dumping.

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: Option 3 shouldn't be included in the choices. Clearly council has considered closing 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: What a whooping price to maintain. That is two full salaries for one small area. Two gardeners could upkeep a few decent sized decadent gardens a year for that. Keep it but cut the costs back of maintaining 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: Increase the community grants funding later when the financial situation has improved.

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option 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 it attracts people this will benefit Whanganui financially. No need to expect ratepayers to cough up for this risky venture.

Royal 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: Save the big job for later, it can still be used for events and maintained. If the financial situation is going to improve come back to this when it does.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is 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: If they upgrade perhaps they will fully utilize the new premises for youth training. It will invigorate what they do.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: The costing for this is phenomenal. What happened to the days of obtaining quotes! Daylight robbery.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is 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 this can be done so cyclists, horse riders etc are safe from vehicles then I'm all for it. Please lower the speed along there, including the highway past the entrance.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: If the assets are bringing in revenue then sell. But no demolishing of our old 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? **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 # 1667

Not Speaking

First name: Lynette
Last name: Bristol

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Davis Library for one day on the weekend instead of a weekday (add \$0.90 per property per year to the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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 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? **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 # 84

Not Speaking

First name: Frank
Last name: Bristol

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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?

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

Our preferred option 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 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to 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? **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 # 1663

Not Speaking

First name:

Jacinda

Last name:

Broadhead

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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

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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?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is 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: Keep the Whanganui East Pool open

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 186

First name: Saoirse
Last name: Broadhead

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred 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?

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?

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, **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

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1237

Not Speaking

First name: **Gill**
Last name: **Brock**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Libraries are essential for the use of all residents - whatever age / ethnicity / interests

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred 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: Needed for our children to learn to swim. The Splash Centre is not enough.

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: Unlikely to be sold when it needs a new roof & earthquake strengthening. Unfortunate but sometimes we have to make choices & face the facts going ahead.

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: Use the land for an extension to the playground - particularly for older children (5+)

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: With increasing tourism they add considerably to the heritage feel 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 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

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: Minimum Option 3. Prefer Option 4 especially if demolish the Repertory Theatre

Marae Development

Our preferred option 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: Are the Marae or will they be suitable for civil defence / emergency response. Will the Maraes understand any funding is conditional that it is used for this alone & nothing else?

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to 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: We already have too much disruption / hassle for emergency vehicles along Guyton St - where would the heavy / essential traffic go??

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is 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: Who would buy the community land such as reserves & what would be developed on them? Full consultation / alternatives would need to be carefully considered.

How would 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)

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Submitter Comments: Please keep the Funky Duck cafe! It is / has been well managed & grown by Dave Hill. Definitely an asset to Wanganui, its families & visitors.

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 607

Not Speaking

First name: David and Alison
Last name: Brockway

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: It is important that local children have the opportunity to learn to swim at a facility in their area.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

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 enhances Virginia Lake and is a great attraction to both local and visitors to our city

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 adds to the heritage status of our City and is a great attraction to visitors.

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: City properties are required to pay for their own rubbish disposal which should be part of their rates as disposal of rubbish is a core function of running a City. The majority of city folk pay up to \$450 to annually to dispose of household rubbish. Rural folk should be required to do the same.

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

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?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: Need to know what all the assets are to make 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? **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 # 722

Not Speaking

First name: **Alice**
Last name: **Brotherston**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Davis Library for one day on the weekend instead of a weekday (add \$0.90 per property per year to the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Keep the pool open for water safety reasons for the children to learn to swim as places for swimming Lessons at Splash are extremely limited. Schools be allowed free or reasonably priced access to the WE Pool. No investment and a sensibly priced feasibility study be done. Perhaps a new pool in the area should be built before consideration is given to closing the current to ensure continuity of swimming lessons.

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 manned by volunteers as this is a wonderful tourist attraction for Wanganui. Perhaps a small upgrade it to the standards required for the health of 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: These are an attractive addition to Victoria Avenue

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 also a wonderful tourist attraction to Wanganui. Removing all these attractions is going to make visiting our wonderful city very boring

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: Another lovely tourist attraction for visitors who walk around 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:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option 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: Once again, Lifesaving facilities for the city are of extreme importance for our future children

Pākaitore Reserve Paving 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 proposal is an extreme waste of Ratepayers funds and I fervently oppose this paving project

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option 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

Something else (state below)

assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: The public need to be made aware of which properties are to be disposed of before we are able to make a decision on this aspect

How would 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 # 469

Not Speaking

First name: **Andy**
Last name: **Brotherton**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 propose you leave the library hours as they are but make cuts elsewhere to maintain this service. I DO NOT wish to see a rise in rates to keep this 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: Maybe the council could look at the option of using a school pool in the interim

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: This should be turned over to a private firm to run if it is a feasible option to keep this community asset. There are plenty of grants and community funding to support these causes

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 in these confined spaces isn't a good option in the current climate.

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 cost of this is not justified

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 selling of this is vital and the earnings from the sale could easily fund full hours for the Library. This should be a privately run business not a Council asset

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: The majority of the rate payers are supporting a minority for this activity; we lost rubbish collection (we live rurally) and now have to pay for a private company to collect our rubbish. So all those affected should be covered by this same 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: Selling the glassworks and other assets should allow the library to maintain its current hours. I don't believe rates should be rising in the current financial climate. My wages certainly won't be rising by over 10% (more likely 2-3%).

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: The winter gardens mainly serve tourists and do not agree to keep these open and reduce the library service when this serves a great proportion of the community.

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: Reducing rate expenditure should be the prime goal of the Council in the current financial climate

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option 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: Prioritise the infrastructure that needs maintenance and increase spending on those areas when funds are freed up from selling other assets so reducing the burden on the rate payers

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: This should be privately run and not a Council development. Let those who provide this sort of development do it. The Council will just waste taxpayers money on studies and reports. I seen it many times over the cost will be over double in the Council are 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: Again this should be funded as funds become available from entries fees for all the events that take place there. Also, the Council should look at applying for Grants from various sources to assist with the funding, but no burden should be put on the 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?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Most Iwi's in NZ have plenty of money. The local Iwi should fund any upgrades that are required. Gain the Council should not burden the rate payers for a minority group of users

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLs as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: This is a vital service, but I still believe community grants could cover the majority of the cost and the Council top this up. An acceptable figure would be \$3 per property per year for 10 years.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving 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 have crossed over the road to Pakaitore on many occasions and never has an issue. A better option maybe to reduce parking as the current crossing point so pedestrians have a clearer view of the traffic.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is 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: A better option would be to add cyclist/horse signs and reduce the speed limit to 80 KMH and ensure verges are kept in better order. I have notice grass encroaches onto the road in places.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets 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: In the current cost of living crisis, the Council should make every effort to reduce the burden on rate payers. This includes selling assets to maintain the current services. Our rates have almost doubled (100% rise) in the ten years we have lived at our current property and yet at the same time my wages have only increased almost 20%. This current trend is not sustainable; I predict within 5 years at the current rates rises we will not be able to afford to pay the rates or sacrifice in other areas e.g. cut food bill, stop vital insurances etc

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **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: Rate Payers have been burdened with ever increasing rates which does not seem sustainable. An almost 100% rise in 10 years is not justified especially when I see Council personnel all driving new vehicles including more expensive EVs. The Council needs to focus on keeping essential services (like the library) and cut back in other areas. Unlike a lot of Councillors the majority of the Wanganui population do not earn high wages. The Long Term plan brochure was also wasted money in the current financial climate. The Council need to wake up to the realities the majority of the residents are facing and reduce rates and not keep on increasing them.

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Submission # 866

Not Speaking

First name: **Dee**
Last name: **Brough**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: Why is the council so opposed to the use of volunteers?

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Don't know

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments: The Friends of the Opera House need to have input into the day to day running of the Opera House - not just used as free labour. Community Groups should be supported not charged exorbitant rates for hire - local dance schools, bands, schools and local theatrical groups should be encouraged to use the Opera House not discouraged!

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **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 # 175

First name: **Jazmin**
Last name: **Broughton**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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: Whanganui East Pool should stay open because it gives me somewhere to go in the big holidays. It has a deeper pool with lots of seats by it. I like the shop has cheap lollies. If the pool closes I won't have anywhere to swim because no one can take me to the 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

Our preferred option is for Council to take 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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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?

Submitter Comments:

How would 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 # 1493

Not Speaking

First name: Jenny
Last name: Brown

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 would get used to the library being open 4 days per week and could plan accordingly

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred 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 the pool is having ongoing leakage issues (water will only continue to be a precious resource) plus other maintenance issues, we should close it and encourage use of the existing Splash Centre.

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: Stabilise the bank so that the building can then be on sold, developed into boutique heritage inner city accommodation/apartment/housing by an investor.

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 would prefer that we put the money spent on the aviary into continued improvements for the bird life at Virginia Lake and the water quality of 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: A call could go out to the public to sponsor a hanging basket on an annual basis? The baskets are a great asset to our main street vibe.

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: We need more quality accommodation in the city but I wouldn't want to see a Council run hotel of the size required. I'd prefer to see an independent hotel be established then if there are issues down the line or budget over runs, the responsibility doesn't fall on the rate payer.

Royal 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 Repertory Theatre was to close, I'd like to see more use of The Opera House, even though the scale of stage and seating areas are much larger than Repertory.

Marae Development

Our preferred option 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

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: Does Council own the St George's School buildings and land? Could this be sold and redeveloped into housing, gardens, community play areas?

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 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 haven't seen any reference to the trees of the city scape. I have always felt that we spend too much time and therefore money, on pollarding plane trees in the suburbs. Shouldn't we remove over a period of time when needed and replant with more appropriate trees that don't need the ongoing maintenance of tree pollarding? I also hear from multiple visitors to the city, how wonderful our city trees are and what an asset they are. We need more trees and therefore more care of their root systems also. They provide us with greenery, scale, shade, bird life, beauty and a hope for a better climate moving forward.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 302

Not Speaking

First name: Ally
Last name: Brown

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: Is this option .60cents per property per year until it is sold?

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: What about a gold coin donation (honesty box that most tourists would pay) to the gardens and aviary to help toward costs. The playground could be improved as well to draw more people into coming there for a visit. Surely there are other ways to get the cost of running the aviary down.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: what about solar lights or something that doesn't require too much maintenance. Or instead of hanging baskets that seem to cost quite a bit, some permanent plants that does not require \$5 per property per year. I have no idea how many properties there are in Whanganui but that seems like an expensive option. In saying that, the city needs something in order to keep it inviting to visitors especially.

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: Sell it completely to someone else. Rates here are more expensive than Auckland (where we moved from).

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the 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: Its cute and quirky, kind of how I would describe Whanganui. You need a better Cafe though. Its tiny. Feel like there are so many areas you could tap into to improve the overall costing to this 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 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to 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 3 - Do nothing (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

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: Learn to manage your building maintenance better??

Marae Development

Don't know

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Don't know

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Don't know

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option 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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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?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core 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 # 145

First name: **Katie**
Last name: **Brown**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 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: I am writing to advocate for the vital support of New Zealand Glass Works, a cornerstone facility for glass blowers not only within our local community but also on a broader scale. As an active member of the glass-making community, I firmly believe that our council's engagement and

financial assistance can profoundly contribute to the growth and sustainability of this invaluable institution. New Zealand Glass Works stands as a beacon for artisans and craftsmen, offering essential infrastructure and resources necessary for their creative pursuits. Its impact extends far beyond the immediate sphere of local artists, fostering creativity, innovation, and economic development throughout our region. It serves as a vibrant hub for collaboration and knowledge exchange among like-minded individuals. To secure the continued success of New Zealand Glass Works and its adaptability to our community's changing needs, I advocate for the council's consideration of providing financial assistance. Furthermore, I am eager to explore the potential for its transition into a privately-run entity with the support and endorsement of the council.

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

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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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 # 986

Not Speaking

First name: **Rob**
Last name: **Bruning**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Davis Library for one day on the weekend instead of a weekday (add \$0.90 per property per year to the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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

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Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

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Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

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:

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Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: These are difficult decisions to make and ultimately the final choices will not be popular with everyone. Unfortunately these proposed rate increases come at a time when increased living costs are impacting most households. The WDC must think hard and put their own personal opinions and passions aside to make the best choice for the majority of the rate payers in Whanganui.

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 619

First name: **Sandra**
Last name: **Brunner**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: chose the day, that is the least used, a lot of shops have closed on the Monday, so potentially that could be a good day, but look at statistics

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred 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 love to see it as an option for youth to go somewhere. it is a lot of money 22.40 per household, hope the quotes and different options have been evaluated carefully. How come this is the only option that keeps it going?

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: put another no maintenance game or educational tool where the aviary was, I always felt like those birds do not have a good life there. Hope they go to a good home, if it does close down.

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 are nice and lots of people take pictures, but I am sure, we can organise something more lasting and less maintenance to make it look nice

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: do not quite understand why we would seek a buyer and have an impact on the rates?

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: people need to be more educated and empowered to reduce waste and it should be who generates a lot, pays a lot...

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: same as above, look at days that are not well visited and close that one

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: can those costs be optimised I wonder if there are people that would keep it nice for less money (did we get other quotes?)

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: we have not got money, so we cannot increase spending.

Further comments on service cuts: not sure where the parking fees come in, but will write it here just in case I missed it. I really hope as a shop owner, that the fees will not increase more and keep people away from town and especially Victoria avenue, people come in an panic already with the existing fees, that they will get a fine and do not spend the time needed to advise properly and to make a difference in their lives. I would really welcome 1st hour free everywhere and then 2.- per hour

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option 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 should not be done with rate payers money. it has a significant risk and is not essential for running the town. If there are no investors available there must be a reason and then we should not be the ones that 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: for now, keep the cost low until we recovered and then re-assess, when things are looking a bit better or the situation changes. it can function and that is the main 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 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: re-assess closer to the time and see if we can 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 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: it is saving a lot of lives and think there might be some businesses that would help finance it.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: is a big cost to spend, when we do not have money. not essential for running the events and has not been there for the nearly 20 years I have lived 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 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: as nice this would be, we just cannot afford it. no money, no trails - look at it again, when the numbers look better

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: would need to know, what assets, if they are passive and not used or only cost money and there is no longterm impact on community if sold, then definitely sell (Golden Oaks, Flight school could be owned privately? What do the figures look for those properties?)

How would 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 # 1506

Not Speaking

First name: Dave
Last name: Bryson

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 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 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? **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 # 1592

Not Speaking

First name: **Debbie**
Last name: **Bryson**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: The baskets are lovely and add character to the Avenue but they're not a must have. Shop owners can install their own baskets if they wish.

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 glass works are not a key activity that the Council should be involved in.

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

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: This is a great visitor attraction along with the lake and aviary and must be kept 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: Like most of the Country not enough money has been spent on key infrastructure over the years. With Wanganui being an old city that should have been addressed years ago.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the 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 are not property developers.

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: Revisit this at a later stage. Look at alternative funding options.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is 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: The surf life saving club should seek alternative funding. Refer to what the Kariotahi life saving club has done.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving 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 required a total waste of money. With inflation this will cost in excess 1 million.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Not required, adequate space for those who use the road already.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets 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: Worth looking at. Any cash from sales would have to be used for Council's core function not some silly nambie pambie idea.

How would 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: Council needs to focus on it's core function and stop frivolous spending. This includes any upgrade to the elevator.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1499

First name: john
Last name: Bryson

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option 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: There are so many things that the council needs to do .. this is not one of them. The cost is horrendous and the reason is at best, a nice to have. It will happen regardless of the result of this submission just as what happened in the H debate.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option 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 # 605

Not Speaking

First name: Lynn
Last name: Buchanan

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Davis Library for one day on the weekend instead of a weekday (add \$0.90 per property per year to the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Use volunteers for maintenance and caring for birds

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: This should be added to Council gardening budget, these baskets show the care and upkeep of our city's Main Street

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**

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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

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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

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Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

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 # 1563

Speaking

First name: **Kerry**
Last name: **Buchanan**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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: Leave the same Level 2 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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Leave it as is. Level 2 service

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Scrap it minority interest

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Was built to add value to the experience of the lake.. It still does this so why change it.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Adds value to the visit to town for tourists as well as locals No change. More would come to see the flowers than go to the big black box art gallery

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: . Minority usage Level 20 Why do we even have it

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Minority pandering in most cases to lifestyle block holders. Most farmers have it sorted .

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: Level 2 service

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Adds to value of the lake for locals and 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: What happened to not giving funding and the people wanting the funding raising it themselves . Minority funding

Further comments on service cuts: Some of the values you quote I question

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred 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: The infrastructure you describe is purposely vague. This allows you to sneak projects like permanent speed bumps in at ridiculous prices. Not everything needs to be done today.. Or even needs doing because 7 people can't cross the road. Minority pandering

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the 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: Really if we all earned as much as the average council employee then it might be feasible. But we don't all get less than a councilor. What the f

Royal 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: Minority pandering again

Marae Development

Our preferred option is 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: They have people who use the buildings most of the time and who whakapapa to them. They do not a financial charge for the upkeep so the way forward is not for everyone else to pay for them

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Ask them to community fund raise and meet them at a agreed leave

Pākaitore Reserve Paving 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: Pandering to self entitled councilors who are there for their own interests not the peoples interest

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is 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: Pandering to a minority

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which

Something else (state below)

assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: How can you have a discussion when you do not now what we are selling. Idiots

How would 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)

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Submitter Comments: In ten years are you going to have to sell some more assets because of your stupidity now. Let's hope you make the correct choices. NO MENTION OF CUTTING THE RUNNING COST OF COUNCIL . WHY NOT

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1231

Not Speaking

First name: **Laura**
Last name: **Buchanan**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 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 2: Close the Winter Gardens (save \$7.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Gardens are embarrassing. Just potted colour not a display of horticultural species

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?

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 WSL as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **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)

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Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1193

Not Speaking

First name: Ashley
Last name: Buchanan

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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 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?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to 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? **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 # 182

Speaking

First name: Jo
Last name: Buckingham

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Davis Library posted during the school holidays that they had 650 people through on a Monday. This is 650 people who will miss out if choosing to close the library. Public libraries in New Zealand are access point for literacy of all types, including financial literacy, digital literacy, information literacy, and health and wellbeing literacy. They are vital community assets that enable communities to share resources, connect and upskill local people. Reducing library opening hours, staff resourcing and budgets or not investing in library spaces will increase digital barriers in communities and put at risk trusted place based spaces that promote wellbeing overall. LGNZ research in 2023 confirmed that libraries are important vehicles for delivering local services for local and central government and encourages councils to enable and resource public libraries to evolve their services and better enhance community wellbeing. New Zealand's public libraries provide a range of digital services including access to the internet, training (frequently in collaboration with external partners), support and encouragement to users. Without the support provided in libraries, some people would not be able to engage with or access necessary day to day services. Two examples of partnerships are: Skinny low-cost internet access is provided through community providers. Over 27,000 were provided by June 2023 across 308 partners, of which 204 were libraries. The NZLPP programme that provided central government funding to libraries in response to COVID-19 showed the value of digital programmes in libraries and having dedicated staff with 25% of initiatives being focused on digital inclusion. Council needs to look at innovative ways to continue to support these spaces, rather than take away from them and advocate to keep their important role. Partnerships, including advocating to the central government for more funding, are ways that you can support libraries to support our community rather than only viewing it as a short term rate savings through reduction of services and budget.

Whanganui East Pool

Our 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 for the next season and properly review your options. The audit in 2022 showed all the things that Council needed to do when taking back management of the facility, Council needs to actually take proper informed action rather than continuing to pursue closing the pool out of ease for their staff. There needs to be more transparency on the process, including publishing all the information such as the 2022 reports publicly on your website. This simply feels like retaliatory action over the fees charged to local schools and without any consideration to how the Whanganui east community is different to other parts of the city. Whanganui East has high deprivation

and this action shows that the council fundamentally fails to recognise it is adding to the deprivation of this community and actively reducing its overall wellbeing, the second purpose of local government.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: This decision was not communicated in good faith with those who hold interest in what happens next. Furthermore council has confirmed that they have not even considered their own costs and obligations under Option 1 where the rep building has heritage listing on the district plan and will require resource consent (with the potential that option 1 is not even viable).

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: The issue here is the contract with Mainstreet and the hanging baskets are being used rather than looking at the value that Mainstreet does or does not provide to the city centre.

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: See comments above about the importance of libraries.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Have koha/donation or a friends of the winter gardens. Council needs to be more innovation and community focussed and led to how it activates open spaces.

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: Council also needs to review rates remission policy regarding the way it excludes community organisations who do not own their properties. Rates remissions where charities are responsible through leases for OPEX including rates would help to reduce their need for funding like this.

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option 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 has already spent \$35,000 on a feasibility and significant time and money via Whanganui & Partners and the mayor and CEO travelling (over \$1,500 of travel) to attract a hotel provider. A hotel provider would set up in Whanganui if it was commercially viable. Council struggles to maintain and run its current assets (including the library and pools were this LTP tries to close them) so I have no confidence that they could run this project. Furthermore, council already spent significant money protecting other assets such as the pilot school when travel was restricted, it is highly likely further events and disasters are likely to impact on the tourism and travel industry that council would end up having to mitigate and pay towards. It is too high of a risk for a potential revenue in several years. The Sargeant is significantly over budget and time, showing the council inability to manage projects to this scale. Spending \$1 million on a business case while asking us to lose Monday library services for \$40,000 savings show the lack of care for wellbeing in this 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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Council needs to do a full review of its venues and events function. The online ticket system is out of date, the box office hours are limited and it has difficulties providing staff for events meaning they seek other private venues. Do a survey of all those using venues including the opera house to get a better understanding of how major local users and national promoters want to use this space.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is 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 should be considered in a future annual plan as it is likely there will be significant changes to Local Government funding by Central Govt

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to 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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Look at public/private partnerships.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets 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: Council needs to be clearer on if this is even a reality and also review issues this has caused in the past (selling assets for \$1). Council needs to give clear plain English information on what assets it can even sell given iwi obligations when trying to sell public land. If council does not do this, it is likely to incite racial divisions through these misunderstandings (which has been seen with the communication of three waters as a race issue)

How would 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 # 998

Not Speaking

First name: **Jan**
Last name: **Bullen**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: Sunday is the obvious day to close the Library

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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 must remain open it's vital for W East .develop it as a community hub - it's too far for some W East people to get to Splash centre and everyone need to learn how to swim.

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: W Council has been a very poor landlord, they should have allowed for maintenance yearly. So get on and fix the bank and allow Rep to continue . Please ,as was talked about years ago by a Councillor don't build steps into the bank behind Rep Theatre as he wanted .

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 enhances our city and for the small amount saved they should remain.I suggest council work with Corrections and get them to plant the baskets , they have a gardening department at Kaitoke and it would be a good community project for them

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: Good to have but we can't afford to keep it, so find a buyer and make it support itself.

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the 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 a vital hub for the suburb. So must be kept.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: This is a beautiful attraction for visitors and should be supported by council

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: This should be reviewed yearly, but under the current climate it should be reduced

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option 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 important to keep maintenance on our infrastructure etc, this doesn't include wasting money on big new footpaths/ cycle ways like what's just been built along Mosston Rd . I haven't read where any open consultation was asked for, this is the " nice to have " which we can't afford these things. What else is Council doing that doing that we aren't aware of ?

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: This is too big and important for Council to take on. But it is urgent. For example Council already owned the land St George's school is on, so sell that to a hotel developer and get it started. Perfect location , for something special . A 60 bed hotel is pathetic, can't council think about the future , but leave it to the experts But get on with itNOW!

Royal 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: Again council has been remiss in not providing regular maintenance and upgrades throughout the years and now they have a problem so upgrade it doing so yearly therefore spreading the financial burden

Marae Development

Our preferred option 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 like to see Iwi/ council funding for this ,say 50/50 split. Also Council should see something for there money spent

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to 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 and very 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:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is 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: Nice to have but we can't afford it at the moment so leave it.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Before I can make an educated decision about this it would be helpful to know what/ where these assets are. If council sells off these Do we have anything left ?

How would 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: Considering we're a small city, I think Council is top heavy with staff, on all levels. I wonder why we need 12 Councillors (another nice to have)plus a mayor. Why not 10 councillors plus Mayor the saving here would pay for the hanging baskets!! Rotary / Council provided an exercise park on the riverbank, which would be lovely if we weren't scared to use it because of the very undesirable people living rough in the bushes. At times it's quite disgusting as is the language. The homeless problem should be a priority .Perhaps something could be done to house them at Parnell House ,this problem won't go away so something has to be done. This is so important, please with all this building going on we MUST also provide green spaces (Parks etc) for residents in these new subdivisions otherwise in the future , they'll become ghettos, think of all the very large cities in the world they all have wonderful parks - mentally this is important for people.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 818

Not Speaking

First name: **Warwick**
Last name: **Bullen**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: Need to keep Rep theatre- best option is to sell it to them.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: It is vital to keep them as they contribute to the ambiance and attractiveness of the city.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the 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: "Nice to have" but not essential

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: Essential to provide a hotel as current accommodation for conferences, bus tour groups, tourists etc is inadequate. The city will grow with more people staying here,- especially with the re-opening of the Sarjeant 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 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments: An iconic venue- must be able to attract visiting shows with appropriate facilities available.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is 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: Nice to have, but too expensive at moment.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets 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: Would like to know which specific assets could 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 # 852

Not Speaking

First name:

Tom

Last name:

Bullivant

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, **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 # 1281

Not Speaking

First name: **George**
Last name: **Bullock**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Shift to a new site and repair it then sell?

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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: Suggest use the Bell St Police Station site or Courthouse site

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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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**
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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 526

Not Speaking

First name: Anne-Marie
Last name: Bullock

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 closing the library for one day is a good idea and will create some savings.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: It is an essential part of Whanganui East's community and is used by people who live in other suburbs during the opening season.

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: Once the stabilisation of the bank has taken place sell the theatre as soon as possible.

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

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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: This should not be a core service of the council. Let a private developer undertake such a project.

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?

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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?

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 # 383

Not Speaking

First name: Jodi
Last name: Bunker

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: This should be closed and either sold off or closed and redeveloped into housing.

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: As long as the area is redeveloped or sold off for a private investor to potentially rebuild on.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Could the labour be volunteer, food donated? Local Businesses sponsor?

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: Mitre or Bunnings could donate the flowers and hanging baskets, sponsorship by local businesses. Offer turns to retirement villages to do the planting. I know a couple of retirement villages that would enjoy doing this if everything was supplied. Great advertising for both suppliers and advertising for the Retirement Villages.

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: There is no reason that if you are wanting to close the central library for one day then Gonville should close a day also.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: What about a gold coin donation to access the Gardens?

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: Increase funding by \$50,000 first year and then another \$50,000 the following,

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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: Costs for this need to be looked at for this. This seems a lot when looking at cutting in other areas. This is a want not a need.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is 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:

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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: I can see some logic with some things but others seem out the gate. There are more avenues to look at to reduce the council cost and potentially get local businesses on board to help.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1514

Not Speaking

First name: Dawn
Last name: Bunker

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: Pool essential as indoor pool can't cope with the number of schools using now. Essential for Whanganui East as affordable otherwise kids swim in river unsafe.

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: Make sure all levels of artists can use at a charge and remains transparent re staff and staff leaving. Becoming point of dissent and rumours.

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: A jewel in Wanganui's crown and frequently visited so don't dare close. A, ways well cared for and love the seasonal and holiday displays.

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: Why talk of spending money re land next to courthouse when rate payers struggling now. Yes, cultural but can we afford the amount when we are asked to vote on cutting services?

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Something else (state below)

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Use money from Amdram closing to help.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is 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: Beach is not attractive and if a caravan or temp building better money spent than a building only used in Summer.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving 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: Raised paving didn't work at hospital so no,no,.Why does it need this.Bloody stupid waste of money.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Nice idea but luxury not essential.

Asset Sales

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
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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 # 693

Not Speaking

First name: **Jacqueline**
Last name: **Burford**

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

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Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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?

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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

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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

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

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Submitter Comments:

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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: Why can't the people who go to Marae's pay for their own up grades out of the money the government has given them for all the Maraes.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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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: Sell some of the paintings that are stored at the museum to pay for and go towards:- the outstanding debt

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **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**
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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 354

Not Speaking

First name: Lisa
Last name: Burgess

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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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?

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Further comments on service cuts:

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Don't know

Submitter Comments:

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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?

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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? **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 # 353

Not Speaking

First name: **Craig**
Last name: **Burgess**

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:

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?

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Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

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

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets 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**
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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 # 878

Not Speaking

First name: **Amanda**
Last name: **BURGESS**
Organisation: **n/a**

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?

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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 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?

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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

Don't know

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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?

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Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

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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? **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 # 1032

Not Speaking

First name: John
Last name: Burnett

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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:

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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Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the 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: If Option 4 is not viable it has to be Option 3 to ensure the RWOH is fully operational again

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

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 # 311

First name: **Jessica**
Last name: **Burrell**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: The library is an essential service and it is used 7 days a week.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: This pool is essential to the Whanganui East community. Our tamariki are taught water safety skills through the kura. Outside of school hours, the pool is used by many families for recreation. Additionally, it is a safe place for tamariki to meet their friends and socialise. There are not many other options for this in Whanganui East compared to other parts of town. If the pool closes, children will swim in the river, which is not safe for an experienced swimmer, let alone a child. The distance to the Splash Centre and the beach are significant, and for tamariki whose main transport is walking, biking or scootering, they is too far. I would rather pay the additional amount in my rates than hear about children drowning in the river because it was their only option to cool off in summer.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

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 amount of enjoyment that this aviary provides is worth the investment.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

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Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

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 an important part of Whanganui's heritage and a beautiful building. The money should be invested into this to ensure the Opera House can be enjoyed for years to come.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is 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?

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

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? **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: I think there is a good opportunity for revenue gathering back on the ridiculously large investment into the Sargeant Gallery. Instigate a user pays entry of \$5 per person and use this funding to offset rate rises and save some of the assets which are more important and more widely used by the community. Generally, people who like to visit art galleries are the kind of people who can afford to pay a small fee to enter. And since the council has justified this huge expense as worthwhile for all the people it will draw in, then this should be capitalised on.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1114

Not Speaking

First name: Shane
Last name: Burrell

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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Submitter Comments:

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Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Closing the pool is the stupidest idea this council has ever had the community needs that pool as does wanganui east school

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:

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Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

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:

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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:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Don't know

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Listen to your community or you all will be voted out next election

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1086

Not Speaking

First name: Sue
Last name: Burridge

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 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

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **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: We have to invest in the future of Whanganui and we do so by investing in some of what draws people here. The gardens, aviary are iconic, the beaches in the summer are well used, lets keep people safe there by investing in the lifeguards and where they are. By strengthening the Reparatory theatre and then selling would be also preserving some history. The flowers down The Ave are beautiful and are also a part of what makes The Ave appealing, it is a point of difference. We want to draw people to our city centre, not drive them away with extortionate parking costs. Whanganui East Pool, how well used is it? Isn't a better and safer place to swim than the river for children? Roothing, bridges, paving are all important and need to be managed so we keep ahead so that is an easy answer. The airport, what a drawback, being away to travel from such a short distance from home. This is another great way to bring people into the region. Libraries are an important community hub and a great place for people to relax and read, could there not be something for youth added to these facilities. I think having a weekday closure is better suited for all, most people work and a weekday closure doesn't affect as many.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1221

Not Speaking

First name: Lachlan
Last name: Burroughs

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 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 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? **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 # 1645

Not Speaking

First name: Victoria
Last name: Butler

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 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 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?

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 # 1145

Not Speaking

First name: Justine
Last name: Butler

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the 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 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?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

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 # 987

Not Speaking

First name: **Cheryll**
Last name: **Butters**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: There are other libraries that could be used on a Monday. People just need to be organised, or use the online book services.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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: Historic buildings should be saved.

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 recently visited Invercargill for a holiday in the South Island. (A similar population to Whanganui?) We were very impressed with their Queens Park. It has an aviary, winter gardens (ours is nicer!), animals, a children's park and even a golf course! Most tourists that come to Whanganui visit Virginia Lake, the aviary and the winter gardens. It's also popular with locals. It needs to be looked after! How does Invercargill afford their 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: Can't you find some charity group to look after the baskets? Maybe get the prisoners make them up? Volunteers to water them? Whanganui was one of the first cities to do this - others followed. It's an attraction for our main street.

New Zealand Glassworks

Don't know

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: There are plenty of libraries to choose from, and lots of options to get your books!

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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 an asset to Whanganui! Having tourists come to see our attractions means they spend money 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 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Maintain the current level of funding, which isn't enough to get us to where we need to be. Noting assets will deteriorate further (save \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: We've already paid heaps for the pooh pond and waste water. Let the next generation sort out these big money problems!

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the 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: Why???

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option 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? **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 wasn't able to drag the circle!

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1429

Not Speaking

First name: Aaron
Last name: Butters

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

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?

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Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

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 # 1349

Not Speaking

First name: Jessica
Last name: Butters

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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 2 - Implement a new counterweight flying system only within the existing stagehouse building

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

structure (add \$44 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
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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 # 137

Not Speaking

First name: **Brendon**
Last name: **Butturini**

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 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 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

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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?

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Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

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Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

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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:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
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Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
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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 # 745

Not Speaking

First name: **Gavin**
Last name: **Buxton**

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?

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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 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 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:

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?

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Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

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?

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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?

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?
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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 # 1168

Not Speaking

First name: Penny
Last name: Buxton

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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 half an hour earlier and close earlier. Library still available to users on all days but late starts/early closing would still enable costs to come down to the equivalent of a day closed

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Close and put up for sale.

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: Close and prepare to sell. It would have heritage status (?)

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 aviary. Virginia Lake is a hub for young families and actually everyone. If anything it could be expanded.

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 you are going to close the main Davis Library a day per week which more people use, then why wouldn't you look at shifting things at a smaller library? Again open later and close earlier to account for a day being closed.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Virginia Lake is such an asset for the community and town. People from around the country come to see 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 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Sorry cost of living issue. If you are closing community focused assets like aviaries and libraries then cut costs else where first.

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option 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: Waste of rate payer money that businesses like Novotel can spend themselves. Its a cost of living crisis so keep the spending down!

Royal 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: As long as the \$\$ doesn't keep increasing like the art gallery

Pākaitore Reserve Paving 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: Way to expensive for something that is a want and not a need in a cost of living crisis. Green paint would have the same effect. Nope do not support

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: If the Council had spare money this would be ok. Its a want not a need. It doesn't bring in tourism money etc.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets 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: Hard one as assets can bring in regular money yet if sold its a larger one of amount. Whanganui has ridiculous rates one of the highest in the country. It needs to be reigned in. Rate payers do not have money growing on trees.

How would 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 # 1185

First name: **Leon**
Last name: **Cable**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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?

Submitter Comments:

Royal 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 # 1162

Not Speaking

First name: Denise
Last name: Caltax

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 Whanganui East pool and upgrade the outdoor facilities at the pool in Springvale

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: All theater costs should be founded by Arts not rates

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Sell aviary as a private business

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Hand over to a voluntary organisations. Shouldn't be funded by rate payers.

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 collection is core council business and should be fully funded by rates. This benefits the whole community.

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: The main library is sufficient to service whole community. Funding upgrades to online options wd be good because the need improvements.

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: Should be sold to private business. This is not something rate payers should be funding.

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Maintain the current level of funding, which isn't enough to get us to where we need to be. Noting assets will deteriorate further (save \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Too many road works already being done. Interest rates high, too many other problems at the moment to be dealing with.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the 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 a business issue which rate payers should not be funding.

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: Sell the Opera House to private business and don't fund the building. This is not core council business. Funding theater as an art is a rate payer activity if it benefits everyone by being free to all community members as a health and well being activity but paid productions should be a business purpose and not funded by rate payers

Marae Development

Our preferred option is 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: Raised roads are discriminatory to people with Disability and health issues and should be banned.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is 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: Anything to reduce debt is good. Rate payers should not be paying interest for debt. This is false economy sitting on assets yet paying interest on debt.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

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Submitter Comments: Council should concentrate on core issues like rubbish collection, sewage, water, energy supply, community health and wellbeing, education. All support for business should cease. Rate payers should not be funding business interests - that is for investors to be funding. Get back to core council business and do it properly.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1572

Not Speaking

First name: kurt
Last name: calver

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the Winter Gardens (save \$7.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option 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: upgrades should be self funded to much cost for small user base

Marae Development

Our preferred option is 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

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets 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? **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: Some of the beatification projects seem to have large cost and low impact, more thought into cost to benefit ratios of alot of projects needs to be looked at. Our rates to value ratio are poor and percentage increases are unsustainable long term for all but the wealthy. putting increasing stresses on young family's and pensioners. In my opinion we should concentrate on critical infrastructure and systems and reviews of under performing contractors. Increase funding of projects that will benefit in the future either in bringing in revenue and keeping the reliability and quality of infrastructure. always keeping in mind the cost to user ratios of not only rate payers but the wider community

Supporting documents **No**

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Submission # 628

Not Speaking

First name: Emma
Last name: Camden

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Davis Library for one day on the weekend instead of a weekday (add \$0.90 per property per year to the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: The NZ glasswork is a national as well as local treasure. We need to keep it as an open excess studio at all costs. Whanganui needs attractions like 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:

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 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?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core 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 # 543

First name: **poppy**
Last name: **cameron**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: I think the whanganui east pool should not close because of pool safety. Instead we go swimming in the river and drown. That would happen if the pool closed but if it stays open that won't happen so please don't close the pools. Whanganui East School, age 10

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets 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 # 1535

Not Speaking

First name: **Leif**
Last name: **Campbell**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Hand it over to a community group to keep it going volunteers

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 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 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: This is a waste of time. As an avid cyclist this will not be used! Boring straight road. Put the money into widening the road to make a proper width road to make safer for all including cars. Make a cliff top cycleway to Mowhanau similar to New Plymouth and make it a destination ride that people will do for a recreation activity and bring tourists to Whanganui. People will not use a cycle way on rapanui rd

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Sell assets that council are not maintaining and pass it over to people that will actually do something with. Matipo park is a prime example of council incompetence. I would be keen to offer something for matipo park

How would 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 look at putting a continuous improvement lens over there whole operation. Cutting back waste in everything they do and focus on core tasks. Council are been taken for a ride with contractors charging exhorbative rates because it's public money and crippling the rate payers

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 800

Not Speaking

First name: Vaughan
Last name: Campbell

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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?

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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:

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Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

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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? **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: In the last 10-15 years Whanganui has gone from a place where people want to get away from. To now becoming a holiday destination. I have had so many conversations with people at work visiting from all over the country who never would of thought of Whanganui as a hpliday destination. And yet they love it. I'm worried if we start closing things this will change us back to where we were 10-15 years ago.

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 932

Not Speaking

First name: Emma
Last name: Campbell

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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?

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:

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:

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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 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to 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 # 212

Not Speaking

First name: Victoria
Last name: Campbell

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 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: keep the hanging baskets, include costs at a pro rata with the 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: offer options to purchaser, rent/lease to buy, or group purchaser,

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the 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: i believe the council shouldn't be hoteliers. stick to the business of running our city council. building a hotel is not the core business and no expertise. invest in supporting raising whanganui as a destination for tourists

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: collaborate and assist users/trust/committee seek funds, increase event costs, userpay fee increase

Marae Development

Our preferred option is 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: raise profile to seek more community support

Pākaitore Reserve Paving 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 # 1003

Not Speaking

First name: Margaret
Last name: Campbell

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: My option would be to keep these hanging baskets but Council would need to ensure that they employ the right people to maintain them at a high standard.

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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Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the 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: How often is this "flying system" required?? I think it's more important to ensure that this building is maintained to a high standard given its historic significance.

Marae Development

Our preferred option 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:

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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

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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? **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: No

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 820

First name: **Margaret**
Last name: **Campion**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are. The library is used by all age groups. The social importance of the library cannot be over emphasised. People come to the library for warmth, nourishment of spirit, companionship, security, education

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: The Whanganui East Pool is an important community asset, particularly for Wanganui East suburb. The importance cannot be stressed enough - pride, a sense of belonging and ownership, a pathway to the future, health and safety. To close the pool and look at broader options for outdoor swimming, will also require considerable spend, especially if spring board diving facilities are provided. Both options will come at a significant cost.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Do not demolish the theatre! Do invest in permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank. This should have been done many years ago. The council has been tardy with work on the bank, but also with maintenance of the building. A planned work programme should be worked out in conjunction with the theatre group. If the theatre is handed over to the group they can try to raise funds with necessary work. The theatre is well used and could do more. The organisation is an important cog in community harmony. Young folk who become involved are nurtured in a safe environment and learn every aspect of 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: The aviary is well loved by locals. It is also a draw card for tourists coming to the lake. It is very rare to not see visitors around the aviary. I recently had occasion to meet a relative on a tour of the North Island. I was surprised to be told to meet at the bird aviary. This was a large group from

Northland. They spent quite some time with the birds wandering off to walk around the lake and lunch at the cafe.

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 should be kept. They do enhance the central business area and are definitely appreciated.

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 glass works is a popular tourist attraction. If a buyer is found, there is no guarantee into the future. The centre could be closed down. Therefore, I believe the glassworks should be kept in Council ownership. Would it be possible to lease the enterprise to an interested party?

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: If containers with lids can be provided, the problems with rubbish being littered can be reduced. The drop off point on the road to Mangamahu is working well. More like this at other drop off points please!

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 should be no reduction to the Gonville Library in hours open. It is a well used amenity. There is no other facility in the Gonville area that supports the community in so many ways.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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 very special and very well appreciated by local folk and visitors. The upkeep and presentation of plants is of a very high standard and the long serving staff are to be complimented. The Winter Garden are a star attraction for our out of town tourists. The Art-deco building draws people to enter. Along with the cafe and bird avery, these attractions are the central focus at Virginia Lake. They all must be nurtured and retained for the people of Wanganui to enjoy as a key attraction for visitors to our 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: At the very least, maintain community grant funding, but an increase in funding would be appreciated by the community.

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Either option one or two. Seek an operator first although the council will have to take the lead. There absolutely needs to be a detailed business case. Could the plan be to develop a hotel in stages - less rooms initially and ability to add on over 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 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 another community asset (along with Repertory, Observatory, Library, Museum, Art Gallery, W.E. Swimming Pool) which must not be neglected anymore. Having seen some of the other theatres that have been upgraded around NZ - we should be looking for full upgrade. Can this work be staged to spread over some years.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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: The surf lifesaving service is essential.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: This route is used by trucks. The businesses involved will not appreciate a raise crossing on Taupo Quay. There are so many raised crossings throughout Whanganui now which drivers finds incredibly frustrating. Leave the road as 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: Rapanui Road Trail would be wonderful to have, however I believe the time is not right, there being more pressing requirements for funds. This road does have numerous accidents - cause is often speed. A trail would link with Bason Reserve and Mowhanau , but it is not essential. Revisit this project in the future.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets 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)

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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

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*to increase investment in 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 Youth Council should be retained and encouraged. Having been impressed by the calibre of the Hastings Youth Council I believe Whanganui should also encourage the young people to participate. They have sixteen students, with all secondary schools represented on the council. They have met to discuss their long term goals. They are on sub committees and attend council meetings where possible (such as rural halls committee). Their aim is to encourage young people to take an interest in civic affairs and politics in general, and be active and proud of their community.

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1261

Speaking

First name: Susan
Last name: Campion
Organisation: Whanganui Tramping Club's Cycling Group: "The

BOMBS"

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

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Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

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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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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Request for Whanganui District Council to support/fund a shared cycle/walking track from State Highway 3 to Mowhanau Drive, Kai Iwi Beach. It's with some urgency, the Whanganui Tramping Club's cycling group asks the Whanganui District Council (WDC) to please consider the need for Whanganui cyclists and walkers to have a safe, shared track from the city boundary to Mowhanau Drive, Kai Iwi Beach. Known as the BOMBS, our 40 members ride together in three groups every Tuesday. During the rest of the week, we meet as friends to cycle both in and out of the city boundaries. We're extremely grateful to the WDC and Waka Kotahi for building the shared tracks we now have within our city. And we thank both agencies, for the recent addition stretching along the riverbank from the Dublin St Bridge to opposite the Aramoho Shopping Centre. However, what we lack in Whanganui is a substantial, safe track outside the city boundary which we can use for recreation and to train for the multi-day rides many of us do on North and South Island cycle tracks. At present we ride a number of roads which can be dangerous for cyclists. These include Tayforth, Rapanui, Brunswick, Blueskin Roads, State Highways 3 and 4 and No 2 Line from Durie Hill to Fordell. Most of us have experienced near misses and the fear we will one day lose someone due to the speed and poor driving standards of some drivers passing and approaching us. Aware the WDC is preparing its long-term plan, and, that the Mowhanau/Rapanui Rd community has submitted a business case for a safe cycle track to be installed along Rapanui Rd, we urge the WDC to please support, this proposal. Apart from the benefits a Rapanui Rd cycle track would provide to our local community, we see it as a tourist attraction for out-of-town cyclists and walkers just as the riverside track leading onto Linton Army Camp in Palmerston North has proved to be. Finally - aged between 65 and 85 (in general), BOMBS members cycle to stay fit and healthy and enjoy the company of like-minded friends. Time and again we see our members cycling when, for health reasons, they can no longer tramp or go for long walks. To have a long, safe track out to

Kai Iwi beach and back would be invaluable for them, along with the many thousands likely to use it. We thank the WDC for considering our petition.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets 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: As demonstrated in our petition, it is clear that safety on Rapanui Road is of paramount importance to both cyclists and pedestrians. We are very pleased to see the Kai Iwi Beach/Rapanui Road's business plan for a shared path included in the draft Long Term Plan. Now we urge Council to formalise this commitment and to bring the dates of implementation forward. We would like to speak to our submission to reinforce these points.

Supporting documents

Yes

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1156

Not Speaking

First name:

Tanya

Last name:

Canning

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Davis Library for one day on the weekend instead of a weekday (add \$0.90 per property per year to the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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 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 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Construct new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa (This is Council's preferred option, and would cost \$6 per property per year for 10 years from 2029/30)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets 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 # 1614

Not Speaking

First name: Alex
Last name: Caradus

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: We need outdoor swimming and another pool for schools to use. Is it cheaper to upgrade the East pool or build a new outdoor pool. I would say the former - upgrade the East 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 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

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Our preferred option 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:

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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?

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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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Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1089

Not Speaking

First name: Wendy
Last name: Carey

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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:

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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:

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Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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: Defer this option for a few years but purchase the scaffolding in the meantime. Opera house is a great asset 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?

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?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 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 # 422

Not Speaking

First name: Jason
Last name: Carr

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 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?

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Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets 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 # 1665

Not Speaking

First name: **Rob**
Last name: **Carr**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Libraries are an important council service and shouldn't be cut back just because of temporary inflationary pressures. They should be scaled according to their use and need.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred 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 daughter loves using the Whanganui East Pool. It is a great alternative to the splash centre in the peak of summer when the pools are busy. It is also really good for groups of kids e.g. the YMCA uses it. This asset should be retained and upgraded. Undertaking a feasibility study into other options if it is closed is a waste of money, it's unlikely to be cheaper to build another new pool somewhere else.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: The Theatre is a great location for children's plays and a part of Whanganui's heritage. It should be preserved. I would like to see more investigation of options to repair the existing building or at least retain the facade.

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 awesome facility that my kids love. It is also really good for people with mental health issues in the city. It would be a real shame to see it closed. The previous consultation was really overwhelming that the community wanted this facility retained. I am disappointed the Council has put closing it back on the table again after that response.

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 are part of the atmosphere of the main street. There is no analysis in the consultation document of the economic value they provide in encouraging tourism and shopping in the city. I think the savings from removing them are likely to be offset by the losses business owners in the city would face from them being removed. The Council could look at seeking a greater contributing from benefiting businesses for their maintenance.

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: Glassworks is an iconic part of Whanganui and should be preserved either in Council or private ownership. If being sold the Council needs to ensure access is maintained due to the benefits this site brings the 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 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 Gonville Library is a key community facility. My daughter loves visiting it to take out books.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

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: While 10.6% is a large increase in one year the inflationary cost pressures mean a significant increase is unavoidable. The extent to which the council has sought to cut back the increase this year is excessive and will create higher costs for the district in the long term. It also needs to be recognised that nationwide economic changes are likely to result in reduced spending and increased unemployment in the district, the Council should seek to avoid adding to that by cutting back service levels or cutting things that attract business into the city such as the hanging baskets. I recommend that the Council accepts a higher increase in this year rather than cutting back services so significantly. The Council has a low rate of debt relative to other Councils and has the ability to borrow more in the short term without exceeding its debt cap to cover the temporary inflationary increases and balance this out in future years if it considers a higher percentage increase cannot be sustained this year.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option 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: These assets require significant investment to ensure they remain up to standard and do not constrain the housing growth required for the city.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the 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 not opposed to the Council investing some money into a hotel but it should be private not council led to ensure what is built is an attractive commercially viable facility. I recommend engaging with Lower Hutt Council for their lessons learned in getting involved in a 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: The Whanganui Opera House does warrant work. For me as a user of the facility the front of house services are fine. The priority from my perspective is getting more comfortable seating that has a drinks holder in 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?

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: Strongly support building this project. This stretch of road is in need of upgrades to improve its safety.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

Submitter Comments: I don't think it is reasonable to ask people to commit to whether the Council should sell assets without knowing what those are. There are some categories of assets such as pensioner housing I would be strongly opposed to the Council selling and others that may be justified if the economics stack up and its not affecting services. This isn't the right time to sell assets for the Council. The Council has a low level of debt currently and asset values are currently down due to increased interest rates. This is a bad time to sell Council buildings and land - the Council will not get the best price for them. Generally selling assets to avoid a rates rise is a bad idea and will get the Council into a pattern of spiraling asset sales as its rates become increasingly unable to fund ongoing services. Where assets are sold it should be to invest in other capital assets that will provide an ongoing return to strengthen the Council's financial position in 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?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to 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

5

*to increase investment in 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 some concerns with some of the assumptions set out in the consultation document around housing. I believe the Council is underestimating the number of homes required and overestimating the number likely to be delivered. The housing projections in the long term plan are inconsistent with the population growth projections. The consultation document indicates population growth of around 350 per year and additional houses required of 100 per year. However, Stats NZ's subnational population estimates have the average household size in Whanganui at 2.4 and remaining at that size out to 2043. In addition, Whanganui currently has housing shortage issues with increased levels of homelessness. This means that the required number of houses per year is around 50% higher than planned - around 150 per year. This is assuming the 350 per year is correctly rounded as the long term plan indicates approximately 4,000 population growth over 10 years. The Council needs to plan for a significantly higher number of dwellings. The building consents data included in the long term plan is out of date using 2021/22 data when 2023 data is available. 2023 figures are significantly lower at 139 new dwelling units. I would encourage the Council to shift from using gross building consents for new houses to track its build rate against demand. Building consents may not translate into new houses as not all developments proceed and there is often a significant delay before completion. For example, during the 2008 GFC approximately 7% of dwelling consents were cancelled. A better measure is to consider the certificates of compliance issued by the council which will give a more accurate and current tracker of developments. In addition, housing demolitions need to be accounted for to accurately track the net stock. Nationwide approximately 4,000 homes are demolished per year, if Whanganui had an even proportion of those it would mean around 40 demolitions per year meaning the 2023 building consents would only just keep pace with the Council's targeted 100 households per year and would be around 50 homes short of what population growth indicates is required to maintain current housing levels. If current economic conditions repeat building consent cancellation rates of the 2008 GFC it will be around 60 houses short which is likely to start to show from around 2025. The Council's housing plans rely on a lot of infill housing. I understand consents for this have been being declined due to insufficient water infrastructure to support infill housing throughout the city. The Council should seek to ensure water infrastructure availability does not constrain infill development. There is also scope for greater medium density housing in the streets surrounding the city centre such as the riverside apartment development on Taupo Quay. These developments should be encouraged and enabled in planning rules.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 194

Not Speaking

First name: **Steph**
Last name: **Carr**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: Many parents rely on the Library as a place to visit with their young children and really look forward to the programs they provide at the library. I am concerned that even closing the Library for one day a week would likely impact jobs and/or staff incomes, at a time when the Council is asking for more money from them. I also note that cuts to community sector organisations have a disproportionate impact on women, I see no evidence that the Council has looked at this proposal through a gender lens to avoid creating greater inequity and unfairness.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Whanganui East is a lower socioeconomic community. It is unrealistic and naive to think that closing the pool will see young families and children who use the Whanganui East pool, switch and drive to the Splash Centre at an increased cost. I am very concerned that this will lead to more tamariki swimming in the Awa and that we will see an increase in drownings because of this.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments: I thought we were trying to preserve the heritage in our town and use that as a feature to attract visitors. I cannot see the logic behind investing so much money to preserve the heritage of Drews Ave and surrounding areas only to demolish the theatre. I am also very disappointed to hear about the lack of prior consultation with affected parties prior to the LTP being announced. Again it's the community sector that appears to be losing out.

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

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: We have held our own over the last few years in part due to an increase, and steady stream of domestic tourism. I have had the privilege of meeting with and talking to many visitors to our city and the heritage features and the hanging flower baskets are easily two of the most commented on features. I am concerned that removing the hanging baskets is removing something that has become a core part of our identity; what people picture when they think of Whanganui - they're even included in Mainstreet's logo.

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:

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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:

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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 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

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Our preferred 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: Have you looked at other examples of where Councils have taken the lead on building hotels, for example the issues, cost blowouts and delays for the Sebel Hotel in Lower Hutt? While I strongly agree that in order for our city to grow economically we do need a four star hotel, I have some reservations about this being Council led.

Royal 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 another icon of our cityscape. It will only cost ratepayers more in the long run if the upgrade is not done in full or this issue is kicked down the road for subsequent councils to make a decision on.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is 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: Has a partnership with Horizons been investigated to share costs to the Council. Marae should absolutely be invested in, time and time again they have been proven to be places of community building, and significantly involved in leading responses to disasters and events. We cannot continue to expect them to do that important work without investing in them and making sure they are properly resourced to carry out that mahi.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSL as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: This is an essential service given we are surrounded by beaches and the awa, we need to ensure we are continuing to teach water safety and are investing in trainers to do the teaching.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving 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: Necessary for the safety of the school students at Westmere School and for those who visit the beach and Botanic Gardens.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

Submitter Comments: I am not comfortable with selling assets without knowing what exactly the council is proposing to sell. I think there needs to be more of a conversation on this point and the council needs to come back to the community with a list of assets that it might potentially sell. I would strongly oppose the sale of pensioner housing, and at this point it is unclear whether that would be on the table in this proposal. I do not support this proposal as it currently stands.

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: I am aware the Council has self imposed lower debt ceiling. Given that inflation is already trending back to within the target rainge, which will in turn see a fall in interest rates, I am unclear why the council is proposing such cuts instead of temporarily relaxing the debt ceiling to see us through the short term challenges. Cuts to services inevitably result in job losses. Job losses mean a shrinking pool of discretionary spending money, which in turn means it's harder for our city to get back to the postion we were in before the recession. If council invested in jobs and people our economy would recover quicker and we could pay back debt.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 689

First name: **Neville**
Last name: **Carseldine**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

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?

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

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

Don't know

Our preferred option is for Council to take 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

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**Don't know**

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service**Don't know**

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing**Don't know**

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail**Don't know**

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our 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?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 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 # 1399

Not Speaking

First name: Sarah
Last name: Carson

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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

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 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

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

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Submitter Comments: Times are tough, even for higher income families. Be sensible, focus on projects that will protect our future and bring new businesses and people to this wonderful town. We don't need flashy projects like the crossing on Taupo Quay or path to Kai Iwi.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 180

Not Speaking

First name: John
Last name: Carson

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: Education and reading is IMPORTANT

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred 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 has been there for a long time. Surely it is possible to keep it going with small improvements. Important that children can swim.

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: Baskets make a huge difference to the look of the Avenue

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Was involved with sport for many years. Always as a club generated the funds to keep it going. Now clubs look for handouts from the community grant fund

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option 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: Hotels is not core council business. Leave it to the professionals.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: I am a cyclist and would love to have a trail to Mowhanau, but think that the road should be widened first.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets 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: Good Luck

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1095

Not Speaking

First name: Maree
Last name: Carter

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: It depends how much it affects school swimming programmes etc

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Reduce numbers of them and look at other possible suppliers if there are savings to be had. It is one iconic part of our city Main Street.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter 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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: I do have a hesitation about the Council have the skills/capabilities to run such a venture efficiently and successfully over every stage. It it more of an area of expertise? We need to be sure it will well managed as a projext and as BAU, and generate a long term income.

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: The Opera House is a great location and very unique but it does seem like a huge cost per ratepayer. Can you find some middle ground? Unsure also how the 'do nothing' option costs ratepayers \$3 extra.

Marae Development

Our preferred option 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: If any upgrades are applied it should be across all venues that provide such services and resources for things such as emergency shelter etc - e.g. schools, halls, assets like the Springvale sports centres. It needs to be carefully spent at a range of relevant locations that support all communities in the city. Some of those will be marae, but not all. Some marae are in hazard prone places. There are likely alternative sources of in oke/funding/settlements for iwi to spend on Marae. These should be tried first. It is a very large amount of money to earmark only to 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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: It would be good to spend some \$ here, but \$7 per rate payer does seem a lot - half that would be more palatable

Pākaitore Reserve Paving 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: Is this best use of funds when funds are stretched. Unless there are serious public safety concerns I think this is in the 'nice to have' pile

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments: This is an incredibly unsafe road for walkers and cyclists (and also for cars - very narrow in some spaces). This is high on my list of things that should be invested in that will benefit many and reduce significant risks to the public

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? **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 see the benefit in keeping investment up so that we don't fall into the issue of having unsustainable future costs. However, households are struggling and are being hit from every angle, so the spend needs to be justifiable and be truly beneficial to a reasonable number of people in the community, and not a superficial spend. Spends that generate an income and attract others to our city are wise. And also spends that protect relate to safety of our residents and visitors.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 397

Speaking

First name: Liz
Last name: Carter

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: KEEP THE AVIARY!!! I did work experience there years ago and it was brilliant. I grew up in Auckland and it was an absolute highlight coming to visit my grandad in wanganui and he would always take us to the aviary! Very special! You could cut staff hours back if needed, get more volunteers in to help. Yes yo would need to be strict on volunteers in a way so that the bird had the right food, treatment if required. Surely you could get a local vet onboard to check in with the birds too. Andy at the aviary was great, extremely knowledgeable. I now take my young kids to the aviary often and it would definitely break a lot of hearts and family traditions if you decide to shut the aviary down- Virginia lake would never be the same

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?

Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

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Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

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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Our preferred option is for Council to take 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:

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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 # 785

Not Speaking

First name: Paula
Last name: Carter

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the 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?

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 # 895

Not Speaking

First name: Gareth
Last name: Carter

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: As general manager of Springvale garden centre I want to comment the quality of the baskets has dropped significantly. Plant choice seems poor and they don't look stunning like they used to when Frank and Joy Bristol were doing them. There could be consideration given that irrigation infrastructure that is in place now would deteriorate if not used and if were to be resurrected in the future be more expensive.

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:

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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 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to 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: Potentially set the land and building up as a separate company and sell shares to ratepayers that want to invest (WDC can be shareholder too). Long term lease to Accor or similar 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:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is 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: Schools are well suited to also meet civil defence emergency responses.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to 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: Bason botanic gardens is also a popular destination along this road for many whanganui citizens and tourists alike

Asset Sales

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 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: Good work team. It's a real balancing act

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 223

Not Speaking

First name: Doreen
Last name: Carter-Hoskin

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: Continue to operate!! Option 2. And, how much would a feasibility study cost??!. Before a new build AND the land needed!. We can't even suggest that children bike over the splash centre. A nightmare that would be for all concerned. And, Whang East school just need to there (like in my day). No wasted time in bus travel. Surely n upgrade could be done -one problem at a time and someone in charge who is sensible & competent. And what about (retired or available) trades people.

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: I don't have access to the consultation document-to read more information.

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: Very favourable comments from visitors. They really liver up the street for us ALL. Perhaps shop/building owner could contribute towards the flowers& watering for e.g.

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: Option1- as long as a new owner didn't let it get run down like few other businesses buildings around 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?

Option 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 visitors include locals to the lake, unable to walk or taken for a walk around the lake, at least there is the Winter Gardens to visit. (and would be nice to have the Aviary also). As mentioned on another page. I don't have access to the consultation document.

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?

Submitter Comments: Buy out the Grand Hotel (Sunil Kumar) Prime site, already there. Sort out the inside & bring it back to its former glory & modernised. (Its a disgrace). Carpark- keep an eye out for a nearby building to be scrapped & buy the section for carpark.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Dont know enough about such things. But the word "Royal" is in the name. the Queen Mother spoke from the balcony mid 1960's during her visit here. Stayed at the Rutland. (Just Saying like)

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: There must be a cheaper way to do a crossing! the figures above are way over the top!

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with

and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 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 # 49

Speaking

First name: John
Last name: Casanelia

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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: The Whanganui East Pool is past its use by date and it should be closed and when finance allow look at another new pool at the Splash Centre.

Whanganui East Pool

Our 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: Option 1

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Option 2 seems quite a bit considering that to do up the Whanganui East Pool is \$22-40 per rateable property. What work needs to be done at the Aviary that is so expensive.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Option 2. The baskets were & still are a vital beautification of the CBC and takes away the sharp edge of the building ornings.

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: Is running the glassworks a core business or is it a nice to have.

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?

Submitter Comments: Option 2 will not save much per property it would be interesting to trial a monday closure to see if it changes the number of overall visitors

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Option 1

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: Option 1 & 2 are very similar. If less money is spent on core business it only means that more money will be required in years to come. Option 1.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take 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: Option 2. This is not the Council core business. If it was profitable developers would be falling over themselves to build one. The Council owns the Motor Inn in Plymouth St & uses it

for a boarding house the flying school students. Interesting to know what the occupancy rate for this establishment is.

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: Option 3 seems to be the best option.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: The need for option 1 is needed because of climate change.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is 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: Option 1

Pākaitore Reserve 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: Option 2

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option 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: Being a keen cyclist I would much prefer the Council to spent any money that is available on town projects that have an immediate effect such as extending a cycle way & shared path along Mosston Road from Mossten School to Wharf St. This would conect existing shared paths such as Fitzherbert Ave to London St.

Asset Sales

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return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: How far do you go. If you sell \$16,000,000 worth of assets ie Park, reserves & building, what is left. Next time we will be selling the land around Virginia Lake for housing as it is worth a large amount of money. People come to live in Whanganui because of the lifestyle & the assets especially parks & reserves are part of this. Option 2.

How would 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**
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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: My rates went up by over \$700 last year & a 10% rise this year would put my rate bill over \$5,000 a year closer to \$6000. 25% rate rise in 2 years when there is very little improvement in service.

Supporting documents

Yes

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 659

Not Speaking

First name: Cheryl
Last name: Cash

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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:

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Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

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Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

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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Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to 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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Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

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(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 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 # 519

Not Speaking

First name: Richard
Last name: Cash

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 very popular and essential part of the city. I have lived in Wanganui for 40+ years and have been too the library 100s of times yet I have only been to the art gallery less than 10 times!!! Close the art gallery for 3 days a week and make some real savings.

Whanganui East Pool

Our 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 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: This is something that many visitors to Wanganui comment positively on, it adds to the main street and gives the city a real difference for the better about it.

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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: We live on No 2 Line and have weekly rubbish collection, it is a good service done for a very reasonable price. Keep it up.

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 are part of Wanganui and many of our visitors enjoy going out there.

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 Wanganui (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: Just paint a pedestrian crossing, we have seen how the cost of raised walkway crossings can get out of hand.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is 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: Lower the speed limit.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets 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 the art gallery and all the artworks, when it's in private ownership it will no longer be a burden to ratepayers!!!

How would 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: We have too many nice to have not need to have buildings and facilities. I believe many of them have been foisted on to us pushy people and previous councils. Case in point the art gallery, do a visitor count of that (when it opens) and the library or other popular facilities.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 494

Not Speaking

First name: Kevin
Last name: Cate
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?

Submitter Comments:

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: Do not disagree

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)

Submitter Comments: This city is very short of good quality accommodation and needs quality places to stay within the Central City.

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: The Opera House stands out as one of Whanganui Council's valuable and thriving commercial assets. However, there's a pressing need to elevate it to current standards, particularly for promoters who rely on state-of-the-art backstage facilities and up-to-date amenities to deliver exceptional shows. By implementing these upgrades, the Opera House will not only enhance its appeal but also attract a broader spectrum of promoters, making it a cutting-edge venue in the country.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is 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: They have been funded by Govt.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to 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 funding under funded for years.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: No to this cost.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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 road has been problematic for some time and especially now since more residence live out that way.

Asset Sales

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Redundant asset sale is prudent.

How would 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 # 1467

Not Speaking

First name: Noel
Last name: Cavanagh

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 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

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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:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to 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? **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 # 1549

Not Speaking

First name: Yvonne
Last name: Cavanagh

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: ensure birds are rehomed

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

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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 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

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Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

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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 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

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Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

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Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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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 # 1530

Not Speaking

First name: Ashleigh
Last name: Cave

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Look into summer swimming lessons at the pool to aid in reducing costs and help our kids learn to swim. Trying to get kids into lessons at the Splash in near impossible which is terrifying given how much water surrounds us

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: In Whanganui there are SO FEW free activities for kids and families. Stop taking away the meagre options we have already

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: Again, this is one of the FEW things we have to do in Whanganui. Please leave it. It's stunning and the kids love 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

Our preferred option is for Council to take the 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 think this is the time to be adding costs. I can see the benefits. But in two more years when hopefully peoples finances are more manageable

Royal 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: the options are 3.5 million or nothing? Surely there's a manageable stage in between. Look into upgrading the larger, most used marae, not all of them. 20 is excessive

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to 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: Again. Massively unnecessary when costs are already extreme. Review down the line when costs are more under control

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is 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: All this is going to do is encourage more riders onto Tayforth Road which is already extremely 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 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? **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 # 1325

First name: **Lorraine**
Last name: **Cave**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Davis Library for one day on the weekend instead of a weekday (add \$0.90 per property per year to the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

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?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Don't know

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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 wonderful community hub

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?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

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: Cycling is so good for your health and hopefully this track would getore people on bikes

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets 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 # 1657

Not Speaking

First name: Maurice
Last name: Cavenagh

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the Winter Gardens (save \$7.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Option 2 - Implement a new counterweight flying system only within the existing stagehouse building

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

structure (add \$44 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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? **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 # 1596

Not Speaking

First name: Leah
Last name: Chadfield

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 have probably been into the library maybe 5x times since my 10 year old son was born. And bugger all times in my adult life. Most things you find online nowadays, meaning no need to visit the library.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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 use to live at the Gonville Pool growing up. That was closed many years ago now, and people eventually accepted it. I think it's time for the Whanganui East Pool to close too. It's only open for about 4 months of the year, and I don't believe for that time period, it's worth the financial cost. I've said to people before, I would much rather addition/improvements be done at the Splash Centre. MOVE the pump track, and used that space for additions.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: I've literally only been in there maybe a few times, but I really don't think demolishing a beautiful old building like this, should be an option. Surely this is a Heritage Building.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: I am staunchly opposing the shutting of the Aviary. Am I rich enough to accept that rates increase? Nope. Will I make it work so that the Council listens to what is being said to them by the community. Absolutely. If you close the Aviary, you may as well just close Virginia Lake, Kowhai Park and the Durie Hill Tower. These 3 tourist attractions, are actually Whanganui's main tourist attractions. You are crazy to even consider closing any aspect of these down. Are you wanting to kill Whanganui. Stop the stupid beautification of CBD streets, there is no money for that at the moment. Don't put any more money into the stupid Sergeant Gallery, and unfortunately now it's probably too late to continue improving the Vele drone. But do not close the Aviary. Modernize/update and improve. Maybe have a charity box for visitors, or sell packets of food people can feed to 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: Definitely nice, but not necessary. I'm sure if the shop owners like them enough, they could do their own, and maintain them as needed.

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's pretty neat, but think you will find you get more visitors to Kowhai Park, Virginia Lake (including Winter Gardens and Aviary), and the Durie Hill Tower. I'm sure some of this money could be coming from the artists that use it, not the taxpayer. Think I've been to this place twice in 20 years, if that.

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: Surely since this is rural, it's a Horizons issue, not a District Council issue. So don't see how this should be included in local rates, or surveys.

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: It hasn't always been there. A lot of the people only go there for the free Wi Fi (all hours of the day and night). The library bus use to visit Gonville, don't see why the Gonville Library needed to be opened in the first place.

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Definitely don't want this closed. It's part of the visit to Virginia Lake. Always like seeing the changes, and always visit the Christmas display each year.

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: Don't think it needs to be increased by any means, leave it how it is.

Further comments on service cuts: I truly believe that the District Council has fudged the numbers to try to get people to agree to their proposals. The dollar amount they are claiming with some of their proposals, looks like scare tactics, to get people to agree to their preferred option. Not fooling anyone. Now start actually listening to the community. If we say we don't want something closed down, don't put

it back on the chopping block less than 6 months later. Looks like the mayor is only going to survive on term at this rare.

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: The reading repairs are shit already. You see it quite regularly, they do work on a road, re-seal it, and they within weeks sometimes months, they have dug it up again. Clearly not done right the first time. Leave the amount as is, try and sort the contractors to do it right the first time.

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: Ummm, yeah, why on earth would this be a Council run entity. Seek an operator/developer, and maybe sell them the land at a bargain price, so that it's an offer they won't refuse. At the moment if I have family/friends coming to Whanganui, I will advise them which hotels to stay at. I even made my friend cancel her booking last year, as I didn't want her staying at an unsafe motel/hotel with emergency tenants.

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: Been there 2 times in 2023 with my son. Was perfectly fine to me. Think this might be more a want than a need. Perfectly fine the way it is.

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: Alot of Marae already have trusts in place. Don't think the Council should be funding for these private entities. My house could be a Marae, are you going to give me some of that grant.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)

Our preferred option is 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: I think this is a fantastic service, and the lifesavers are amazing. Maybe this could be part of the Castlecliff Beautification (or whatever it's called). I don't think it's the right time to be doing this now. Hang in their lifesavers, we appreciate you, but can't support your rebuild during a cost of living crisis.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving 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 gone to the Saturday markets multiple times with my son, have managed to cross the road easily. Think this is more a want, rather than a need. Maybe in a few years when not in a cost of living crisis.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: If gone out to Basin Reserve and Kai Iwi Beach multiple times. Have rarely come across cyclists, let alone walkers or horse riders. I think this would be awesome. But not now, 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. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: I don't think \$16 million of assets need to be sold. But maybe a chunk could be. A question before about the hotel, maybe there is land the council owns, that could be sold to a developer cheaply. Council sells land, developer builds hotel, etc. Would definitely depend on what assets you are talking about, because what assets the Council wants to sell, and what the community want to sell could be worlds apart.

How would 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

3

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: We are in a cost of living crisis, people are really struggle, including myself (and I thought I was on a reasonable wage). Keep things that a needed, and don't spend OUR hard earn money on WANTS, not at the moment. It's not the right time.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1569

Not Speaking

First name: Anna
Last name: Chadfield

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: If the pool closes, I would hope that the pool and surrounding area would be cleaned up and not left to decay

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 iconic building must not be demolished, It has provided so many wonderful opportunities for all ages and needs to be available as required.

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 would like to know why the cost of maintaining the aviary is so high. This aviary is so popular with both locals and visitors to Wanganui and must be preserved. There are other buildings in Wanganui that are in need of closing as maintenance on them is huge. Keep the Aviary. Maybe sell bird seed for people to feed the birds and ducks

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 look lovely and have been beautifully cared for, but are not necessary so should be removed

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: This is not a necessity for Wanganui. However the building is looking badly maintained. Would it not be better to look for a cheaper building option and sell the glassworks to a private purchaser. The Glassworks only attract a small following of "artists" not a high percentage of 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?

Option 1: Keep the 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: This is an extremely popular attraction for locals and visitors. Children also love this area. I should not be closed.

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: This is available to only a select few of the Wanganui population. Do not increase the grant.

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option 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 motels/hotels were not already almost full due to emergency housing, there would be ample accommodation for visitors/sports teams etc to stay in. Therefore, "no" to a development. Money would be better used on building or providing emergency specific to the purpose.

Royal 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: This is an iconic building but at this time of financial difficulty for so many people is not a feasible solution. Keep the building to health and safety standards

Marae Development

Our preferred option 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: Unless this funding could be shared around all races, this should be stopped with no 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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: No to funding at this time. This is a great idea but the financial needs of most ratepayers should be considered. When times improve this could be considered.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving 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 cannot see any problems that could be rectified by yet another raised pavement 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: This is a "like", Not a need.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets 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: Yes, sell some assets. Maybe, the Glassworks and Art Gallery to name a couple. These would probably be the most expense to the council with very little income being generated. How many visitors to Wanganui would visit these places

How would 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: No as I am very sure that Council will do what they want to, even if every rate payer said "no" to the high costs that Council seem to want

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 959

Not Speaking

First name: Patsy
Last name: Chadwick

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: People love the library

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Volunteers run it

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Don't know

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Do nothing (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: What a complete waste of money. Put a painted pedestrian crossing instead. People can't afford holidays.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Fundraise

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: As long as it doesn't impact too many people

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **2**
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Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer?
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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: We pay enough rates now. I even pay for my own rubbish/wheelie bin

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 635

Not Speaking

First name: Anna
Last name: Chandulal

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

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Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

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?

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Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Don't know

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

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Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments: The Opera House brings significant benefits to Whanganui's community. However, without the proposed developments, visiting large scale productions will not be able to perform in Whanganui. Currently the Royal New Zealand Ballet will not perform in Whanganui due to Health and safety concerns(existing scaffolding in the wings are hazardous) and the 'fly' system out of date. I have recently produced a ballet at the Opera House and found the scaffolding limiting and hazardous. I would expect other producers/ shows/ companies would feel the same. I'm very aware of the rich cultural heritage of this building and would like to see it preserved and upgraded. I feel Central Government should play a role in doing this, as the Opera House has significance for New Zealand not just Whanganui. I was impressed by the level of service offered by Council staff at the Opera House. The Events co ordinator (Maria Cording) and technical assistant (Nathan Field) were very helpful and courteous through the week I was resident at the Opera House. I was also impressed that Council were facilitating the development of youth, by employing young, enthusiastic school students to help with music and production. A facility such as the Opera House enables career development by providing opportunities to work in 'live theatre'. On site experience for technical crew is invaluable in this industry and would certainly help in gaining employment .

Marae Development

Our preferred option is 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:

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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 # 1593

Not Speaking

First name:

Tanya

Last name:

Chaplow

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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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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Don't close but seek gardeners of Wanganui to help volunteer and be proud to help support the upkeep of 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 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: Absolutely no 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: Very important resource

Pākaitore Reserve Paving 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 no change!!

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **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: I am seriously concerned about the ongoing rates increases for people of Wanganui. Our rates are high for the value of our homes however our population is lower. This I believe council are trying to find a balance, however, having the opportunity to have a say is fantastic too. Wanganui we are one as well and I think New Zealand as a whole need to even up this and stop having Maori get everything.....they have funding and monies of their own!!

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 849

Not Speaking

First name: Lisa
Last name: Chaplow

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: While I appreciate that families don't go to the pool for swimming lessons, I do think that many families teach their children water safety at the Whanganui East Pools. With NZ's appalling rates of drowning I think it would be a shame to close our only outdoor council swimming pool. It is well frequented on the summer and provides space for water safety, community connection and fun. So 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:

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 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

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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?

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Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

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Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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

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Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

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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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Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
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Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**
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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment. This document has been clearly laid out, and the survey has been too. I appreciate the fiscal difficulties you are having to manage, while at the same time seeking to ensure the long term health of Whanganui and its peoples, community and land. Ngā mihi 🙏

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 835

Not Speaking

First name: Breianna
Last name: Chapman

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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:

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Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

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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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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Significant increase of funding to bring our core infrastructure up to a reasonable state sooner (add \$56 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: No need

Royal 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 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? **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 # 1672

Not Speaking

First name: Paul
Last name: Chapman

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Close New Zealand Glassworks (save \$10.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: They can pay themselves, just like every other lifestyle property. A potential for one of the river region to create a non council sponsored business.

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: Make the cuts now, when fiscal stability is back, the amounts can be reviewed then. If the groups are worthy, I am sure they can get LOTTO grants. Far too many follies, and culturally singular sponsorship.

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option 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: The alliance may well run at a cost plus model, but the costs are still too high due to the time taken to do work. Inefficient model when run this way. First hand experience of this behaviour with your incumbent. Under ONRC, our roads are in extremely good condition. More efficient and structured timelines will return a greater output for the money spent.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the 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: Stick to core competencies. If it's actually a viable concern, a major developer will be more than happy to progress.

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: This is a singular cultural facility, not one for the actual multi cultural landscape we live in. Do not spend my contributions on non full community entities

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to 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 folly has been on the books for many years. Tear out the page, erase it from memory and stop threatening to waste money on such rubbish.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which

Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **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: We are multi cultural, treat us as such. We need to seriously watch our money after the past 6 years of central government waste, be the leading light. Get tough on the contractors, they milk the system.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1583

Not Speaking

First name:

Hannah

Last name:

Chapman-Searle

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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?

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: Could the number of baskets be reduced so that some money is saved but the aesthetic aspect is maintained?

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 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 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? **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 # 781

First name: **Jean**
Last name: **Cherry**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: This may be a Victorian, and therefor tangible heritage relic. But I see it as an animated, attractive, interactive plus.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Reduce the area covered to Victoria Ave, Maria Place (full marks to Borough Staff), & their pride & part in 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: Let not the jewel languish.

Drop 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: Please, please do not close this attractive 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:

Further comments on service cuts: Thank you for the opportunity to be involved and educated.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option 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: I'm of the opinion that the extensive new cycle / footpaths are over the top.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the 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: Do not agree that the city needs a hotel Car parking yes

Royal 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: "Idealistic" but not realistic

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving 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: Road safety focus

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? **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 # 1108

Not Speaking

First name: Sophie
Last name: Childs

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: Also close the other libraries one day a week

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Close the pool and don't do a study

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Only close it if you can't sell it. Might as well get some money and let a developer pay the costs of 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: The aviary is the best thing in 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?

Option 2: Close the drop off points for rural rubbish (save \$9.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close the Winter Gardens (save \$7.50 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Keep the aviary instead, it appeals to way more people

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 the funding completely.

Further comments on service cuts:**Proposed Future Investments****Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option 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 the most essential thing Council does so we have to bite the bullet and do it

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the 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 the role of Council and ratepayers 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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Option 1 but add a restoration charge to tickets so only people who go to it have to pay

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

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Option 1: Sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt - noting we would return to community with specifics on which assets could be sold (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **1**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments: You need to cut the vanity projects to keep rates affordable while maintaining core infrastructure and things the community really value like the aviary

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 520

Not Speaking

First name: **Bryan**
Last name: **Christie**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Privatised ownership.

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 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? **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: Stick to core business , get rid of non performing "assets". A return of 1.2% on investments is not acceptable.

Supporting documents **No**

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1525

Not Speaking

First name: Cathrine
Last name: Church

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the aviary (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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 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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Close it or sell 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: Do not provide funding or upgrades. If you're going to provide funding upgrades provided for every single community hall in the district not just a select few cultural ones. We are all struggling financially and no one can afford the upgrades of the community halls. Why don't you help everybody out, or no one at all.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to 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: Please don't add another road crossing, and remove even more carparks. This is getting beyond a joke. Spend the money on something that's needed for example Kowhai Park.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is 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: Could you perhaps build government departments on council land and save billions of dollars not having to lease that land? Use your assets and use them in a business since to make them profitable.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1555

Not Speaking

First name: Alex
Last name: Churchill

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: We use the library frequently as a family with three kids and I would prefer to pay more to keep it open everyday.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred 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 never use this pool, however we frequently use the splash centre. I agree with closing this pool as I don't think that Whanganui can afford to run two pools and I know the running costs for a pool are high.

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 think the aviary should be closed.

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: We love the winter gardens and think that they should stay 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: I personally think that if library days are going to be cut then it should be to one of the smaller libraries like Gonville or Whangnau East and not the main library.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Council takes the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to outcome of detailed business case (Council's preferred option - this would add \$30 per property per year from 2025/26 through to 2038/39, after which the returns from the hotel and carpark will start to offset rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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: I am not against selling assets if it makes sense, it really depends on what these assets are that would be sold? I think that one amazing thing that Whanganui has is the large number of parks and reserves and I wouldn't really want any of those 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: I think that it is a challenge to strike the correct balance with rates rising. However if maintenance gets postponed it has to be considered that it will cost more in the long term to get things back up to standard. Therefore we shouldn't delay maintenance and upgrades but perhaps prioritize the order in which things need to be completed.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 616

Not Speaking

First name: Dave
Last name: Clark
Organisation: No

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred 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?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Remove the hanging flower baskets (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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 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

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets 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 # 1438

Not Speaking

First name: Nolan
Last name: Clark

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Keep the pool open while you complete a feasibility study

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the theatre for demolition (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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: Taking away the charming look of the city will not help in attracting tourists and new people to live in the city

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

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: Wanting to spend millions of \$ so that somebody can swing across a stage yet wanting to limit library and pool access is ridiculous. The Opera house charges an entrance fee for shows so is a business. As such it should pay it's own way like every other business in town,

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSL as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 – Provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted (this is Council's preferred option and would add \$12.50 per property per year for 15 years from 2032/33)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

Submitter Comments:

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **5**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents **No**

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Submission # 68

Speaking

First name: Kevin
Last name: Clarke

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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: Don't give a stuff about glass works

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: Like in taranaki free bins

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 staff and facilities here are amazing - welcoming - nothing is too much trouble for people like me = I am computer (illiterate) stuffed close this library - I will hold my rates

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Never been, on my bucket list!!

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: Spend the money!!!

Further comments on service cuts: We are so taxed in NZ so basically with rates and stuff - I and others have paid for all of our cities attractions = if this council starts to close things - which have already been paid for - then sack the councillors

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option 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: One has to be realistic

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take 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 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Maori get enough funding - I am sick I'm tired of being white - I'm labelled a racist. only racists in this country are Maori - & just saying

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Don't sell!!!!!! - As a moot case NZ railways

How would 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)

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Submitter Comments: Remember folks - you are elected by your constituents (to make money - a you need to spend money

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 477

First name: Sandra
Last name: Clement

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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?

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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Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1436

Not Speaking

First name: **Guy**
Last name: **Clifford**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 use the pool once a week. However it is underused. The water is quite cold, and I think a short season is all that is required.

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:

Further comments on service cuts: I have always thought the organised volunteer approach adopted by 'Friends of the Opera House' could be used in other civic areas - Friends of the Museum, Friends of the Art Gallery, Friends of Cooks Gardens, and so on...

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 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: back up power generators are expensive and unnecessary

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

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Option 2 - Provide no funding to the project (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

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? **1**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 17

Not Speaking

First name:

Estian, Ethan, Tatum & Zymour

Last name:

Cloete, Thys, Williams & Maximo

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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:

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Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

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

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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

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Maintain the community grant funding at its current level (save \$5.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

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Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

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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 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: On sell some assets and keep the rest

How would 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 # 1671

Not Speaking

First name: Robert
Last name: Cochrane

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close Davis Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: This seems a reasonable option to me

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: I think outdoor pools are important for children and young people for both teaching water safety and for recreation

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: Demolish asap

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: We just can't afford to have everything

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: Landlords around the town need to fix and upgrade their verandah facings, repairing broken boards, repainting to smarten the place up. Some in Guyton St are awful

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: Time it stood on its own two feet as a real business. 37,000 visitors paying \$10 entry to the new owner would surely make it viable

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: All good

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: A minor trim is important

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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 good venue I visit a few times per year

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: Every one must tighten their belts

Further comments on service cuts: This is a very well presented range of options. Impossible to please everyone

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option 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: Heaven forbid, so many of our local roads are in poor condition. Rebuild and repair more sooner. Triple the current spend.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the 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: In the past 50 years I have never seen a local council building or civil project come in on time or on budget. Perhaps the council could seed fund a project with low cost or free land, and

rates relief. If the council starts building major projects it will be another cost debacle like the Treatment Plant and Gallery where both have doubled at least. The council and councillors are good at managing, very skilled. But you are not developers, architects, engineers, quantity surveyors and builders, stay out of it. It's not the Block or DIY time. It's easy to blame past councillors and staff for the failed ponds and Gallery decisions. But some of you from those eras are still there looking at more multi million dollar projects.

Royal 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: Everyone of the nice to have in this town needs to make cuts to the grand proposals

Marae Development

Our preferred option is 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: Common sense on this one, back up power and upgrades are essential for future proofing for emergency use

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: Very essential

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: A nice to have project, but not 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: Nope, yes it's a busy road but not an essential item

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: We need to raise funds other than from retired home owners, and families

How would 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: Not at this stage, but I would like to see consultation on the proposed assets to be sold. And also want to make submission on the future of Dublin St Bridge

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1293

Not Speaking

First name: Suzanne
Last name: Cocker

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: The feasibility study and agreed investment/plan should be carried out and decided prior to shutting the Whanganui East pool.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Invest in the stabilisation of the retaining bank, demolish the existing building and build a new theatre (add \$10 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

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: These are a key feature of main street and set Whanganui apart for both locals and visitors

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 4 - Full upgrade, including front of house improvements (add \$74 per property per year for 20 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to 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: Wait until the list of potential assets to be sold is compiled, and then consult widely 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? **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 # 303

First name: John
Last name: Coffey
Organisation: I am submitting on behalf of the Wanganui Bird

Club. I am the Secretary / Treasurer of the club.

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: The current membership of the Wanganui Bird Club is 39 members and we endorse the retention of the Virginia Lake aviary as both a tourist attraction and as an educational facility.

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep New Zealand Glassworks in Council ownership (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are (this is our preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Increase the community grant funding by \$100,000 (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Do nothing – leave stagehouse as it is with scaffolding and restricted level of operation (add \$3 per property per year for three years)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$27 per property per year from 2028-2034)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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 # 1360

First name: **Cheyanne**
Last name: **Cogan**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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: This would be a great safer option for the community

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets.

Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets 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

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Submission # 98

First name: **Melanie**
Last name: **Cole**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: I feel very strongly that this facility serves an important purpose for a group of potentially at risk youth in our community. The pool is a place for healthy affordable socialization and physical activity for the community and is irreplaceable. Not to mention this is a place to learn to swim in an island nation with high drowning statistics . Closing this pool with the promise of a 'feasibility ' study is far too weak of a statement for me to feel any confidence that the council are committed to replacing the pool and keeping it in the Whanganui East community and gives me great concern for the future of our community and our tamariki. While all of the proposed cuts have an impact on Whanganui, our people and our future , I feel that the closure if this pool with no concrete committment to a replacement stands to impact most negatively on current and future generations of young people and families and it is noticeable that the council appears to be taking the hardest line on this while making minimal cuts on favorites that serve the educated and older members of our community.

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Gonville Library

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Level of Community Grant Funding

Our preferred option is to increase the community grant funding by \$100,000. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Further comments on service cuts:

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option is to increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and

carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments:

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

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 # 181

Not Speaking

First name: David
Last name: Cole

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: Options 1 & 2 will save a minimal amount. This is a widely used facility, 7 days a week, and very busy during the week. A more important issue is the lack of parking nearby, and it seems the old carpark between the Library and the Sarjeant will not be reinstated, and the parking by the Alexander Library is used by central city workers - there is no time restriction on this parking.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the Whanganui East Pool upgrade and continue to operate the pool (add \$22.40 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Closing the pool will leave the Splash Centre as the only WDC pool left for our young folk and others to safely learn to swim, and it is too expensive for many families. Very few schools now have swimming pools. putting in a solar heating system could extend the swimming season, and an arrangement with a professional swimming coach could increase the number of children (through school groups perhaps) who could be taught to swim 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: The main problem with the building is the encroachment of the bank. This is a problem that has been exacerbated by neglect of the Council to address the problem which has been apparent for many years. This has meant that the tenants have not had the incentive to seek funding from all sorts of outside sources to strengthen and upgrade the building. Having the Opera House as an alternative option is not practical - Repertory productions are tailored for small audiences and need the facility for rehearsals as well - an 800? seat Opera House not appropriate for either. Get on and fix the bank, and give Repertory the opportunity to raise the money.

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 find it hard to believe that this costs \$190,000 pa to operate, I think I read that sum includes salaries of \$150,000. Who is this paid to? I walk past there frequently and there is only ever one staff member there, and not 8 hours a day! It clearly needs some further upgrading 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: This would be a shame as it has long been a feature of the Avenue but in the current climate perhaps a 'nice to have'. Could always be reinstated in the future.

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: Even if a buyer could be found they may find it is not profitable in time and close it and use the building for something else. Millions of dollars have been invested in that heritage area of town, both publicly and privately, and the Glassworks is a key feature, visited by many national and international 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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: That's a lot of money per property to pay for a service to a minority when the rest of the ratepayers have to pay private contractors. Using bags and purchasing stickers costs us ~\$250 pa. Is there no other alternative for a user pays system?

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: Closing this and/or the aviary would take away a large part of the attraction of Virginia Lake, for both locals and the many visitors passing through on SH3 who stop over. And taking into account the possible closure of the Funky Duck cafe due to an issue with the lease, why would they stop at all? Many don't have time to include a walk around 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: Isn't this an important function of Council - providing/supporting facilities for ratepayers, especially ones that can be accessed by large numbers of locals.

Further comments on service cuts: Not on service cuts but projects not being funded. Kowhai Park - not need for Council to spend more on this other than maintenance and safety. We are now into 3rd

generation users - parents/grandparents bring kids, many from out of town, to enjoy the same features they enjoyed. Queen's Park - we don't need yet another architectural landscape plane. What we do need, and urgently is a plan and have it actioned to address parking in the immediate area of the Sarjeant and the two libraries. With the projected large increase in visitor numbers to the Sarjeant (which supposedly is a key factor in justifying the huge expensive), where are those who drive there or come on buses going to park? There's a large flat area behind the Davis Library which could be used, even allowing for a possible future extension of the library. And space off the road on the river side of the Sarjeant (Pukenamu Drive). Even the current spaces could be better utilised if space markings were added. Like the Alexander Library parks many of these are currently used by city workers for all day parking. Put a time limit of these too.

Proposed Future Investments

Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters

Our preferred option 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: However, with Option 1, more could be spent on core infrastructure if some of the following things in this section are not implemented -see comments to follow on these. For one thing spend less on cycle lanes.

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the 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 do not believe the should be in the business of financing a hotel, let alone spending \$55m on one, even if years down the track there may be a return. By all means facilitate the establishment of one by offering help with consents, rate relief to get it going etc. Council We are certainly missing out on numerous bus loads of tourists who pass through, or don't consider coming as there is nowhere suitable to put up 45 or more guests in quality accommodation at one place. So where are all these busloads of tourists going to stay who are supposedly going to flock to the Sarjeant??We have with the Grand Hotel which could be upgraded with the right owner, and right next-door Heritage House which not only has some accommodation but conference facilities. Has this possibility been investigated. suggestions of options down along Taupo Quay are not viable - its flood prone!

Royal 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 costs of Options 2, 3 & 4 are not viable. There will never be sufficient extra shows etc to justify the expense by getting increase in hireage revenue. Not enough quality seating for a start, or even local patronage, especially when many of these sorts of shows already go to Palmerston North, an hour's drive away. It's very much in the 'nice to have' category.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: Funding 20 Marae at this level cost to all ratepayer seems out of line with many other community organisations who can and do support community activities and do support emergency responses and many of whom have to rely on their own supporters to raise funds themselves by applying for grants, donations, and running other fundraising activities. What are these Marae doing in that respect?

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to 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 essential service to the community and one just has to read the reports of rescues each year to see how many lives are potentially saved by the service. Mention is made in the LTP breakdown document of a new building providing broader community facilities though no specific mention of it being a potential Duncan Pavilion replacement. This is a 'past its use by date' facility, and like the current surf club building could be impacted by sea level rises in future. Demolishing it would save much in Council funds for R&M, and its current function replaced by incorporating similar facilities into a new surf club design.

Pākaitore Reserve Paving 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 horrendous cost for this work. Just put a pedestrian crossing there. Even a slightly raised one would cost a fraction of the \$850,000 suggested (and this will inevitably go up).

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is 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: I would like to have ticked 1 for this but seems to be a huge cost, and a significant cost to each ratepayer, and for 15 years. So, a 'nice to have' at the moment.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets 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: There is no Option 3 - ie sell some of the \$16m worth of assets. And what about assets not mentioned eg GasNet - I see this will need a further \$12.4m to 'future-proof' - what is the current rate of return on investment from that business? And of course, until we tick a box here, we don't know which specific assets the Council has in mind, even though there will then be yet even further consultation. Ratepayers I have spoken to are nervous - will the little reserve next to them (which is why they bought that property in the first place) become covered with houses? Numerous parks and reserves have been proposed for sale in the past, many of which were donated to Council, or incorporated by developers to make the subdivisions more attractive to buyers. Selling these off for more housing for example, will likely lower property values in those areas. Open spaces in suburbs are what makes this city what it is and is part of what attracts new buyers to Whanganui. So, short answer is to sell some assets and cut out other costly projects.

How would 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 WDC has got itself into this situation (debt principally) by going ahead with projects like the Sarjeant for without thinking about all the risks and potential increase in costs. Some unforeseen admittedly but many by poor decision making. The Sarjeant will now cost more than double the amount originally predicted when approved, and the original amount the ratepayers were possibly liable for was a \$5m underwrite by the WDC, latest figures show it will be nearly \$18m! and now the Port Project needs an extra \$19m. When the PGF chipped in \$12.5m in around august 2020 which the WDC matched, it was supposedly to repair the wharves (2 & 3). The mole repairs were a separate exercise for Horizons to undertake. Now it seems WDC has already spent well over the original budget by about \$4.5m and Wharf 1 restoration is not yet complete, and \$19m more is required. No wonder rates have to go up. And what will be the return on investment be for all this expenditure? We as a city of ~50,000 cannot afford and more of these grand projects.

Supporting documents

No

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 1270

Not Speaking

First name: Kaye
Last name: Coleman

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis Library

Our preferred option is to close Davis Library for one during the week i.e. a Monday. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Keep the Davis Library days and hours as they are (add \$2.30 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Repertory Theatre

Our preferred option is to close the theatre for demolition. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Invest in the permanent stabilisation of the retaining bank required so the building can be sold (add \$0.60 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:

Mainstreet hanging flower baskets

Our preferred option is to remove the hanging flower baskets. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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 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 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?

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?

Don't know

Submitter Comments:

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: No assets are sold to repay debt (add \$23 per property to next year's proposed rates rise of 10.6% and \$43 per year thereafter)

Submitter Comments: Poorly worded questions it is as if you want to keep rate payers in the dark. More transparency and openness is required

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **3**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 5 being to keep more services open but see a higher rates rise)

Long-term investment

On the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **4**
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to make the lowest possible investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects and 5 being to increase investment in our core infrastructure and long-term projects to future-proof Whanganui)

Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 945

Not Speaking

First name: Stephen
Last name: Collier

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: Apart from the enjoyment as a local I believe the flower baskets are important to our tourism offer

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: I am puzzled by this as the drop off in Kaimatira road has been closed. I recommend closing others and seeing what the impact is

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: I believe a regional library for one community is an unfair use of resources which should be concentrated on the central facility

Winter Gardens

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: Part of our tourist point of difference as well as for locals

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: I believe the focus of grants should be narrowed and greater accountability from beneficiary 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 1 - Increase funding for our core infrastructure to get us to a reasonable state in the future (This is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: The Council should not be entering into businesses it has no experience in risking rate payers money

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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: While our family enjoy this facility, the majority of locals do not use the facility and as such I believe it unfair that they be burdened with increased rates for this issue. There must be further income sources to be explored

Marae Development

Our preferred option is 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 feel as a community we are obliged to support Māori, recognising the additional back up available to the wider community in time of need

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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 simply not necessary and would be an added eyesore additional to the raised crossings implemented throughout our City

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is to provide full funding for this project at \$2.4 million, provided that a feasibility study is conducted. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do nothing and focus on road safety improvements to benefit all users (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: This is a nice to do project that would be utilised by a narrow section of our population

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which

Something else (state below)

assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Submitter Comments: I would need to know the income being generated from assets to be sold. In principle please do not sell assets to the detriment of our future generations

How would you strike the balance?

Service Cuts

Based on the proposed rates rise for next year, and on the sliding scale, what would you prefer? **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 # 627

First name: **Brian**
Last name: **Collings**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: After voluntary diving for the NZ Police and recovering 5 drowned people from rivers and lakes around the district,, 2 of which were young children, I am personally opposed to any reductions to safe swimming places for kids. These kids are often from lower income families where traveling to the splash center is not an option when both parents are working and they are left on their own after school. If they make their way to streams, rivers or lakes and are swimming unsupervised we can expect more of these drownings to occur. These facilities don't need to be modern monuments in our community, just clean safe supervised pools where kids can be taught to swim in a safe environment. Maintain the facility we have and have an independent review into why 2 million is required to keep it running

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 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?

Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the 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?

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 # 671

Not Speaking

First name: **Helen**
Last name: **Collins**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: Feasibility study = cost incurred. Don't lose 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: Sorry Repertory but time to go. Surely Rep & Amdram can work together.

Rotokawau/Virginia Lake Aviary

Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Keep the aviary open (add \$10.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Aviary part of our Virginia Lake 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: Although I feel the standard of baskets has dropped they do brighten up our city. With all the dirty empty shops the "baskets" do detract our visitors from them.

New Zealand Glassworks

Our preferred option is to keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep New Zealand Glassworks, but seek a buyer (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:

Drop off points for rural rubbish

Our preferred option is to keep the drop off points for rural rubbish. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Keep the drop off points for rural rubbish (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the proposed 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments:**Gonville Library**

Our preferred option is to keep Gonville Library days and hours as they are. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Close Gonville Library for one day during the week, i.e. a Monday (save \$1 per property per year)

Submitter Comments:**Winter Gardens**

Our preferred option is not to close the Winter Gardens. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1: Do not close the Winter Gardens (this is Council's preferred option and is included in the 10.6% rates rise)

Submitter Comments: This another 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 3: Cut Community grant funding by 10 percent or \$110,000 (save \$11.20 per property per year)

Submitter Comments: Perhaps a trial cut. Can "we" afford to keep giving

Further comments on service cuts: It is a concern hearing of "cuts". I think it is time that Wanganui look to the future we seem to have a history of "putting off" today - tomorrow (next year!!!) will do (costs more) Dublin St Bridge - its a must do! Pavements - how many falls? Look ahead - look after our lovely Whanganui - (although, at times we do look a bit "grubby")

Proposed Future Investments**Funding of core infrastructure – roading, footpaths & three waters**

Our preferred option 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 need visitors to fill hotel-carpark. This could impact on private 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?

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: Yes but we must bring in events that use Opera House. So many bypass Whanganui - why?

Marae Development

Our preferred option is 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: A vital service

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: Do we REALLY need 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: Lot of money for minority groups.

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets 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 help to know 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?
(Rating scale of 1-5 with 1 being to reduce and close more services to get the rates lower and 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: Find the above hard to define. Ratepayers will find increased difficult - many finding it difficult to manage cost of living as it is.

Supporting documents

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submission # 159

Not Speaking

First name: Andrew
Last name: Collins

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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: * but close Gonville

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred 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: Baskets add ambience to main street. Winter Gardens visited once in 40 years

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: Library's Libby app giving access to electronic books magazines and audiobooks decreases value of brick and mortars building

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?

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Submitter Comments:

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the lead with the development of a hotel and carpark, subject to the outcome of a detailed business case. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Seek an operator to develop a hotel and carpark for Whanganui (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 3 - Build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system (Council's preferred option - add \$38 per property per year for 20 years from 2026/27)

Submitter Comments:

Marae Development

Our preferred option is to provide grant funding of \$3.5 million over the seven years (2028 to 2034) for Marae upgrades. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 - Do not provide grant funding for Marae upgrades beyond 2027 when the central government funding ends (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments:

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to 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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: Part fund only

Asset Sales

We have the opportunity to sell some of our assets which could then be used to repay debt and off-set rates. We want to understand how comfortable you are with selling assets. Our preferred option is to sell \$16 million worth of assets to repay debt – noting that we would return to the community with specifics on which assets could be sold. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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 # 695

First name: Tracey
Last name: Collins

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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 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 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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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?

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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: If option one is councils preferred option a list of assets they would want to sell would be helpful.

How would 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 # 86

Not Speaking

First name: Richard
Last name: Collins

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

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?

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Submitter Comments:

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Our preferred option is to close the aviary. Which option do you prefer?

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Submitter Comments:

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Option 2: Keep the hanging flower baskets (add \$5 per property per year)

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?

Option 1: Keep the 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:

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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:

Royal 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?

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?

Something else (state below)

Submitter Comments: This really depends on what specific 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 # 1

Not Speaking

First name: **Brenda**
Last name: **Collins**

Consultation Question	Submitter Feedback
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Proposed Service Cuts

Davis 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 support the council's preference in closing the library for 1 day a week.

Whanganui East Pool

Our preferred option is to close the Whanganui East Pool and complete a feasibility study for outdoor swimming in Whanganui. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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 the development of the splash centre with an outdoor pool in the future is a good option. Whanganui East pool needs to much improvement and upgrade for wheelchair access is to much when the splash centre has already has these 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: I support the council's preference in choosing this option. It also allows the opera house to be used more which is a bonus

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've struggled with this as everytime I've gone passed the aviary there is always a lot of people there. But the cost in not being an essential service and being a rate payer and never been to visit the aviary I think money could be more valuable spent somewhere else

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: For the last few years I do not believe the baskets have added to the beauty of our town. They are poorly cared for and badly need updating. Went to Nelson recently which opened my eyes to ours. An offer to the shops that want to keep them could supply and manage their own baskets outside their shops

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 are an 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: Support council 1 option

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: All libraries to be closed the same day of the week. Clear and consistent

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 is the attraction kids and adults have enjoyed over the years. The winter gardens and the aviary are age related. I've visited the winter gardens frequently but I believe it doesn't add value to Virginia lake and would rather see money spent on essential services

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 do not agree in increasing to community grants at this point of time for our city. Living and paying rates in Whanganui are too high and I do not want to be forced to move out of my home when we are both on a pension

Further comments on service cuts: I do have a comment on the cemetery contract which has been bothering me for 3 years now. Our cemetery is a health and safety minefield with sunken graves especially in the RSA.

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: No comment we just need to deal with these issues consistently

Hotel and Car Park

Our preferred option is for Council to take the 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: Surely this is not a council issue. Not the rate payers

Royal Whanganui Opera House

Our preferred option is to build a new stagehouse and implement a new fly system. Which option do you prefer?

Option 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 need to upkeep and improve the facilities we have.

Marae Development

Our preferred option is 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 want to question why iwi's arnt providing their own funding towards upgrade of marae's.

Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service

Our preferred option is to provide funding of \$1 million to Whanganui Surf Lifesaving Service as a contribution to its facility rebuild project. Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 - Funding of \$1 million to WSLS as contribution to this project (This is Council's preferred option and would cost \$7 per property per year for 10 years from 2027/28)

Submitter Comments: Great service to our community

Pākaitore Reserve Paving and Crossing

Our preferred option is to construct a new raised pavement crossing between Pākaitore and the awa. Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 – No changes to existing road layout in this location (no impact on rates)

Submitter Comments: I am against this initiative and especially the price of it when we are coming a city of speed humps.

Rapanui Road Trail

Our preferred option is 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 question we have to many projects being proposed that rate payers are being laden with when we are all struggling

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**
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Final comments or questions on the Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents	Yes
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